

**June 18, 2023 + 4pm**



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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 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: Moteskano (Les sentiers de nos ancêtres)**

Laura Niquay Atikamekw artist from Wemotaci

## **Tolling of the Bells & Announcements**

### **Land Acknowledgment**

As we gather,

**we acknowledge with gratitude and respect the ɫəkwəŋən peoples on whose traditional land we worship and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day. As a community we commit to an ongoing journey of decolonization and deep listening as we seek to walk in right relationship.**

Bell x 3

### **Gathering Words**

God who calls, You invite us to your work of way-making—

**To embody your kingdom:**

**To practice generosity,**

**To cultivate abundance,**

**To engage in healing.**

Holy Parent, by your Spirit we are made family.

You weave together the hearts and the lives of all who seek your liberating love.

**Enable us to be faithful to one another, committed above all else to the works of the Spirit that heal and free and renew.**

Come, let us worship God with resilience and joy. **Amen.**

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*Pease rise in body or in spirit as we sing & the AbbeyKids set the Altar*

### **Opening Song: Will You Come and Follow Me**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around.  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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**Poem: Grace by Joy Harjo**

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

## **We Proclaim**

### **The Story of the Beloved Community**

the letter of Paul to the community in Rome (5:1-8)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

...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.  
Tis' thine to cleanse the heart; to sanctify the soul.  
To pour fresh life in every part, the new create the whole.  
To pour fresh life in every part, the new create the whole.

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 (9:35-10:8)  
Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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**With our words and with our lives!**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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 (2X)  
Joseph Hart, 1759, alt. | Music: Hiram Ring, 2004 Cardiphonia Music CCLI

## **Sermon**

Lynn Mills

*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**

*Let us bring our confessions before the God of mercy and compassion*

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...

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

**Have mercy on us.**

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,

**Have mercy on us.**

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,

**Have mercy on us.**

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,

**Have mercy on us.**

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures, leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

**Have mercy on us.**

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,

**Have mercy on us.**

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church, The Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

**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 the liberating 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: Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come  
This grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

When we've been here ten thousand years  
Bright, shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

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## **We Celebrate**

### **Invitation To the Table / Prayer Over The Gifts**

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**



Trinity of grace and love, we thank and praise you, for before the world was made you opened your dance of delight to include even us, and you shaped your very life to incorporate us in your dance forever. While we were still weak, Christ came among us and gave himself for us. In the glory of his resurrection, he called us to be his apostles and spread the good news of his mercy to all the world. And so, with saints and angels and all Creation, we join our voices in your eternal 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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Abiding God, in three visitors you appeared to Abraham in the heat of the day, and before him you broke bread and made your glorious purpose known. Come among us today, that in the sharing of food we may, through Christ, be made bearers of your covenant of grace.

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.**

Send your Holy Spirit on this bread that we break and this cup that we share, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sustaining God, strengthen your church and hasten your kingdom through the witness of your people. When your children are oppressed, give them courage to endure. When they find strength, produce in them character to reflect your truth. When showing character, manifest in them the hope of

your deliverance. When they grow in hope, do not disappoint them, but roll down justice like a never-failing stream, until that day when a new heaven and a new earth engulf the longings of your aching people. **Amen.**

*Joining the Angels Song, alt.*

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.*

### **Communion: Come to me (recording)**

(feat: Sandra McCracken) 2014 Rain for Roots, The King of Heaven is like this

### **Communion Song: The Kingdom of God**

The kingdom of God is justice and peace

and joy in the Holy Spirit

Come lord and open in us

the gates of your kingdom

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### **Communion Song: Behold What You Are**

Behold what you are

Become what you receive

Take up the bread and wine

Embrace the mystery (repeat)

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# We Are Sent

## Prayer after Communion

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit.

We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

*Anglican Church of Canada resources for National Indigenous Day of Prayer.*

## Blessing

May the Holy Spirit kindle your hearts with joy.

May the God of creativity ignite your imaginations to be agents of holy mischief in the world.

May the Christ of reconciliation illuminate your call to care for the earth and live in right relationship with all. And the blessing of God's passionate, eternal presence be with you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

## Closing Song: Send Us Out

Send us out to proclaim the reign of your kingdom.

Send us out to proclaim and to heal

Send us out with your power and your authority.

To reconcile and to heal the world

Taking nothing for your journey

For God will give you your bread

And for every house that you enter

Pray the peace of God descend (Refrain)

John Michael Talbot Come Worship The Lord © 1990 Sparrow Records

## Sending

Go in the wild animating fire of the Spirit to follow Christ and serve God's people.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## Closing Loop: Gospel First Nation

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## Summer Worship Schedule

- June 30** BBQ & 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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