

Easter One

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THE
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CHURCH

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

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

Announcements

Land Acknowledgment

Gathering Words

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

...But then, It was evening on the first day of the week

The doors were locked

We felt fear - not knowing what to do.

Peace be with you.

You said to us.

Peace be with you.

And somehow, we knew everything had changed...

Let us pray. Resurrected Christ, bring us anew into a life-affirming encounter with you. Fill our hearts with a holy curiosity. Send us your Spirit - so that we too may offer your 'peace' to all - and be witnesses to your fleshy wounds of love and to your risen power. In Jesus the Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

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 ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave;

he lives eternally to save;

he lives exalted, throned above;

he lives to rule the church in love.

He lives to bless me with his love;

he lives to pleased for me above;

he lives my hungry soul to feed;

he lives to help in time of need.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend;

he lives and loves me to the end;

he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;

he lives, my prophet, priest and king!

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my saviour still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives;
I know that my redeemer lives!

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Poem: St. Thomas Didymus - Denise Levertov

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

We Proclaim

The Epistle

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:14, 2: 22-32)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

“This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

...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 "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 John (20:19-31)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

...Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Christ is risen from the dead!

Gospel Acclamation: He’s Alive

Alleluia - allelu!

Alleluia, “You’re alive!”

Charlie Buhler, alt. / Grandview Church Vancouver

Sermon

Matt Humphrey, 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

The Peace

Beloved community - standing forgiven and freed in the new life of the resurrection, 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: I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For

I have climbed highest mountains
I have run through the fields
Only to be with you - Only to be with you
I have run - I have crawled
I have scaled these city walls
These city walls - Only to be with you

Refrain: But I still haven't found what I'm looking for x 2

I have kissed honey lips - Felt the healing fingertips
It burned like a fire - This burning desire
I have spoke with the tongue of angels
I have held the hand of a devil - It was warm in the night
I was cold as a stone. *Refrain*

I believe in a kingdom come
then all the colors will bleed into one
Bleed into one - but, yes I'm still running
You broke the bonds - loosed the chains
Carried the cross - of my shame - all my shame.
You know I believe it (I still do)
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for

Hewsen/Evans/Mullen/Clayton (U2) 1987 Unichapell Music / BMI

We Celebrate

Invitation To the Table / Prayer Over The Gifts

Oh Lord God - with a holy curiosity we come to this table, bringing our doubts, our wounds and our witness to you as the anointed One, the Beloved Child of the living God. Even in our fears, open our hearts to trust. This we pray through you, O risen Christ, our sibling and Lord. **Amen.**

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 to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and 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 is come again. Therefore with the company of heaven and all your creation we sing:

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, alt.

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.

On the night before his arrest and death, Jesus gathered with companions and taking bread, he gave thanks to you and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. ...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, Alleuia!**

Feasting on the word worship & Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher's Eucharistic Prayers
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As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught:

said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice

Our Father (or Parent, or Mother) **who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever. Amen.**

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for
the life of the world. Feast on the risen Christ in your
hearts through faith with thanksgiving!

Thanks be to God!

*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.*

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God by Tom Wuest

(pre-recorded, excerpt) Brass Trumpet Publishing

Communion Song: Give Me Doubt

Give me doubt so I can see my neighbor as myself
Give me doubt so I can lay all my weapons on the ground
When the armor of God is too heavy for peace
Give me doubt, give me doubt, give me doubt

What be my courage now? My shield from evil?

Love, be my courage now - I shall not fear

Gungor/Arendt/Gungor - The Brilliance / CCLI

Communion Song: You Shall Reign

Come broken, come captive - Come all you who mourn
Oh groaning creation, rejoice
A child, a saviour, our healing you bring.
What freedom! What consolation!

You shall reign (you shall reign), you shall reign
You shall reign (you shall reign), you shall reign (X2)

You'll order your kingdom with justice and peace
Oh merciful one, oh lamb of God
All nations, all people, all heaven and earth
Will bow down and to you proclaim

El reignara, (El reignara) El Reignara
El reignara, (El reignara) El Reignara
You Shall Reign....

Tom Wuest, alt. / Brass Trumpet Publishing/Used with Permission

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Jesus - we have seen you with our eyes and touched you -
the bread of life - with our hands. Strengthen our faith
and our curiosity that we may grow in love for you and for
each other; through, you our risen sibling and Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Song: o Filii et Filiae

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!
O siblings one and all, come let us sing
Let all the bells that were silent now ring
o'er death and hell Christ rose triumphing, alleluia!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That night th'apostles met in fear;
Amidst them came their lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!

“My wounded side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, My feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless but believing be.” Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried. alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing loop

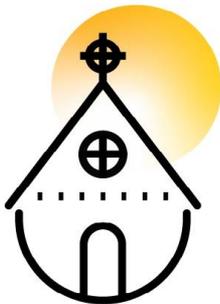
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