

# Pentecost + 22 - Harvestide

October 29, 2023 + 4PM



*image: Mexican Barbed Wire Sacred Heart by Jackie Gonzales (etsy)*



THE  
**ABBNEY**  
CHURCH

# We Gather

Opening loop  
Tolling of the bells  
Welcome and announcements

*Bell x 3*

## Land Acknowledgement and Opening Words

[together, we say]

**We gather with gratitude for the first peoples' of this land.  
For the Ləkʷəŋən people, known today as the Songhees and  
Esquimalt Nations - for their language and culture,  
for their care and ways of being in creation.**

*Silence is kept.*

In mystery and material, God takes shape among us

**In flesh that hungers, aches, and longs**

**In lands and people, tears and rage**

God is not a distant concept, abstracted from our lives

**God is close, intimate, as present as our breath**

**And yet, this Holy Mystery resists our rational  
constraints**

God is the questions with which we wrestle

**They are the strange and unexplainable**

**God is an invitation toward the unknown**

Let Divine Imagination birth new paradigms of life -

**A life of loving God, loving ourselves and loving our  
neighbours. Amen.** enfleshed, alt.

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing  
& AbbeyKids and Teens and Leaders set the table...*

## Opening Song: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;  
all Thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1747), alt. Public Domain

**Poem:**

Selected and recorded by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

## **We Proclaim**

**The Psalm: Psalm 90** (sung)

Lord You Have Been our dwelling place  
Throughout all generations.

Our pilgrim hearts find rest in you  
Our sun and shield - grace and glory.

Before the mountains were formed

Before you gave birth to the world

Even from everlasting - Your love abides

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## **The Epistle** (Letter)

A reading from the first letter to the early beloved community at Thessalonica:

You yourselves know, siblings, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to 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**

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

May the works of my hands bring you joy. X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

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## **The Gospel Reading**

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

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

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' ?

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

May the words from my mouth speak your peace! X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X4

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## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Lynn Mills, EC

*Bell / Silence for meditation / Bell*

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith:

## The Jesus Creed

Je-sus said, "The first com mand-ment is this:\_\_\_ Hear, O Is-ra-el: The  
Lord your God is the on - ly Lord. Love the Lord your God\_\_\_ with all\_\_\_ your heart,  
\_\_\_ with all\_\_\_ your. soul,\_\_\_ with all\_\_\_ your. mind,\_\_\_ and with all your strength.  
\_\_\_ The sec-ond is this:\_\_\_ Love your neigh bor. as\_\_\_ your self. There is\_\_\_ no\_\_\_  
oth-er com mand ment great - er\_\_\_ than these.\_\_\_ A - men.\_\_\_

Ryan Flanigan, alt., © 2017, Common Hymnal, CCLI

## Our Prayers

Barbara Uibel

### The Confession

God our Lover - **we confess that we have not always loved you, loved ourselves, nor loved our neighbours. We have not followed your radical call to nonviolence and loved our enemies. We sometimes forget that all people are created in your holy image. There are times that we have acted with harm in what we've done and what we've neglected to do. Hold us in your love as we recall what we need to bring to you...***Rob Crosby-Shearer*

*Silence is kept.*

### Absolution or Assurance of Grace

## **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 the '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: The Greatest Commandment**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself.

Let us be known. let us be known by the way we love.

Love, love, love - the greatest commandment is love, love, love  
the greatest commandment is love, love, love.

Porter's Gate - Integrity's Alleluia! Music; Paul Zach Publishing / CCLI

## **We Celebrate**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

As we recall our neighbours and absent friends even as we feast in this place, may our souls be touched by their needs, and our hearts open our resources to offer gifts which will bring healing, peace, grace and love to all. **Amen.** Lectionary Liturgies, alt.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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 Lord our God.

#### **We join our praise to the song of all creation.**

Refusing to let chaos become our dwelling place,  
God of the ages, you called forth creation.

Whether in the blink of an eye,  
or in moments spanning thousands of years,  
deep valleys of hope were carved,  
carpeted with grace renewed each morning.

You created us in your image, knowing us face to face in love.  
But we turned our gaze  
towards that land of temptation,  
chasing the false dreams offered by death.  
Caring so deeply for us,  
you sent prophets to call us home,  
but their words withered in our hearts.  
So you sent Jesus to bring  
the message of good news,  
and to lead us to the promised land of eternal life.  
Therefore, with those filled with the spirit of wisdom,  
and those who were full of themselves,  
with saints and sinners, prophets and pharisees,  
we sing of your everlasting joy:

**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 in the highest**

Holy are you, God our Peace,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Way of life.  
Mindful of your hopes for us,  
he came, so we might  
discover you in our neighbour.  
Soul of your soul,  
he came, so we might  
overflow with your grace.  
Loving us more than himself,  
he came, to defeat sin  
and destroy death's grip on us,  
so we might spend eternity  
embraced in your life.

With remembrance of his life,  
in the joy of the resurrection,  
in anticipation of his return,  
we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**



Send your +Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of your Christ.

Usher in the day when all may taste and see the riches of your grace, hear your call and enter into your arms of love, Triune God of all. **Amen.**

*Thom M. Shuman, Alt., 2019.*

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. The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup.*

*Please do not dip (intinct) the bread.*

**Communion Song: Lamb of God** (pre-recorded)

Poor Clare / Lacey Brown © 2018, *Poor Clare Music.*

## Communion Song: There Can Be No Greater Love

There can be no great - er love than to  
Il n'est pas de plus grand a - mour que de

The first system of the musical score for 'There Can Be No Greater Love'. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. A dashed oval highlights the notes 'er love' in the treble clef and 'a - mour' in the bass clef.

lay down our life for those we love.  
don - ner sa vie pour ceux qu'on ai - me.

The second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment. A dashed oval highlights the notes 'me.' in the treble clef and 'me.' in the bass clef. The word 'Last time' is written above the treble clef and below the bass clef, indicating the end of the piece.

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## Communion Song: In Love You Summon

In love you sum - mon, in love I fol - low, liv - ing to - day for

The first system of the musical score for 'In Love You Summon'. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp and a 3/2 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

your to - mor - row. Christ to re - lease me, Christ to en -

The second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

fold me, Christ to re - strain me, Christ to up - hold me.

The third system of the musical score. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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# We Are Sent

## Prayer after Communion / Blessing

We have been fed and now we go forth,  
to love God with all our heart, our mind, our soul:

**with passion, with prayer, with wisdom;**

to love our neighbours:

**with forgiveness, with mutuality, with love;**

and to love our beloved selves:

**with grace, with healing, with joy, with peace.**

... and the blessing of the God of love...

## Closing Song: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anytime, Lord, anywhere. *(repeat)*

I'm gonna pray so God can use me...  
Anytime, Lord, anywhere. *(repeat)*

I'm gonna work so God can use me...  
Anytime, Lord, anywhere. *(repeat)*

I'm gonna love so God can use me...  
Anytime, Lord, anywhere. *(repeat)*

African-American Spiritual / writer unknown / Sr. Rosetta Tharpe (Voices United, Alt)

## The Sending

Go in peace to love God, love yourself - and to love and  
serve all of God's people. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*We'll be back here **next Sunday at 4 pm!***

# **COMING UP @ AbbeyChurch & Emmaus**

## **NEXT SAT: Benefit Concert with the Ryan Oliver Trio**

Sax + Hammond B3 Organ + Drums

**Saturday November 4, 7:30 pm (doors 6:45)**

AbbeyChurch 932 Balmoral Rd

Tickets \$30 at the door Cash or debit

All benefits to a local refugee family through Anglican Diocese.

## **Weekday Prayer (all welcome!)**

**Monday evening centering prayer** 8pm chapel & Zoom

**Tuesday morning prayer** at 8:15am Zoom and Marilyn's

**Wednesday evening prayer** to follow book group in chapel

**Thursday morning prayer @ 8:15am chapel.**

**Friday morning prayer @ 8:15am - Zoom only**

*Email us for exact locations or zoom link.*

## **Book Group Conversation**

*Serving God, Serving Money*

Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the chapel. Feel free to join in.

## **AbbeyTeens Youth Group**

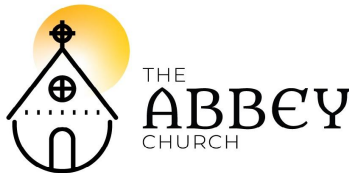
Next gatherings: Thursday Nov 16 & Dec 14 @ 7pm

Drop us a line for more information.

## **Open Potluck Meals After Church**

November 12 & December 10 (sorry for the wrong date last week!)

Bring a dish to contribute or just come eat and drink freely!



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We would love to connect!