

**Harvest Jubilee +
Radical Gratitude**
Season of Harvest (After Pentecost)
October 9, 2022 + 4pm

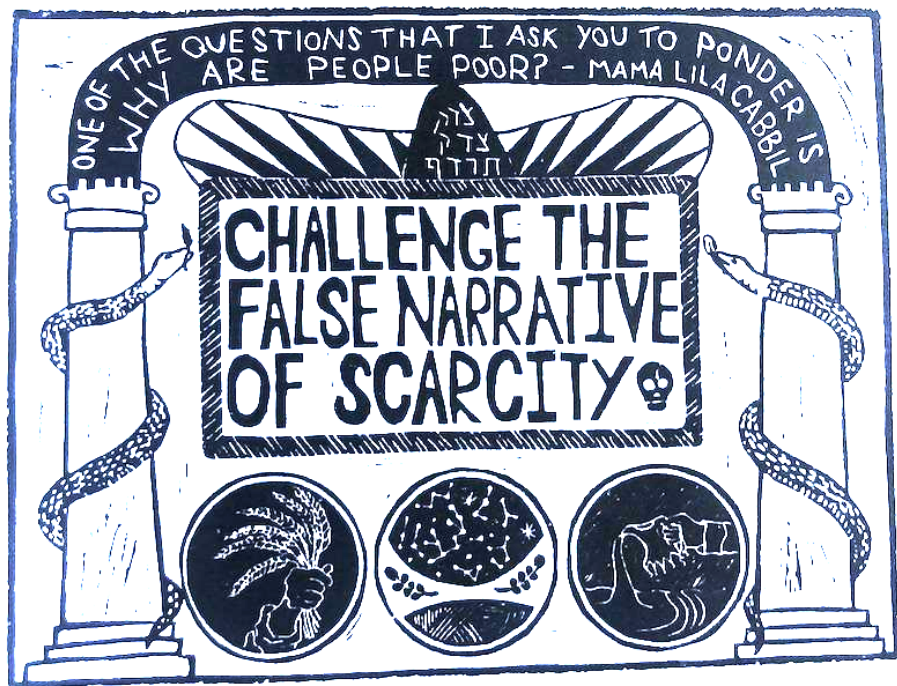
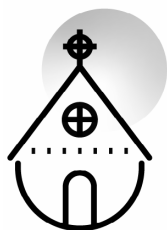


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THE
ABBHEY
CHURCH

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

We Gather

Opening Loop (Announcement)

The Children/Youth Toll the Bells

**Welcome, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement
with ɫəkʷəŋən from elder Butch Dick**

Bell x3

Gathering Words

We pause today to give thanks and to remember each other as those whose precious and precarious lives are inherently bound together. We pause to give thanks for the gifts of water, of trees, of beauty, of the land we gather upon and those who have tended it.

O God, thank you for your abundant harvest in our lives and in the world.

We give thanks for all those who hunger for justice and liberation today. For the ones who lay down their lives for their friends. For the ones who tell the truth. For the ones who take risks, who dream, who feed and pray, who fight for bread and roses, both. For the ones who are eager to learn and grow and offer their gifts to the work of enfleshing your dreams.

O God, thank you for your abundant harvest in our lives and in the world.

We pray in gratitude for all that nourishes and sustains us. For the gifts of beauty and friendship, shared meals, and art, and love. For laughter. For pleasure. For the friends, lovers, and comrades who lift our spirits, always by our side when the days are heavy. For the freedom we have in Christ. (*enfleshed*)

O God, thank you for your abundant harvest in our lives and in the world.

Creator of the fruitful earth, give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to share your bounty well, that all of creation, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your love. **Amen.**

*During this next song,
Abbeykids come forward to set the table.*

Song: The Bounty Is Come

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The bounty is come
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The bounty has come

When the autumn leave have fallen
And the harvest is safe in the barn
We'll again give thanks and remember
It is all, the Creator's design

Refrain: Creation rejoices and lifts up her voice
For what Jehovah has done
The fruit of our labour, the fruit of the earth
Hallelujah, the bounty is come

In the coldest days of the winter
When a blanket of snow
hides the fields
Summer's bounty will sustain us
As we wait for what
spring shall reveal *Refrain*

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The bounty is come
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The bounty has come

Kenny Meeks / A Rocha Arts / CCLI

Poem chosen/read by poet-in-residence Rebecca Yeo

We Proclaim

Psalm 37 (Song): Declare A Jubilee

The meek will inherit the earth
The meek will inherit the earth
The first will be last and the last will be first
The meek will inherit the earth

The wicked will lose what they stole
The wicked will lose what they stole
And all that they thought they could own and control
The wicked will lose what they stole

Refrain: Jubilee - now is the year of Your favor
Jubilee - rest for the weary creation
Now bring in the year of Jubilee

Turn now from evil to good
Turn now from evil to good
Then we will dwell in the land as we should
Turn now from evil to good
Now bring in the year of Jubilee *Refrain*

The earth will sigh with relief
The earth's gonna sigh with relief
There's more than enough for the hungry to feed
The earth will sigh with relief *Refrain*

Bring in the year Bring in the year
Bring in the year Bring in the year of Jubilee

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Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed. Of a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, if only you will obey the Lord your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving

you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory, (glory)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory to the Maker,

Hallelujah!

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Gospel: John 6:25-35

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell

you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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Sermon

Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC

Bell / Silence / Bell

The Creed (Sung)

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 the life everlasting. Amen.
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Prayer Stations

Vanessa Caruso

Confession

Let us turn to the God of abundant mercy
and confess our sins...

Bell. Silence. Bell.

God of Grace, you have gifted us with a world of
abundance; a land of plenty; We come before you this day
to repent from our inability to share this plenty.

**God, we declare our own complicity in systems that
sustain some of us, while forsaking many others.**

**And we come before you to seek your forgiveness,
even as we pray for your justice.**

Righteous God, you hear the cry of the poor.

You listen to those who do without, while so many spend
recklessly and our leaders invest the wealth of the nations
in instruments of destruction.

Merciful God, hear our prayers of confession.

**Touch our hearts with gratitude that we may be
faithful witnesses and effective voices for justice.**

Amen.

Absolution / Assurance of Grace

Offertory Song: Jesus Feed Us

*During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set. You are
welcomed (now, or later) to place any financial contributions to
our common life in the vintage record player in the back of the
worship space. Cheques can be made out to 'The Emmaus
Community'. Charitable receipts are issued.*

*You are also welcome to place non-perishable food items in the
"Campus United" basket for the UVic
United Church Campus Ministry Food bank.*

Again and again and again - to this table we come
Once a people estranged - now as one in your name
In your mercy and grace - forgiven of what we've confessed
By your body and blood - one last thing we request
To you we pray Jesus feed us
Feed us Jesus - Feed us Jesus - With your healing love.

Gord Johnson. St. Benedict's Table. CCL

We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

Our lives are meant to be more than endless striving. So in our compassion for each other, we share what we have, that none may feel the need to earn survival. In the spirit of abundance and rest, we bring all we have and all we are and offer it once more in gratitude to the Beloved. **Amen.**

(Enfleshed, alt.)

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 thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all, we give you thanks for creating us, calling us to be siblings one to another, and for entrusting this good world into our care. In the sin of our self-interest, we deny our creation and defy your call, warring against one another and despoiling this wondrous world. Into our enmity against you, you sent your son, our beloved brother, Jesus, who, by the words of his lips, taught us the hope of salvation, by the works of his hands, reached out to all in healing, and by the cross of his death, showed us the power of self-sacrificial love for the sake of another. Therefore, with the Beloved Community, all Creation, and all the heavenly host, we lift our voices in praise, saying:

Holy, holy, wholly-giving God,

earth and heaven are filled with your glory;

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in your Name;

Hosanna in the highest!

On the night before he died, Jesus, much like we this day, gathered with his siblings in feast and fellowship. He took, blessed, and broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took and blessed the cup of wine, gave it

to them, and said, "This is my blood poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me." So in thanksgiving we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Jesus died.

Jesus was raised from the dead.

Jesus comes among us now and always.

Therefore, we pray O Spirit you come and blow upon these gifts of bread and wine, making them spiritual food for us and filling our hearts with radical gratitude. As we eat this bread and drink this cup, the life of Jesus broken and poured out for us, may we be strengthened for service, and pour out our lives for the life of the world. **Amen.**

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 welcome to receive at Jesus' table! 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, please do not dip the bread into the cup.

Communion Song: Give Thanks

We give thanks to you Lord, for you are good
We give thanks to you Lord, for you are good
Your mercy endures, your love endures forever

Let 'Thou redeemed of the Lord tell their story
Those God redeemed from the Hands of the enemy

We give thanks to you Lord, for you are good
We give thanks to you Lord, for you are good
Your mercy endures, your love endures forever
Let us give thanks to the Lord for their unfailing love
Let us raise up our voice with songs of joy

We give thanks to you Lord, for you are good
We give thanks to you Lord, for you are good
Your mercy endures, your love endures
Your mercy endures, your love endures
Your mercy endures, your love endures forever

Sandra McCracken / CCLI 2017 Townhee Records

Communion Song: In The Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful -
In the Lord, I will rejoice
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

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Prayer after Communion *(spoken together)*

**We give You thanks for You sustain us with real food
and real drink. You nourish us with friends as real as
food, with joy as clear as the cool river, with love as
good as this meal. This is enough. We do not ask for
more. This is more than enough - reason to bless Your
name forever: Make us mindful of those who do not
have enough food and friendship - water, love and joy.
Give them enough and send us as agents of your
enough-ness that all may be thankful. Amen.**

(mary jo ledly, alt.)

We Are Sent

Blessing

...blessed are we who stop – okay, maybe not stop entirely, who are we kidding – blessed are we who slow down... We who discover rest and new life and renewal when we step off the treadmill (or at least turn it down). We who remember that the world keeps spinning without us. And thank God for that. We who remember that we are loved, loved, loved. Not for what we do, but for who we are. (Kate Bowler)... and the blessing of God...

Closing Song: Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

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Sending

Go in gratitude and freedom and sacred rest to love and
serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

*All who wish can stay for a potluck feast!
Come whether yo u have a contribution or not!*



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