

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 + 6pm



The name 'Maundy' derives from the Latin for 'new commandment' – mandatum novum – which Christ gave his disciples at the 'Last Supper'.



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 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 (full inclusion and leadership of 2SLGBTQIA+ folk) 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 whose members make commitments to 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.

The AbbeyChurch acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the Lək̓ʷəŋən peoples', the Songhees and Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations. We strive to journey toward reparation, right relationship and reconciliation with justice. We confess the complicity of our religious traditions and institutions in the loss of life, lands, languages, spiritualities and cultures of the First Peoples' of these lands. We are grateful for the ongoing wisdom, stewardship and tending of these lands and apprentice ourselves to this good work of caring for creation and seeking to live in right-relationship with each other.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

Opening Words

O Christ, kneeling as a servant,
washing the disciples' feet,
shocking in your humility,
help us to follow in your way.

O Christ, taking bread and wine,
crystal-clear in your awareness
of the work you must complete,
nourish us on your saving presence.

Infinite, intimate God,
kneel before us and wash our feet.
**In awe and wonder, we lay ourselves bare
to your redeeming acts of love.**

Let us pray,
Holy God, on this night you gave us this sacred meal of bread and wine in which we
celebrate the mystery of your self-giving for the sake of all Creation. Open our eyes to
receive this gift of your divine compassion, placed into our trembling open hands. As we
commit ourselves to following your example of love and service, teach us humility and grant
us your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Poem: Maundy Thursday by Malcolm Guite

Here is the source of every sacrament. The all-transforming presence of the Lord.
Replenishing our every element. Remaking us in his creative Word.
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine. The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech.
The fire dances where the candles shine. The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.
And here He shows the full extent of love to us whose love is always incomplete.
In vain we search the heavens high above, the God of love is kneeling at our feet.
Though we betray Him, though it is the night. He meets us here and loves us into light.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (26:17-30)

(Translation by the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney)

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain person, and say, 'The Teacher says. My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did just as Jesus instructed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve, and while they ate, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became deeply grieved and each one began to say to him, "Not me, is it Rabbi?" He responded and said, "The one who dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. Indeed, the Son of Woman goes away as it is written of him, but woe to the person by whom the Son of Woman is betrayed! It would have been better for that person not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, responded, and said, "It wasn't me was it, Rabbi?" He replied, "You said it." While

they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. I tell you all, I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you all in the realm of my Abba."

Silence

Call to the Feast

Friends, this is the Table of the Lord. From the night of his arrest through succeeding generations, Jesus' disciples have continued to come to the Table for this holy meal. As he did that night in Jerusalem, gathered around a table, so ever since in all times and places, Jesus meets us here. Whether we are filled with faith or emptied by doubt; In bread broken, cup poured out and hands that gently cup our own, we remember the full extent of Christ's love for us and give thanks. Oh God, bless the meal we are about to share that we may be nourished for the work of your Kingdom.

We come to this table lifting our lives and prayers to you:

Our Father (Source/Mother/Parent) **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 sins

as we forgive those who sin against us

Save us from the time of trial & deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours

Now and forever, Amen.

Holy food for Holy People.

Let us share the feast! Amen!

You are welcome to grab a plate of food and return to the table.

Holy Eucharist

O God we ask your blessing on this bread we eat tonight.

We break it because our ancestors have broken bread for ages upon ages and in ways upon ways. We break it to remember our exile and our deliverance.

We break it to remember our vulnerability, that we depend on bread, as we do on each other. We break it to remember that it is in our brokenness that we meet each other.

We break it to remember that in community we are made whole, that in relationship we make sense. We break it to remember the earth, to celebrate the growing and dying and growing again of grain.

We break it for the courage to break. We break it for the courage to heal.

We break it to remember that we must share our bread and our tables with those who need food and a place.

We break it to remembering that on the night before he died Jesus shared bread, and gave thanks and shared it with his companions saying take and eat this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

We break it to remember Jesus invites us in, offering his life that we may be fully his.

As we eat and drink tonight, Oh God, may we know Jesus in the breaking of the bread and in our burning hearts. Amen

Oh God, we ask your blessing on this wine (juice) we drink tonight

**May the wine (juice) be blessed on my/our lips,
blessed as the intimacy of the wedding feast,
blessed as the miracle made from water,
blessed as the harvest of the grapes,
blessed as the mystery of fermentation,
blessed as the suffering undergone for love.**

Blessed as Jesus who took the cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, and blessed it and gave it to his companions saying take this all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

As we eat and drink this night, Oh God, may we know Jesus in the blessing of the wine and in our burning hearts, as we watch and pray. Amen

As our meal draws to an end, we will do a brief cleanup of dishes and tables, resetting the chairs and regathering to conclude our time with a washing of feet and hands.



Foot Washing Service - Janice Huse

Sacrament of Service

Luke 7:36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. 37 And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38 She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

John 13:3 Jesus, knowing that God had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him...After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me

Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Let us pray,

Love of God, poured out for the world: let this water be for us a source of life; as we share in this gift of kindness, wash away our fear, revive our faith, let your love shine through.

Amen.

You are invited to come forward to receive or to, in turn, wash another's hand or foot - cherishing each part, each scar or imperfection, the beauty and the evidence of life - aware and surrounded by the hands of God wrapping you tenderly in love.

Please join in singing as you are able.

Pre-recorded Song: Turn me Tender (Martyn Joseph)

Within Our Darkest Night

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a -

way. With - in our dark - est night, you kin - dle the

fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.

Ateliers et Presses de Taize, 1991, OneLicense.

Fire of Love

Fire of Love we wait on you to kindle our hearts, kindle our hearts
Fire of Love we wait on you to kindle our hearts we pray
Holy Spirit fan the flame...

Tom Wuest, 2006.

Liberanos

Liberanos, Liberanos, Liberanos, Liberanos
From the darkness that surrounds us, and the fears we carry inside of us
Liberanos, Liberanos, Jesu Christo Liberanos
Liberanos, Liberanos, Lord we pray you will deliver us, Liberanos

David Nacho, Grandview Church, Vancouver.

By Night

By night we hasten, in darkness, to
De noche iremos, de noche, que

The musical notation is for a two-part setting in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note B-flat, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note D, and a quarter note E. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a half note B-flat, followed by a quarter rest, then a half note D, and a quarter note E. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

seek for the living water, on - ly our thirst lights us
pa - ra en-con-trar la fuen - te, só - lo la sed nos a -

The musical notation continues the two-part setting. The vocal line (treble clef) has a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B-flat, and a half note C. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) has a half note B-flat, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, and a half note E. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

on - wards, on - ly our thirst lights us on - wards.
lum - bra, só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra.

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"De Noche Iremos" by Jacques Berthier, Taizé, 1991.

Creator of Orien

Creator of Orien and the Pleiades
One who turns the shadow of death into day
Voice beheld in the morning psalm of creation
Lord of all crucified from the dawn of time

You are the lamb of God
Who takes away the sin of the world

You are the Lamb of God
King of Kings, Lord of Lords

You will gather us in and bind up our broken
You will loosen the chains on all our oppressed
You will lead us to living fountains of water
You will wipe away all tears from our eyes

Tom Wuest, 2011. Brass Trumpet Publishing Used with Permission

Come Light our Hearts

For You, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
For You, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.
Truly our hope is in You - Truly our hope is in You.

O Lord of life, our only hope, Your radiance shines
On all who look to You in the dark.
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts.

Oh joy above, all other loves ,
In You we find more than enough,
We come as we are, O heal and restore,
Come light our hearts,

Sandra McCracken / 2016 Drink Your Tea Music [ASCAP] / CCLI.



Final Reading

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” He came

and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”
(Mark 14:32-42)

Closing Song: Stay With me

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und
pray, tet, watch and pray.
be tet, wa chet und be tet.

f *p* *f* *p*

F C Dm A SUS A

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There is no dismissal.

We depart in silence.



Holy Week & Easter

**Thursday April 17th – 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Supper Church/Potluck
With Holy Eucharist and optional foot/hand washing in the Sanctuary**

**Friday, April 18th – 10:00 am Good Friday worship
(with Fairfield United and the Place Community Church) in the Sanctuary**

**Friday, April 18th - Aprox 11:15 am (after the service)
Movie: Jesus of Montreal (Mature themes) - Emmaus/AbbeyChurch office**

**Sunday, April 20th – 5:45 am Easter Sunday Sunrise
(meet at Willows Beach for worship and a breakfast potluck)**

Sunday, April 20th – 4:00 pm Easter Sunday Worship & Celebration!

**Monday, April 21st - 5 pm Easter Dinner in Sooke! RSVP to
admin@emmauscommunity.ca for the address.
(Carpooling may be available if needed).**