Pentecost +10

July 28, 2024 + 4pm



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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 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 is inspired by monasticism and 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 AbbeyChurch acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the, the Lək əŋən peoples', the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and strive to journey toward reparation, right relationship and reconciliation with justice.

Opening Loop Tolling of the Bells Announcements and Land Acknowledgement

Bell x 3

Gathering Words

The ineffable, unending grace of Jesus Christ, the love supreme of God the Source and the mystic sweet communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **And also with you!**

[we say the words in bold together]
God you offer us radical acceptance
We receive your warmth of welcome
We devote ourselves to acts of ordinary care
to rest for the sake of rest
to unlearn the logic of violence
to practice expansive compassion
To meet You, the Holy,
Working in us to create the world to come.
For even amidst tumult
liberation can be tended like a garden.
Let us worship God
the Holy who is woven through our days. Enfleshed, alt.

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!

Opening Song: We Will Feast In the House of Zion

Refrain: We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored You have done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire You are the Lord, our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up. *refrain*. In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. *refrain*.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful One And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom. refrain. Sandra McCracken © 2015 Integrity Worship Music / CCLI

The Poem selected and read by poet-in-residence Rebecca Yeo

We Proclaim

The Psalm - Psalm 23 (Sung / Stillwater)

The Lord is my Shepherd Leads me beside still water The Lord is my Shepherd Leads me beside still water

Even though I walk through the dark night I will not fear death You know my troubled voice And you will le—ad me... And you will le—ad me... And you will le—ad me... You will lead me home Tom Wuest / BrassTrumpet Publishing / Used with permission.

The words of Psalm 23 are read during the instrumental break

The Epistle (Ephesians 3: 14-21)

A reading from the letter for the beloved community at Ephesus.

For this reason I bow my knees before Abba, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

...The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

Sung Gospel Acclamation: Spirit of the Loving God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Daniel Iverson (1936) / Birdwing Music / CCLI / VU

The Gospel (John 6: 1-21, NRSVUE)

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were

about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. ...Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

Acclamation: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Daniel Iverson (1936) / Birdwing Music / CCLI / VU

Sermon Rob Shearer, ec

Bell + short silence

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm the 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. Decker, alt. / Cardiphonia Music, 2006 / CCLI

Our Prayers

The Confession

Let us, together, take a moment in silence before the God of unending mercy and love to confess our sin.

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. bell. silence. bell.

The Assurance/Absolution

The Peace

...The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

All are invited to offer a gesture or sign of God's peace to those around them.

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.

The Offertory Song: It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; What ever my lot Thou has taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *refrain*. My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross
and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul! *Refrain*.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight. The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so" it is well with my soul. *refrain*. Public Domain / Spafford / Bliss / 1873.

We Celebrate

The Prayer Over the Gifts

O God, the lover who calls us to radical trust, When the storms of life are raging - increase in us the knowledge of your love Walk on water toward us and be our guide, our friend and protector This we ask through Jesus Christ our sibling and sovereign - who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** rjs

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.

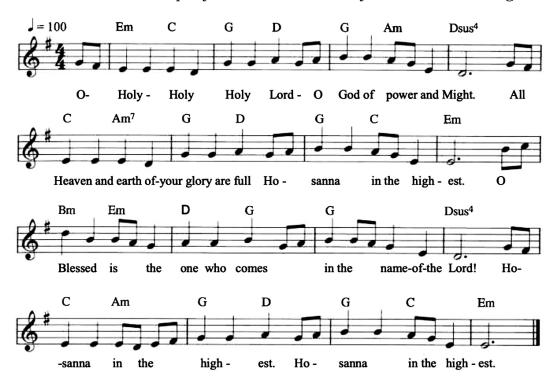
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands! All of creation echoes the music of your praise. When sin had scarred the world, You made a covenant to renew the whole of creation. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are filled. You have sent your Holy Spirit as a mighty stream to refresh and renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with the company of heaven and all of your creation we sing:



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:



Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that with burning hearts, we may be a people of hope, justice, and love. As grain was scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread, so may your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in your love.



The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent, we pray as Jesus taught:

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 cracker). The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the larger common cup.

Please refrain from dipping the bread.

Reflection Song: Trust in the Way (original by Beth Miller)

Take your time break new ground
The word made flesh in the way of sound
Beast a rhythm flows in streams
The way of love washes you clean
Trust in the way - washes your heart - washes you clean.

No need to try so hard - no need to try so hard The Lord of love is close as breath Sound and fragrance mountains fresh Return to love give back to life With all you are and all you might No need to try so hard...

The way of love washes your heart... 2028 Beth Miller

Communion / Praise: Eat This Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup Come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup. Trust in me and you will not first. Ateliers et Presses de Taize / OneLicense (J. Berthier)

Praise / Communion Song: Satisfied



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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together: Living God, we give you thanks for the mystery of your love made known to us in the bread of life. Send us from this place satisfied in the abundance of your grace - that we may be witnesses of your radical abundance and that, through your working in us, there may be enough for each person's need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Are Sent

Blessing

Sung Together...

The Lord Bless you and keep you
The Lord make Their face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up Their countenance upon you
and give you peace... And the blessing...

Closing Song: Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone 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 Thomas A. Dorsey © 1938 (Renewed 1965) UNICHAPPELL MUSIC INC. / CCLI

Dismissal:

Glory to God whose power working in us can do more than we can ask or imagine. Go in peace, in abundance and joy to follow Christ and feed the masses.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Closing Announcement Loop

We will be back in TWO SUNDAYS. August 11 at 4pm for worship

Summer Worship Schedule

August 4 - off week

August 11 - worship at 4pm Abbey Church - Pentecost +12

August 18 - off week + potluck!

August 25 - worship at 4pm Abbey Church - Pentecost +14
September 1 - worship at 4pm Willows Beach - Season of Creation

September 8 - worship at 4pm Abbey Church

September 15 - an ordination at the Anglican Cathedral

<u>Prayer and Communion gatherings</u> 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.

MONDAY Our Place Eucharist MONTHLY on a Monday for the summer. Next one: THISW MONDAY July 15 Folks can meet in the parking lot at 10:45 to walk over together.

Tuesdays at 8:15am - morning prayer - Lynn and Phil's - and online on Zoom

Thursdays at 8:15am - morning prayer -

AbbeyChurch office (see above) and online on zoom.

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 Los domingos a las 10: 00 de la Mañana con Fr. Dimas Canjura. Guadalupe will meet on the same Sundays as AbbeyChurch for the Summer July 14, 28, etc.

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. Liturgies can be found on our website.

New Partnership with QomQem: Call for Food Donations

We're now welcoming food donations for AbbeyChurch/Emmaus partnership with QomQem coastal connections - an indigenous harm reduction organisation. We'll be using this food to support their street outreach on Sunday evenings. Our folk are also welcomed to assist in sandwich prep after church at 5:30pm most Sundays starting date TBA

Here is the list of desired items:

- large bags of soft candies to make up mixed candy bags (ie sour keys, cherry blasters etc)
- Large jars of peanut butter, Nutella or jam
- Tins of Gatorade powder
- Tins of hot chocolate powder (once it starts to cool)
- Sweet treats like pre wrapped Rice Krispie squares, wagon wheels, ding dongs etc
- Fruit cups
- Flavoured Apple sauce cups
- Soft chew granola bars (nutragrain, etc)
- Small easy peel oranges and bananas (for Sunday drop-off)

We now have a treasure chest at the back of the church for collection. Thanks for any help you can be in this amazing work!



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