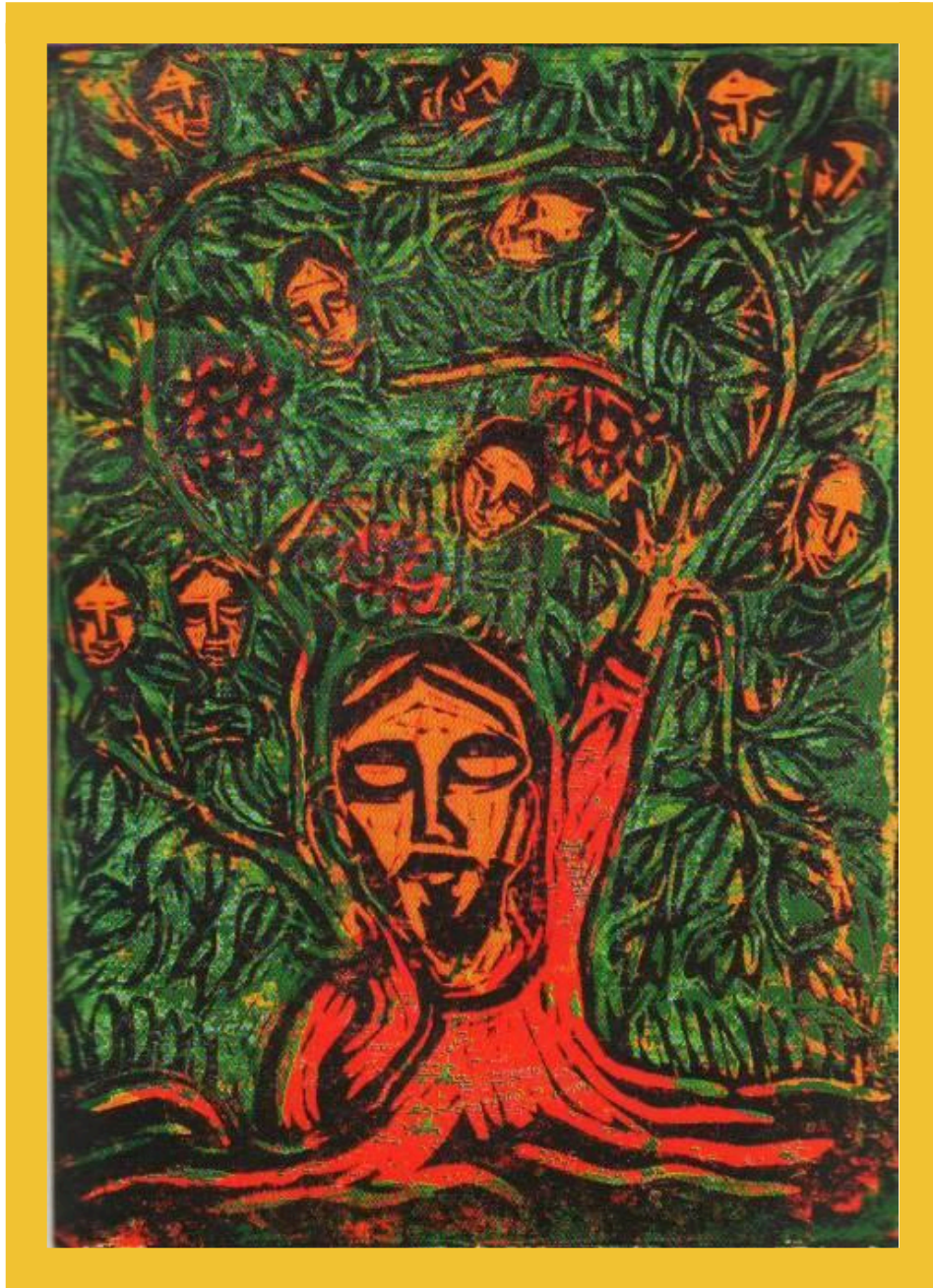


Easter + 5

April 28, 2024 + 4pm



*Image: The Vine and The Branches P. Solomon Raj -Solomon Raj, P.: St. John's Gospel:
A Gallery of Hieratic Art (Vijayawada: St. Luke's Lalit Kala Ashram) 2016*



Welcome to the AbbeyChurch

Christ Is Risen! Chrst is Risen Indeed!

***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 practise 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 summarised 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 Emmaus, an intentional community that makes commitments to one another for prayer, presence and simplicity.

We believe that Christ's love and grace binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.



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We Gather

The Abbey Church acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the, the Lək'wəḡən peoples', the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and strive to journey toward reparation, right relationship and reconciliation with justice.

Opening Loop

Tolling of the Bells

Land Acknowledgement and Announcements

Bell x 3

Gathering Words

All is not lost

It must not be

There are children

There are wildflowers

Love creeps into our lives like vines

rooting into our hearts the ways of liberation

We are interconnected, branches of the same corner of the universe,
reaching for sunlight, yearning for transformation,
tenderly caring for all that still longs to live.

Let us worship God—

Our Sunlight, Our Salvation,

Our Ancient Ever New Hope. *enfleshed.*

Let us Pray: Creator, through your son Jesus Christ our nature as your beloved children has been revealed. As we abide in Christ and through this Holy Eucharist may you bring us evermore into communion with your Life That Never Goes Away; that we may know and share the abundance of your Love with the world. Fill us with your Spirit and receive our prayer. **Amen!**

During this gathering song, folks of all ages (including children and youth!) are welcome to set the orange table with icons and symbols of faith and hope found on the back table!

Gathering Song: Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting birds and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving
ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of Grace and fount of blessing
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals! join this mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand-in-hand
Ever singing march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music lifts us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

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Poem: Lineage Matters by Linda Mills Woolsey (in Christian Century) selected by Rebecca Yeo, AbbeyChurch poet-in-residence

We Proclaim

The Psalm: Psalm 62-63 (Sung: My Soul Finds Rest)

Oh my God hear my cry
From the depths I call out to you
You give your mercy and light
In the dark, in the wilderness

Refrain: My soul finds rest in God alone
My salvation comes from You
My soul finds rest, God is my home
I will not be shaken, I will not be shaken

Our God is mighty to save
I will wait, I will wait for You. *Refrain.*

O my strength, I sing praise to you
O my strength, I sing praise to you
In joy or pain, I sing praise to you
Night or day, I sing praise to you.
Refrain.

Sandra McCracken Drink Your Tea Music 2014 / CCLI

You are my shield and my strength
Train my feet for this battle

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Mass of Restoration



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The Gospel

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ!
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the +Gospel of John
(15:1-8)

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my
Abba is the vinegrower. My Abba
removes every branch in me that bears
no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit

my Abba prunes to make it bear more

fruit. You have already been cleansed by
the word that I have spoken to you.
Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as
the branch cannot bear fruit by itself
unless it abides in the vine, neither can
you unless you abide in me. I am the
vine, you are the branches. Those who
abide in me and I in them bear much
fruit, because apart from me you can do

*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 Song: The Summons (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.

John Bell / Wild Goose / Iona Community - OneLicense

We Celebrate

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us our spiritual nourishment.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

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. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...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 in the highest.

While Jesus was eating with his disciples, he took a loaf of bread,
and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said,
“Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Glory to you forever and ever.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the wine
and after blessing it, poured it, gave it to them and said,
“take, this is my blood, 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. (x2)

+Send your Holy Spirit upon us...
...made one in your love. **Amen.** St. Lydia's Table, alt.

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, or Mother) who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
Forever and ever. 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 may contain almond
flour egg and dairy. Please ask the server if you would like a non-dairy / almond option
(rice). The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the larger common cup.
Please refrain from dipping the bread.*

Song: (pre-recorded) Agnus Dei by the Soul Sanctuary Choir. C2018 Soul Sanctuary Choir (UK)

Communion Song: We Abide We Abide In You

VERSE

1. We are the vine - yard You have plan - ted; tend our leaves and wi - ld
 2. Fruit grow - ing from our strength and la - bor rain on us with grace and

bran - ches. We a - bide, we a - bide in You. We a - bide, we a - bide in You.
 fa - vor, we a - bide, we a - bide in You. we a - bide, we a - bide in You.

CHORUS

Where can my soul find liv - ing wa - ter? A - part from You we bear no fruit! O plant my
 feet — down by the ri - ver. We a - bide, we a - bide in You.

McCracken / Vice / Wardell / Zack - Porter's Gate Music, et al - CCLI

Communion Song: I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

I want Jesus to walk with me;
 I want Jesus to walk with me;
 All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,
 I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
 When the shades of life are falling, Lord,
 I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me;
 In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me;
 When my heart within is aching, Lord,
 I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me;
 I want Jesus to walk with me;
 All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,
 I want Jesus to walk with me.

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Prayer after Communion

**All: Eternal God, beloved Source of our being,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;**

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Sent

Blessing

Closing Song: Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path

grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
(refrain)

What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
(refrain)

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Sending

Go, rooted in the risen Vine, to be the branches of love throughout all creation. **Amen!**
Thanks to be God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Announcement Loop

We will be here next Sunday at 4pm for worship.



Wild Quinine 2015 - Sarah Fuller Art - <https://sarahfullerart.com/>

Prayer and Communion gatherings other than Sunday Afternoons

Mondays at 9am - Morning Prayer with Centering Prayer @ AbbeyChurch office (off the Balmoral parking lot, metal stairs up) - in-person only.

Tuesdays at 8:15am - morning prayer - next two weeks ZOOM ONLY

Tuesday Eucharist at 11am *at and with Our Place at Pandora site.*

Thursdays at 8:15am - morning prayer - next two weeks ZOOM ONLY

Fridays at 8:15am - morning prayer - *on-line zoom only*

Sundays at 10am - Spanish Anglican Eucharist at Quadra/Balmoral Chapel. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - Misas Todos Los domingos a las 10: 00 de la Mañana con Fr. Dimas Canjura

Our weekday common prayer is liturgical in nature and based on ancient monastic practices.

It's open to all who wish to join in-person or online.



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