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Image: "Encounter" by Daniel Cariola,
Duc in Altum Chapel at Magdala, Israel



*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 holy Mystery*

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

The sinners, the saints, the broken, the whole:

we all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

The doubters, the devout, the wanderers, the wonderers:

We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

When we begin our journey of faith, you are there, Constant Love, pointing the way to the promises you offer.

When we stumble you are there, to take us by the hand, to lift us to our feet, to return us to the rhythms of your grace.

And you continue to call us, Breath of life:

to follow, even when our faith falters.

to drink the living waters bottled with your love.

to serve those whom the world easily discounts.

to see you waiting at the end of our pilgrimage.

God in Community, Holy in One, we will seek to follow you always, Amen.

Pease rise in body or in spirit as the AbbeyKids set the Altar

Opening Song: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me, save that thou art

Thou my best thought, by day or by night

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom my calm in all strife

I ever with thee and thou in my life

Thou loving parent, thy child may I be

Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise

Thou mine inheritance, now and always

Thou and thou only, first in my heart

Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art

Great God of heaven, after victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Public domain. Written by Eleanor Hull, Mary E. Byrne; alt.. An 8th Century Irish Poem

Poem: *You, God, who live next door*; Rainer Maria Rilke
selected and read by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

We Proclaim

The Story of the Beloved Community

A reading from the letter of Paul to the community in Rome
For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

...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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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Sermon

Matt Humphrey, EC

Bell / Silence for meditation / 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

*We bring our confessions before God asking the Spirit to release,
to anoint and to 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

Beloved Community, the peace of Christ be with you all.

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: Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

I will a -rise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear saviour,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness he requires,
Is to feel your weight of him.

I will a -rise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear saviour,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

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We Celebrate

Invitation To the Table / Prayer Over The Gifts

This is an open table. All are welcome.

At this table all are fed and no-one turned away.

At this table all share the cup and no-one is denied.

In the name of the One who said,

“I am the bread of life,”

I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said,

“I am the true vine,”

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,

“Love one another, as I have loved, you,”

I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

A Liturgy for All Bodies - Rev. Evan Swance-Smith

Communion / The Holy Eucharist

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, creating God, breath of all being;
the earth is yours and all that is in it, and all who dwell therein.
You founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the deep.
You planted seeds in fertile ground, to rise and sing your praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

You formed us from the earth and planted goodness in our souls, that we might love like you. You called us to live your law of harmony and to long for your commands and when we were bowed down our spirit, you did not leave us low, but bent down to meet us and grow us up again. By water and your life-giving Spirit, you have more wondrously remade us to join the song of all creation and forever sing your 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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We give you thanks, O God, that you sowed your Word in Jesus, to grow your kingdom here on earth and draw us ever near. Jesus planted mercy wherever he went, he shared bread with outcasts and sinners and healed the broken in body or heart. **Glory to you forever and ever.**

We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said, Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering your boundless love,

we eat this bread and drink this cup, giving our lives to you in joy and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. Grant that with burning hearts we may be a people of hope justice and love. Breathe your Spirit over all creation that together we may cultivate peace in every corner of the world. As grain was scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread so your may your church

scattered to the end of the earth be gathered and made One in your love. **Amen.**

Feasting on the Word Worship & Liturgy for All Bodies

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: With Great Gentleness

Come to Jesus, he will never cast you out
Come you thirsty, put aside your fear, your doubt
With great gentleness, with great gentleness
He draws you, how he draws you,
See how he draws you to himself

Come to Jesus, he will satisfy your heart
With his presence, and be your lantern in the dark
With great gentleness, with great gentleness
He draws you, how he draws you
See how he draws you to himself
2017, Sandra McCracken, Steadfast Live.

Communion Song: Healer of Our Every Ill

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *[Refrain]*

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *[Refrain]*

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *[Refrain]*

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *[Refrain]*

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We Are Sent

Prayer After Communion

We thank you, God, for the gifts you have given us:
**for the bread of our being loved,
for the wine of our joy,
for the hope we find in our life together as people
ready to do your work of justice and peace.
We pray that, having been refreshed at this table,
we may be bread and wine for each other and the
world. Amen.**

Closing Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

Though none go with me still I will follow
Though none go with me still I will follow
Though none go with me still I will follow
No turning back, no turning back

Sing glory, glory, sing hallelujah...

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Sending

Sacred Love at the heart of all things, **tenacious Holy Companion, help us to be good companions to one another, friends and supporters of those we know, steadfast witnesses to the humanity of those we never meet. As we are sent may we be shepherds to each other, reminders of beauty and possibility, and advocates for justice and healing for ourselves, each other, and the world. May it be so. Amen.**

Closing Loop

Summer Schedule

June 30	BBQ and Music Jam - 630pm
July 9	Abbey Worship - 4pm
July 23	Abbey Worship - 4pm
July 28	BBQ and Music Jam - 630pm
Aug 6	Abbey Worship - 4pm
Aug 20	Abbey Worship - 4pm
Aug 20-22	Goldstream camping (post worship) 630pm
Sept 3	Abbey Worship at the Beach & picnic

(no common worship on July 2, 16, 30 & Aug 13 or 27)



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