

Easter Sunday

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Image: Jyoti Sahi (Indian, 1944–), Resurrection, 2007. Oil on canvas, 178 × 122 cm.



THE
ABBÉY
CHURCH

*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 - with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

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 and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.

We Gather

Opening Loop / Tolling of the Bells

Christ is risen!

Alleluia!

Ring your bells! Make some noise!

God lives.

God is alive in us.

Beauty, love, joy, passion, justice
- despite everything, they persist!

No spirit of destruction,

no forces of violence,

no means of everyday evil can steal our hope.

The stone has been rolled away.

The Spirit of Life cannot be contained.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*During these next songs, you are welcome to come and leave
your flowers in the Resurrection garden*

Song: Who Will Roll Away the Stone?

Early in the morning, the sun already risen
Three women came bearing spices, the Lord's body to anoint
Standing outside the tomb, they asked each other saying

"Who will roll away the stone?" (X4)

Looking up they realized, the stone had been removed
And to their amazement, a young man sat before them
"Do not be amazed, for Jesus the Nazarene
He who has been crucified, here you will not find"

He has risen from the dead (X4)

You'll find him on the road

You'll find him at your table (X2)

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Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
All creation joins to say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!
Sing ye heaven's and earth's reply, alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king, alleluia!
Where, o death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
Where the victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar now where Christ has led, alleluia!
Following our exalted head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!
Charles Wesley, alt. / Tune: Lyrica Davidica / Public Domain

Poem: Easter by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Read/selected by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

We Proclaim

A reading from the letter to the Romans (8, selected verses)

...The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labour, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience...For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: You're Alive

All creation sings your praise - all creation rejoices
We join into creation's song! We join in with our voices!

With the sparrow we sing - "Our God lives!"
With the wind we breathe - "You rose again!"
With the mountains we shout - "You conquered death!"
And with the stones we cry out - "You're alive!"

Alleluia - allelu!

Alleluia, Alleluia ' "You're alive!"

Charlie Buhler / Grandview Church Vancouver

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 (28:1-10)
After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his

feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my siblings to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

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Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!

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Easter Sermon

Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC

Silence for meditation. Bell / Silence / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as affirm 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 cath’lic church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting! A-----men.

Ryan Flanigan/ Liturgical folk/ CCLI

Our Prayers

Chivonne Graff

The Peace

Beloved community, Standing forgiven and freed in the water of resurrection life, 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. Contributions to our common life can be placed 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 Song: Song: Up Above My Head

Up above my head (Up above my head)
I hear music in the air (I hear music in the air) x3
I really do believe (Yeah) I really do believe
There's joy right here (There's joy right here)

All around this place (all around this place)
I hear music in the air (I hear music in the air) x3
I really do believe (Yeah) I really do believe
There's new life right here (There's new life right here)

All over the world (all over the world)
I hear music in the air (music in the air) x3
I really do believe (Yeah) I really do believe
There's joy right here (There's joy right here)
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We Celebrate

Invitation To the Table / Prayer Over The Gifts

Spirit of Christ, source of all that restores and revives. In celebration of your abiding presence, receive all we offer you today. Bless these gifts to the work of your hope. Multiply them for the care of your people in body, mind and spirit, that all the earth may thrive in the glory of resurrection. **Amen** (*enfleshed*)

The Communion / The Holy Eucharist

The living God is with you! **And also with you!**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to the God of life!

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for you are the God of creation and new creation, covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of slavery to freedom and your Son from the depth of death to the glory of resurrection life. Christ is risen from the dead. Love has come again. Therefore with the company of heaven and all your creation we sing:

♩ = 100 Em C G D G Am Dsus⁴

O- Holy - Holy Holy Lord - O God of power and Might. All

C Am⁷ G D G C Em

Heaven and earth of your glory are full Ho - sanna in the high - est. O

Bm Em D G G Dsus⁴

Blessed is the one who comes in the name-of-the Lord! Ho-

C Am G D G C Em

-sanna in the high - est. Ho - sanna in the high - est.

Kingsfold Communion Set, adapted from William Kervin / More Voices

We give thanks for Jesus who has risen from the grave and made the whole creation new.

He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

On the night before his arrest and death...

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

Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Hope and joy are our breath, merciful God, for in a garden of life, you have rolled away the stone of fear and despair, the stone of oppression, the stone of sin, the stone of death. Pour out now your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of the living God.

Come and stand among us and breathe on us your peace, breathe on us your power, breathe on us your life, that all who labour, all who weep, all who hunger, shall meet you

in the breaking of the bread. Shape us to be your risen body, a diverse and beautiful garden of your Spirit until you come again and we feast together in your kingdom and are made one in your love.

Christ is risen from the dead.

Love is come again. Amen! Alleluia!

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*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free but contains almond flour and dairy. Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup.
Please do not dip the bread into the cup.*

Communion Song: Glory Bound

When I hear that trumpet sound
I will lay my burdens down
I will lay them deep into the ground
Then I'll know that I am glory bound
I'll be travelling far from home
But I won't be looking for to roam
I'll be crossing o'er the great divide
In a better home soon I will reside
Hallelujah

When I'm in my resting place
I'll look on my mother's face
Never more will I have to know
All the loneliness that plagues me so
So I'm waiting for that train to come
And I know where she's coming from
Listen can you hear her on the track
When I board I won't be looking back
Hallelujah

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Communion Song: Because You Live

God sent the son - they called him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He bled and died to offer pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
Our saviour lives!

Refrain: Because you live I can face tomorrow
Because you live all fear is gone
Because I know you hold the future
And life is worth the living, just because you live

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy they give;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because you live! *Refrain.*

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and we'll know you reign. *Refrain.*

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We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Risen Christ, in this celebration we have tasted your abundant life. May this meal nourish us to look for your Spirit alive in the thriving of our spirits, our bodies, our communities and the earth. Help us water seeds of solidarity, tend the soil of creativity, relish the blooming of healing and see your resurrection love grow in and through us. **Amen!** (*enfleshed [alt]*)

Presentation and Announcements

Blessing

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go into this week rejoicing in the knowledge that unarmed truth and unconditional love have had the final word in reality* Go to tend gardens of new life and the +blessing of the risen God go with you this day and always!

Amen. Alleluia! **The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Closing Song: Yours Be the Glory

Yours be the glory, risen conquering son
Endless is the victory over death you won.
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away
Kept the folded bed clothes, where your body lay

Refrain: Yours be the glory, risen conquering son
Endless is the victory over death you won.

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing.
For our Lord is living; death has lost its sting!! *refrain.*

No more we doubt you, glorious prince of life
What is life without you, aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through your deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan, to your home above. *refrain.*

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Closing Loop



Easter Monday: 5:30pm - Potluck Easter Feast!
Belmont House. All welcome. Bring a contribution if you can.

No weekday prayer this week.

We'll be back here next Sunday at 4pm.

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We would love to connect! Call, Text, Email.



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