

November 6, 2022 + 4pm
Pentecost +22



*Beloved Companions in the Spirit -
Come as you are offering our lives
With all the saints...
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, our
neighborhoods, 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 (Announcements)

Tolling of the Bells

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

Gathering Words

Beloveds, the Holy One gathers us together with purpose:

To dream of futures yet imagined.

To bolster our courage before powers and principalities.

To nurture our love for one another.

God's blessing is upon us as we come to wrestle:

with service and justice,

with questions of love,

with the calling upon our lives.

The Spirit is moving!

Let us worship together! (*enfleshed*)

During this next song,

AbbeyKids come forward to set the table.

Opening Song: Gotta Serve Somebody

You may be an ambassador to England or France

You may like to gamble, you might like to dance

You may be the heavyweight champion of the world

You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls

refrain:

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed

you're gonna have to serve somebody

Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord

But you're gonna have to serve somebody

You might be a rock 'n' roll addict prancing on the stage

You might have drugs at your command, people in a cage

You may own twitter or be some high-degree thief

They may call you doctor or they may call you chief...

You may be a construction worker working on a home

You may be living in a mansion or you might live in a dome

You might own guns and you might even own tanks

You might be somebody's landlord, you might even own
banks...

You may be a preacher with your spiritual pride
You may be a city councilman taking bribes on the side
may be workin' in a barbershop you may know how to cut hair
You may be somebody's mistress, may be somebody's heir...

Might like to wear cotton, might like to wear silk
Might like to drink whiskey, might like to drink milk
You might like to eat caviar, you might like to eat bread
You may be sleeping on the floor, sleeping in a king-sized bed...
Bob Dylan.

Poem: servant-leader by Amira Adams chosen by Rebecca Yeo

We Proclaim

The Psalm: Send Out Your Light and Truth (Psalm 43)

Vindicate me, O God and defend my cause
Against the deceitful ones
O deliver us – For you are the God in whom I take refuge
Why have You rejected me I walk around confused

Refrain: Send out Your light and Your truth -
Let them lead me.

Bring me to Your holy hill to Your dwelling
Then I will go to the altar of God
To God my exceeding joy
Then I will praise You with all my heart
Oh my joy, my joy

Why are you cast down low - O my soul
Why are you cast down low - and in turmoil
Hope in God for I shall again praise You
Hope in God for You are my salvation

...Oh my joy, my joy

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A reading from the Revelation to John (4:2-11)

Suddenly I was in the spirit, and there! a throne positioned in
heaven, and upon the throne there was one seated. And the one
seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and there is a

rainbow all around the throne that looks like an emerald. Also, all around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones are twenty-four elders seated, dressed in white garments, and upon their heads, golden crowns. Coming from the throne was lightning, and roaring, and thunder, and seven flaming torches in front of the throne blazed, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living beings, full of eyes in front and behind: The first being was like a lion, the second being was like an ox, the third being had a face like a human being, and the fourth being was like a flying eagle. Now the four living creatures, each of them had six wings, full of eyes all around and inside. Without ceasing day and night they say:

"Holy, holy, holy.

Sovereign God Almighty,

who was and is and is to come,"

And when the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one seated on the

throne, who lives forever and an eternity, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Worthy are you, our Savior and God,

to receive glory and honor and power,

for you created all things,

and by your will they existed and were created."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

Thanks be to God.

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel. AbbeyKids leave for their time.

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory, glory!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory to the Maker,

Hallelujah!

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A reading from the Gospel of Luke (22:24-30)

Wil Gafney translation.

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

There was also an argument among the disciples as to which one of them should be considered the greatest. But Jesus said to them, “The rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have power over them are called benefactors. But not so with you all, rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? Yet I am among you all as one who serves. You are the ones who have remained with me in my trials, so then I covenant with you all, just as my Abba has covenanted with me, a royal inheritance, so that you all may eat and drink at my table in my realm, and you all will sit on thrones governing the twelve tribes of Israel.”

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Sermon

Brendon Neilson

Bell / Silence / Bell

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit
as we affirm the story of our faith.*

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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Our Prayers

Chivonne Graff

The Confession and Assurance of Grace/Absolution.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

We exchange the peace with a gesture.

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 if you leave us your address.

Offertory Song: Everything We Need

In the morning Lord we do look to you

For the strength we need just to make it through - Have mercy

In the evening Lord we look back and say

It was in your strength that we made our way - Have mercy

You are everything we need - Feed us Lord

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We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

[extemporaneous...]. **Amen.**

The Communion/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 our thanks and praise!

We offer you praise O God with hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us; with earth sea and sky, we sing to you. With hopes and doubts, with saints before and beside us we sing to you.

With our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Heaven and earth of your glory are full

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"Holy Lord," Words and Music by Steve Bell. 1998 Signpost Music.

Blessed are you and blessed is our brother Jesus who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Hear us, O God and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body and blood, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making your whole world whole.

As the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh. May our thirst be quenched in the living water of your presence.

As grain is scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread so may your people scattered to the ends of the earth be gathered and made one in your love. **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: You Look Down Low

Your power is working through the weak
Your wisdom is speaking through foolish things
The last, the lost, the least

You're building your kin*dom with these
For you Lord sit up high
But You look down low, You look down low
Yes Uou Lord sit up high - But You look down low
You look down low

For You reign forever
And ever with Your righteous hand
You're' Alpha and Omega but You looks down low

Your Spirit is moving on the earth
Your glory is found with those who serve
The humble, poor, and meek
You're building Your kingdom with these

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Communion Song: the Kingdom of God

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and
joy in the Ho - ly Spi - rit. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

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We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Beloved One, **if we grow weary in love, may this meal live as a reminder of what sustains us. In seeking the flourishing you intend for us, our neighbours, and this planet, keep our hearts tender, our spirits alive, and our senses attuned to the beauty that surrounds. With gratitude for your abiding presence, send us wines of your upsidedown kin-dom. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen.**

Charge and Benediction:

Go and take your place in the lineages of love and liberation that we might midwife God's future into the here and now.

Our Creator equips us.

The Spirit sustains us.

Christ will lead us.

With joy, let us rise and follow. Amen! *(enfleshed)*

Closing Song: Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You Fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very Name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,

You will show your might,
put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from their throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn. *Refrain.*

Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember Who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that out forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning
the world around. *Refrain.*

Rory Cooney / Star of the County Down Tune / 1990 GIA / Onelicense.

Sending

Go in peace to love God and serve God's good creation.
Amen, thanks be to God!

Closing Announcement Loop



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