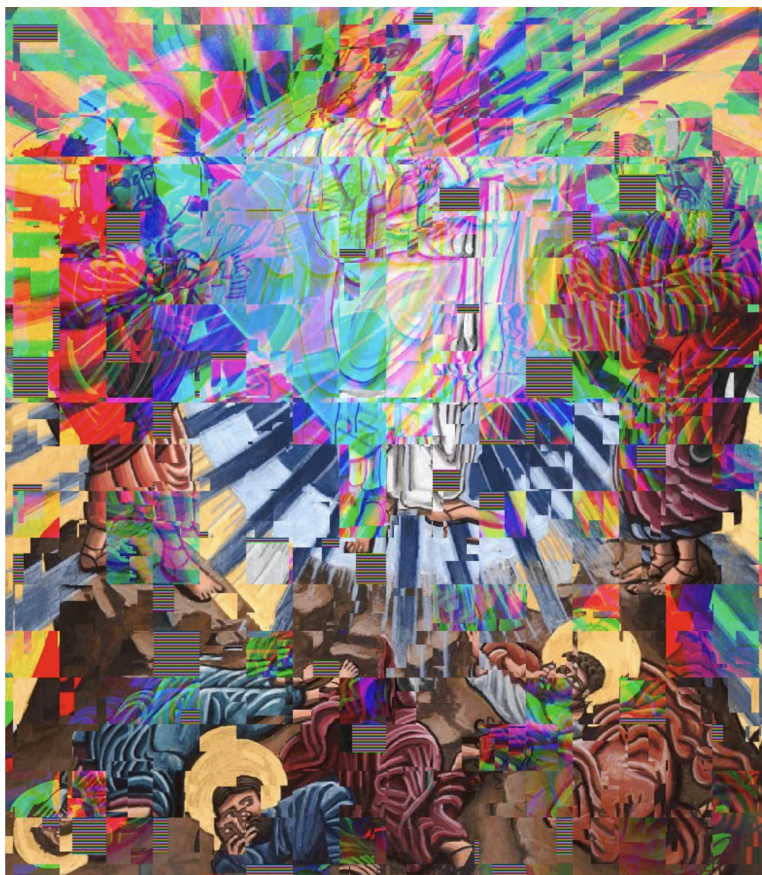


The Feast of the Transfiguration

February 19, 2023 + 4pm



Glitch Transfiguration - Kelly Latimore



*Beloved companions in the Spirit -
Come as you are offering our 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 our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God, and with our questions and doubts.

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

We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of welcome.

We Gather

Opening Loop / Tolling of the Bells

**Announcements & Land Acknowledgement & Land
Welcome in lək'wəŋən from elder Butch Dick**

Opening Words/Prayer:

We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—
**who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos,
and blessed our becoming.**

We gather today changed by moments of Awe—
**the wonder we witness calls us to the work of
mutuality, for we are siblings on our beautiful,
heartbroken planet home.**

Let us praise the God of Transformation—
They are creative in Their Way-Making Love!

Enfleshed, 2023.

Song: Phos Hilaron

Hail Gladdening Light, sun so bright
Jesus Christ, end of night, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hail Gladdening Light, Eternal Bright
at evening time, 'round us shine, Alleluia, Alleluia

(Chorus) And we hymn the *Father, we hymn the Son,
we hymn the Spirit - wholly divine
No one more worthy of songs to be sung
To the giver of life all glory is Thine

Hail Gladdening Light, such joyous Light
O Brilliant Star, forever shine,
Alleluia, Alleluia (Chorus)

Or "Maker"

Tomlin, Crowder et al, alt. CCLI

Poem: Read/selected by poet-in-residence

Rebecca Yeo

We Proclaim

The Hebrew Scripture

A reading from the book of Exodus (ch24-34, selected verses)

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."...Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day [the Lord] called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. . . . [The Lord said]... have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you....When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him...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:

fiddle

[A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Lord, to whom shall we go?___

[A] You are gra-cious and merc - i - ful. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go?___

[A] Slow to an - ger and a-bound-ing in love. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go?___

[A] Lord, to whom shall we go?___ [C] Let us trust in your word. ___

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The Gospel

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew (16:28-17:9) (Jesus said) Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.” Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Credo

**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. Ryan Flanigan/ Liturgical folk, alt./ CCLI

Our Prayers

Chivonne Graff

Confession

We are all so often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

Bell. Pause in silent prayer. Bell.

God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Rev. Dr. David Bahr. (Alt.)

Absolution / Assurance of Grace

The Peace

Beloved in Christ, The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you!

We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.

During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set. We welcome you to place financial contributions to our common life in the record player in the back of the space. Cheques made out to 'The Emmaus Community'. Charitable receipts will be issued if you provide your address.

Offertory: Christ is the Light of the World

In Christ we offer all that he has offered
the perfect offering.

Christ is the life of the world. X2

So we remember all that he remembered
the whole of Love returned.

Christ is the life of the world. X2

Let us lift up, lift our hearts.

Let us lift up, lift our hearts.

It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord.

Sent forth in beauty, reconciling all things
radiant in holiness.

Christ is the life of the world. X3

Sandra McCracken / Drink Your Tea Music / CCLI

We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

Holy God, receive all we bring before you this day, and
bring us also to that radiant glory which we see in the
transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Church of England.

The Communion / 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 for Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Creating and liberating God, you called your people into a
covenant relationship with you and sealed it with Moses on the
mountain; you called your people back to that covenant
through your prophets and spoke in the still small voice to

Elijah on a mountain. Then on a mountain your son Jesus revealed the radiance of your gospel, drawing all Creation into the New Covenant through his self-giving love. And so we gladly thank you, celebrating your glory with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, dazzled by your face and joining with all Creation to sing the hymn of your 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. X2

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

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest. X2

*Or "the One"

Steve Bell / Signpost Music / CCLI

Gracious God, you have set up your tent and made your dwelling among us. Abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may know your intimate presence, and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Transfiguring God, it is good for us to be here. Through this holy sacrament make us your children and draw all Creation to yourself. Call us Beloved and give us grace to listen to your voice and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them. Surround us with your prophetic company and take us up into the whirlwind of your glory, until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are forever parted and the heavens torn opened and we shall see you face to face, to whom all glory be yours, Triune God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Joining the Angels Song, Alt.

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!

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.

Lamb of God / Agnus Dei

Pre-recorded - Poor Clare / Lacey Brown / Church of the Apostles, Seattle

Communion: Mother Mary

Mother Mary pray for us

Who laugh, who love, who dance

and sing Into the dawn

Pray for us who see the rocks

As wise old beings sheltering an ancient wisdom

Mother Mary pray for us

I remember sitting on the steps with you as the sun came up

Never having gone to bed

We were looking for trees to climb that night

Riding double on your banana seat bike

Carrying a magnum of cheap wine in one hand

Navigating the world with the other

Rondeau Park dream of a lifetime

Walks on the beach, our summer porch

I'm sitting here with you

Yah mom, we are lucky it's true

Nature reigns here with the deer - And me and you

Love comes round and round in its own way
So everything you ever did feels like it begins today

Amidst the quiet
The water is just a ripple beyond glass
Soft voices and the echo of wings flapping
Beth Miller

Communion Song: Cause Your Face to Shine

Cause your face to shine
Cause your face to shine
Cause your face to shine
And we will find our way. (repeat)

(Last time) Cause your face to shine
Cause your face to shine
Cause your face to shine
And we will find our way.
O we will find our way
Lord we will find our way

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We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray: **We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.
We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.
May we bask in this glow now and forevermore. Amen.**

Rev. Kaji Douša

Blessing

O Living, Disturbing God,
Let us go in peace with you,
to disrupt those who are comfortable,
comfort those who mourn,
and walk alongside those who suffer various forms of
racial discrimination.
Now receive the blessing of God all-loving;
our Mother-God who holds us in our pain,
our Brother-God, Jesus the Christ, who gives us courage
to resist, and Spirit-God who binds us together
in all that is free and liberated. + **Amen.**

United Church of Canada, Worship Liturgy for Black History Month.

Closing Song: Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

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Sending

Go in the glorious light of Christ!
Thanks be to God! Amen. Alleluia!

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