

Easter 6
May 22, 2022 + 4pm



Diego Velasquez, Kitchen maid with Supper at Emmaus, 1620, Spanish.



*Come as you are,
Beloved companions offering our lives
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch - The Sunday worship of the Emmaus Community.

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 ɫəkwəŋən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nation.

We Gather

Opening Loop

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

Opening Words

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!

Let us pray,

Jesus you are the resurrection and the life. You did not create life in abundance only to have it hoarded and destroyed. You did not gift us with creativity only for us to fear change, risk, or new ideas. You did not give us the ability to dream only to have us settle for what is.

Come and renew our imaginations and excite us with your divine possibilities. Make our hopes bold and our efforts brave as we seek to live into the life of resurrection. Amen *(enfleshed)*

During the Opening Song, AbbeyKids set our altar

Gathering Song: Christ is the Life

In Christ we offer
all that He has offered
the perfect offering

Refrain: Christ is the life of the world (2x)

So we remember,
all that He remembered
The whole of love returned *Refrain*

Let us lift up, lift our hearts
let us lift up, lift our hearts
It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord x2

Sent forth in beauty
reconciling all things
Radiant in holiness *Refrain*

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Poem

We Proclaim

Psalm 145:13-19

(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney - an antiphon at the end of each verse follows the preserved text in the Dead Sea Scrolls.)

Your majesty is an everlasting majesty, and your sovereignty endures throughout all generations.

Blessed be the Living God and blessed be her name forever and ever.

Faithful is the Ever-Living God in all her words, and gracious in all her deeds. **Blessed be the Living God...**

The Merciful One upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bent over. **Blessed be the Living God...**

The eyes of all look to you, and you give to them their food at the right moment. **Blessed be the Living God...**

You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing. **Blessed be the Living God...**

The Faithful One is righteous in all her ways, and loving in all her works. **Blessed be the Living God...**

The Ever-Present God is near to all who call on her, to all who call on her in truth. **Blessed be the Living God...**

The desire of all who revere her she fulfills; and their cry she hears and delivers them. **Blessed be the Living God...**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (6:5-11)

(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney)

For if we have been united in a death like Christ's, we will certainly be so in the resurrection. This we know, that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin

might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. The woman or man who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die; death no longer has dominion over him. For dying, he died once to sin, in living, he lives to God. So also should you consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 (11:17-27)

(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney)

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that for four days Lazarus had already been in the tomb. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. So, many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she met him; however Mary remained at the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Rabbi, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Yet even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even though they die, they will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Rabbi, I

believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who comes into the world.”

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

We repeat the Acclamation

Sermon

Matt Humphrey, EC

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: How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can He said than to you God has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of woe shall not you overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you, your deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

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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 forever. 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: Casimir Pulaski Day

Goldenrod and the 4-H stone
The things I brought you
When I found out you had cancer of the bone
Your father cried on the telephone
And he drove his car into the Navy yard
Just to prove that he was sorry

In the morning, through the window shade
When the light pressed up against your shoulder blade
I could see what you were reading
All the glory that the Lord has made
And the complications you could do without
When I kissed you on the mouth
Tuesday night at the Bible study
We lift our hands and pray over your body
But nothing ever happens
I remember at Michael's house
In the living room when you kissed my neck
And I almost touched your blouse

In the morning, at the top of the stairs
When your father found out what we did that night
And you told me you were scared
All the glory when you ran outside
With your shirt tucked in and your shoes untied
And you told me not to follow you

Sunday night when I cleaned the house
I found the card where you wrote it out
With the pictures of your mother
On the floor at the great divide
With my shirt tucked in and my shoes untied
I am crying in the bathroom

In the morning when you finally go
And the nurse runs in with her head hung low
And the cardinal hits the window
In the morning in the winter shade
On the first of March, on the holiday
I thought I saw you breathing

All the glory that the Lord has made
And the complications when I see his face
In the morning in the window
All the glory when he took our place
But he took my shoulders and he shook my face
And he takes and he takes and he takes
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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, weep with the heartbroken. You share in anger over cruelty and disregard for life. You delight in our simple joys and extraordinary awakenings. May your resurrection life draw us more deeply into love for one another. **Amen.** @enfleshed

We Are Sent

You are invited to stand and lift your hands as we bless one another and carry God's blessing into the world.

Sung Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God...

Closing Song: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy this blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving head!

He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to God's name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Sending

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



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This image is part of a series of tavern kitchen scenes (bodegones in Spanish) that combine realistically portrayed contemporary Spanish life with stories from the life of Christ. As in his more famous 'Christ in the House of Mary and Martha', the central bible story is depicted as the background (often in the next room), while the foreground and true subject of the painting is the common person being influenced by its lessons.

One of the only great European painters of Jewish heritage, Velasquez regularly depicted those who are commonly overlooked, forcing viewers to consider the inner lives and spiritual dignity of maids, ladies in waiting and court jesters.

In this image, Velasquez imagines the supper at Emmaus from the perspective of a young brown girl in the kitchen. She overhears the friends at table together in the next room (top left of the painting), and Velasquez imagines the power of Christ's presence illuminating her with eager hope.

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Call , text or email to set up a coffee or walk.