

Easter 5

May 15, 2022 + 4pm



Camas flowers in bloom. Photo by Don Paulson/Alamy Photo



*Come as you are,
people offering their lives
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch.

No matter who you are or what you are carrying today, know you are beloved and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation – and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarized in ancient Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God, and with our questions and doubts of how to follow Jesus into this world.

We invite and celebrate diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressives, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few)...

We believe that Christ's radical love binds us together in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of welcome... Welcome!

The AbbeyChurch worships, prays, plays and gathers on the traditional lands of the ɫəᑭʷəŋəŋ People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nation.

We Gather

Opening Loop

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

Gathering Song: Come all you Weary (alt.)

Come, all you weary; come, all you distressed:
Come to the stillness; find in God your rest.
Lay down your labours and lay down your works,
take on your shoulders an easier yoke
Come, all you weary, find in God your rest.

Come, all you righteous, come you who are strong:
Come when you have fallen, come when you've done wrong.
Lay down your striving and thirst for acclaim;
Drink in God's comfort and rest in God's name.
Come, all you weary, find in God your rest.

Come, all you wounded; come, all you betrayed:
Come to God's shadow; rest here from the fray.
Come to God's arms as the Saviour draws near;
Bring God the pain that you bear even here,
Come, all you weary, find in God your rest.

Come, all you hopeful; come, you who want more.
Come, disappointed; come, aching and sore.
Why spend your money on what has to fail?
Come to the one who alone can prevail.
Come, all you weary, find in God your rest.

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Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen, Alleluia!

Prayer

Sr. Brenda Jenner, SSJD

Poem

Benjamin Hertwig

During the Opening Song, AbbeyKids set our altar

Opening Song: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for God is thy health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;
Keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen how all you needed has been
Met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again;
gladly with praise we adore him.

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We Proclaim

Psalms 147:12-20 *(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney)*

Praise the Ever-Living God, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
For she strengthens the bars of your gates;
she blesses your children within you.
She sets peace at your border;
she satisfies you with the finest of wheat.
She sends forth her word to the earth;
her word runs swiftly.
She lays down snow like wool;
she scatters frost like ashes.
She hurls down hail like crumbs—

who can stand before her cold?
She sends forth her word, and melts them;
she makes her wind blow, and the waters flow.
She declares her word to Rebekah's line,
her statutes and ordinances to Sarah's seed.
She has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know her ordinances.
Praise the Wisdom of the Ages!

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (28:1-14)

Now then, it shall be that if you truly heed the voice of the Holy One your God, to be watchful and to perform all God's commandments that I am commanding you today, then the Sovereign One your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you obey the Just One, your God: Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the calving of your cattle and the lambing of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out. The Faithful One will set up your enemies who stand against you to be struck before you; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The Creator of All will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake. God will bless you in the land that the Holy One your God is giving you. The Holy One will establish you as a people holy to God, just as God has sworn to you if you keep the commandments of the Righteous One your God and walk in God's ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Most High, and they shall fear you. The Gracious One shall grant you excess out of goodness, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Ageless One swore to your mothers and fathers to give you. The Generous One will open for you the rich storehouse of

God, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Sovereign will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom, if you heed the commandments of the Worthy One your God, which I am commanding you today, to be watchful and to perform them. And do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, to follow other gods to serve them.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

*Please rise in body or in spirit
as we prepare our hearts for the reading of the Gospel*

Gospel Acclamation: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!

Glory, glory, Hallelujah, Jesus rose up from the ground! x2
American traditional

The Gospel

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the Gospel of John (5:25-29)

(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney)

“Truly, truly, I tell you all, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Living God has life internally, just so God has granted the Son to have life internally. And God has given the Son authority to render justice, because he is the Son of Woman. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.”

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With our words and with our lives!

We repeat the Acclamation

Bell. Silence for Reflection. Bell

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Maker Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heav'n, and is seated
at the right hand of the Maker.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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Our Prayers**The Peace**

Standing in the forgiveness and mercy of the risen Christ,
the peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you!**

We acknowledge the face of Christ in each other.

The Offertory: Take My Life and Let it Be

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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*We set our table and we celebrate the diversity of financial and
spiritual gifts offered by the community this week!*

We Feast

Prayer Over The Gifts / Invitation to the Table

Beloveds.

We come to this Table because we are claimed in covenant

**Because we are still learning what covenant and
togetherness means**

how it looks and moves and feels

Because we long for liberation

Because we thirst for justice

Because we know the need—fierce and urgent—

**for grace and freedom and nourishment in our flesh
and our bones**

Because we need each other and we need this sacrament,
this visible sign of life-giving grace, flowing and
overflowing.

Because this is not a table of AbbeyChurch or the
Emmaus Community, this is Christ's table

and you are invited to bring your whole lives

So, come. It is Jesus who meets us here.

@enfleshed

Silence

The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give God our thanks and praise

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Holy God how wonderful is the work of your hands...

Glory to you forever and ever x 2

Holy Holy Holy Lord God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

As Jesus was eating with his disciples...

Glory to you forever and ever

As supper was ending Jesus took the wine...

Glory to you forever and ever

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us in Jesus your child:

Christ has died

Christ is Risen

Christ will come, will come again. X2

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts...

Amen X4

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

Our Father (Mother/Source) in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

All are welcomed to receive at Jesus' table!

*For those in-house the bread is gluten-free. It may contain dairy
and/or almond flour. If you'd like a dairy or nut free option,
please let the presider know. Juice is in the small cups.
Wine is in the common cup.*

Communion Song: Behold I Make All Things New

Behold, I make all things new
Behold, I make all things new
Behold, I make all things new
I am the light, I am the light.

Anything made manifest,
Anything made manifest,
Anything made manifest,
Becomes the light, becomes the light.

Turn your face toward my face.
Turn your face toward my face.
Turn your face toward my face.
Become the light, become the light.

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I Will Bow and Be Simple

I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free,
I will bow and be humble, yea bow like a willow tree.

I will bow this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,
I will bow and will be broken, yea I'll fall upon the rock.

Traditional Shaker hymn / author unknown / Mary Hazzard collection

Prayer after Communion

Living Christ, thank you for this meal that nourishes our bodies and spirits. By feasting on this bread of life, your presence reminds us of our belovedness, even when we struggle. For you, Holy Mystery, companion us through all things. Thanks be for your sustaining love. **Amen.** @enfleshed

We Are Sent

Blessing

Closing Song: When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

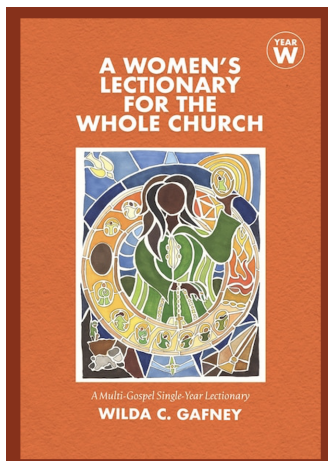
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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Sending

Go in the fleshy, resurrected power of Christ!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Women's Lectionary



As a liturgical church, we join the wider church in a common set of readings each week in worship, called a *Lectionary*.

However, the 3-year Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) has many limitations in terms of what stories are centered and told - and more importantly, those that are not.

Since last Advent, we at AbbeyChurch have taken our weekly readings from the Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church Year (Year W) - and we'll continue to do so for the rest of this liturgical year (at least).

The Rev. Wilda Gafney (ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and The Episcopal Church USA - part of the Anglican Communion) has put together this alternate set of readings which includes a new Womanist translation of the Biblical texts. Her translations contrast our traditional readings in important ways - such as rendering the personal pronouns and titles for God in the feminine (which you will find weekly as we say/sing her Psalm translations) and centering the unnamed women in the genealogies and accounts of historic figures in the Hebrew Bible. This centers the long overlooked or neglected figures in our Bible reading.

Our aim in adopting this lectionary is to recover a deeper and more liberating reading of the Biblical text, even as we confess and confront the ways our reading of these stories has done much historic violence and harm to so many.



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