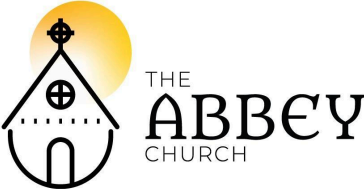


Epiphany 2

January 14, 2024 + 4pm



Image: Carmelle Beaugelin "The Orchestral Summons" Movements of Grace, 2019.



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).

As a witness to unity in diversity, The AbbeyChurch is an affirming shared ministry of The United Church of Canada and The Anglican Church of Canada. We draw on those spiritual traditions, as well as others across the Christian spectrum. We're also connected to an intentional community - the Emmaus Community - who make commitments of prayer, presence and simplicity.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Bell x 3

Opening Words

In this time and place we gather with gratitude on the lands of the ləkʷəŋən people; known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

From many places and peoples, we come to this house of prayer.

Arise; shine, for your light has come!

We are called out of the shadows and into God's light!

Lift up your eyes and look around.

We rejoice in the gift of God's good world!

Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing. We will set our common table

Opening Song: Almighty God

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy
Come with your light, we cannot hide from you

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
With gratitude, we raise our song to you
Come and feel the praises of your people
In grace and truth, you make us new again

Refrain

Hallelujah X3

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
We long for more than what this world provides
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
Your river deep, floods over everything *Refrain*

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Collect

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria:

(♩ = ca. 80)

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

②

Keyboard

③
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Poem: Selected and read by poet-in-residence, Rebecca Yeo

We Proclaim

Hebrew Scripture

A reading from the book of Samuel (3:1-10)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where

the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I

did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the

word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

...The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139 *Domine, probasti (1-18)*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there your hand will lead me and your mighty hand hold me fast

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night."

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'fiddle'. The lyrics are: [A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? Chords: D, G, D, A.

The second staff lyrics are: [A] You are gra-cious and merc - i - ful. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? Chords: D, G, D, A.

The third staff lyrics are: [A] Slow to an - ger and a-bound-ing in love. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? Chords: D, G, D, A.

The fourth staff lyrics are: [A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Let us trust in your word. Chords: D, G, D, A.

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 John (2: 1-20).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom

there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

Gospel Acclamation



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. Below the staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia," are written with hyphens under the syllables. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." are written below, with a long horizontal line under the final "ia." to indicate a sustained note.

The Sermon

Lynn Mills, EC

Followed by bell / brief silence for meditation/ bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm the ancient story of faith:

Credo

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the spirit
for God's new community of hope.

Iona Community.

Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in mercy and infinite in goodness, let us turn to the light and confess our sins...

Silence

Before God, **with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.**

Siblings in Christ - know that God forgives you, Christ renews you, and the Spirit enables you to grow in love! Amen.

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 communion table is set.

Contributions to our common life can be made at the back of the space (now or later).

As we prepare for this holy feast we are reminded that all are welcome to receive wherever they find themselves in their spiritual journey. All are welcome to Jesus' table - as you feel ready.

Offertory: I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk,
till trav'ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1846), Public Domain.

We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and this wine, which earth has given and human hands have made. May it become for us our spiritual nourishment. **Blessed be God forever.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right to glorify you and to give you thanks our holy and living God; you dwell in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendour of your radiance. Now we praise you with the faithful of every time and place and give voice to every creature as we join in the eternal hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy one all your actions reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from your friendship you did not abandon us to the power of death. Again and again you called us into covenant and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. You so loved the world that in the fullness of time you sent your only begotten one to be our Saviour.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God because on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me. After supper he took the cup when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for the world; do this in remembrance of me. Gracious God, from the gifts you have given us we offer you this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory. X2

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, O God in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

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 larger common cup. Please refrain from dipping the bread.

Communion Song (Pre-recorded):

Communion Song: The love of Jesus calls us

The love of Jesus calls us, our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
companions on a journey where all the world may see,
that serving Christ is freedom, which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.

The love of Jesus calls us, to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us, in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
that God, with men and women, may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

Text; Herbert O'Driscoll (1928 -) Tune: Aureli

Communion Song: Precious Lord, take my hand

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

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Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing

We Are Sent

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 I may wonder, I still will follow...

Though none go with me, still I will follow...

Sing glory, glory, hallelujah...

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Sending

Arise, and go forth to bear witness to the light!

**We go to spread the good news of light and love,
for all the world to see. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Closing Loop

Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday Jan 17 - midweek Eucharist resumes (w/ Our Place)
meet at Balmoral entrance 3:45 to walk over**

**Tuesday Feb 12 - Mardi Gras - Shrove Tuesday Celebration!
(W/ North Park Neighbourhood Association and the Odd Hack Band)
6:00 dinner - 7:00 dancing and shenanigans**

Wednesday Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday (and Valentines Day!)



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