

Trinity

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*Beloved companions on the Way
Come as you are offering the dance of our lives
In the struggle of faith with hearts alive in love
with the holy Mystery:
The Three-in-One, The One-in-Three!*

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

Let us pray,

**I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.**

I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven,
The glorious sun's lifegiving ray,
The gleaming of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
Around the old eternal rocks.

**I bind unto myself today
The Power of God to guide me,
The Might of God to uphold me,
The Wisdom of God to teach me,
The Eye of God to watch over me,
The Ear of God to hear me,**

The Word of God to give me speech,
The Hand of God to protect me,
The Way of God to prevent me,
The Shield of God to shelter me,
The Host of God to defend me,

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Adapted from / Attributed to St. Patrick (5th century)

Pease rise in body or in spirit

Opening Song: Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the shadows hide thee
Though the eye of sinfulness, thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy. There is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity
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You can be seated.

Poem: Cosmos by Walt Whitman

selected and read by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

We Proclaim

The Story of the Beloved Community

A reading from the letter to the community at Philippi
(Philippians 2: 1-13)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil God’s good purpose.

...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: Come Holy Spirit Come

Come, Holy Spirit, come; Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the shadows from our minds, and open all our eyes.
Dwell, therefore, in our hearts; Our minds from bondage free;
Then we shall know and praise and love; the holy trinity
Then we shall know and praise and love; the holy trinity

Joseph Hart, 1759, alt. | Music: Hiram Ring, 2004 Cardiphonia Music CCLI

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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Sermon

The Rev. Ernest Morrow

Silence for meditation.

Bell / Silence / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm this ancient Story of our faith.

The Apostles Creed

We believe in God Almighty,
Maker of all heav'n and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, our Saviour:
God's own Son of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived
of the virgin Mary born,
God in whom we have believed:
God Almighty Three-in-One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
on the cross, he bled and died;
Placed within the grave so silent,
where for three days he did lie;
Then the stone-sealed tomb was empty;
we believe he did arise;
Triumphed o'er the grave forever,
over death he is the Christ.

Into heaven he ascended -
seated at God's own right hand
'Til he comes again in glory,
gracious judge o'er every land;
We confess the Holy Spirit
who was sent through Christ the Son
Who is Lord and giver of life -
God, the Spirit, Three-in-One.

We believe the Church of Jesus,
catholic it 'ere remains;
We are one through all the ages,
the communion of the saints.
We believe sins are forgiven,
+that our bodies shall be raised
Everlasting life the promise
may God's holy name be praised.

Mindy Deckard; arr. Bruce Benedict / Rob C-S verses © 2006 Cardiphonia Music / CCLI

Our Prayers

Confession *(sung)*

Lord, have mercy (x4)

Holy Spirit rest upon us - Lead us in the way of your justice

Holy Spirit rest upon us. Teach us how to serve in our weakness

*As the music plays we bring our confessions before God
asking the Spirit to release, anoint and heal.*

Lord, have mercy (x4)

Holy Spirit rest upon us teach us how to tend to creation

Holy Spirit rest upon us guide us from our path of destruction

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Assurance / Absolution

The Peace

Siblings in love - the peace of the Triune God be 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: Morning Story, Starlit Sky

Morning glory, starlit sky,
soaring music, scholar's truth,
flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavor, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives ever more,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all its all expends.

Drained is love in making full,
bound in setting others free,
poor in making many rich,
weak in giving power to be.

Ten the one that shows us God
helpless hangs upon the tree;
and the nails and crown of thorns
tell of what God's love must be.

Here is God: no monarch be,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

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We Celebrate

Invitation To the Table / Prayer Over The Gifts

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
By the mysterious wonder of our triune God,
we gather here to celebrate a feast for all time,
joining with Jesus and his disciples in an upper room,
with the church of the ages who have come here so often,
with siblings in faith all along the way,
with people we know well and we don't know at all.
Here we trust that the mystery of God will become real.
Here we gain a taste of the divine.
And here we are fed as we go forth to serve in the world.
Come, all of you, and share this feast of the holiness and
wonder of God. **Amen.** Andy James, First Presbyterian Church,

Communion / The Holy Eucharist

The Lord be with you! **And also with you**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to the living God!
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love,
you are beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,
you are creative and self-giving, generously moving.
In all the near and distant corners of the universe.
nothing exists that does not find its source in you.
(Alydia Smith / The United Church of Canada - based on A Song of Faith)
Glory to you forever and ever.

Through countless generations... Therefore with the company of
heaven and all of your creation we sing:

Holy holy holy Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
+Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna is the highest.

While Jesus was eating with his disciples...
Do this in remembrance of me."

Glory to you forever and ever.

As supper was ending... do this in remembrance of me.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us
in Jesus your Child:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...be gathered and made one in
your love. **Amen.**

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 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life
of the world. **Thanks be to God!**

*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is
gluten-free but contains almond flour and dairy. Please ask the
server if you would like a non-dairy/almond option. Juice is in
the small cups. Wine is in the common cup. Please do not dip
bread.*

Lamb of God by Audrey Assad (excerpt) 2014 Fortunate Fall Records

Communion Song: Dance Me To The End of Love

Dance me to your beauty with a burning violin

Dance me through the panic 'til I'm gathered safely in

Lift me like an olive branch and be my homeward dove

Dance me to the end of love. Dance me to the end of love

Let me see your beauty when the witnesses are gone

Let me feel you moving like they do in Babylon

Show me slowly what I only know the limits of

Dance me to the end of love. Dance me to the end of love

Dance me to the wedding now dance me on and on
Dance me very tenderly and dance me very long
We're both of us beneath our love both of us above
Dance me to the end of love. Dance me to the end of love

Dance me to the children who are asking to be born
Dance me through the curtains that our kisses have outworn
Raise a tent of shelter now though every thread is torn
Dance me to the end of love. Dance me to the end of love

Dance me to your beauty with a burning violin
Dance me through the panic 'til I'm gathered safely in
Touch me with your naked hand or touch me with your glove
Dance me to the end of love. Dance me to the end of love
Dance me to the end of love
Leonard Cohen / Sony Music.

Communion Song: Trinity Song

Holy *Father, Son, and Spirit *or 'Maker'
Holy Communion, three in one.
Come with your peace, with your invitation.
Bind us together in holy love.

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We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world
to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.
We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. **Amen.** *Alydia Smith - The United Church of Canada*

Blessing

Closing Song: Oh The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me

Underneath me all around me
Is the courage of his love
Leading homeward leading homeward
To thy glorious rest above

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Tis a heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to thee

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread his praise from to shore to shore
How he loveth, ever loveth
Changeth never, nevermore
S Trevor Francis 19th century / tune: Bunessan / Scottish folk melody

Sending

Go in the wild, animating power of the Trinity to love God
and serve the people!

Thanks be God!

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