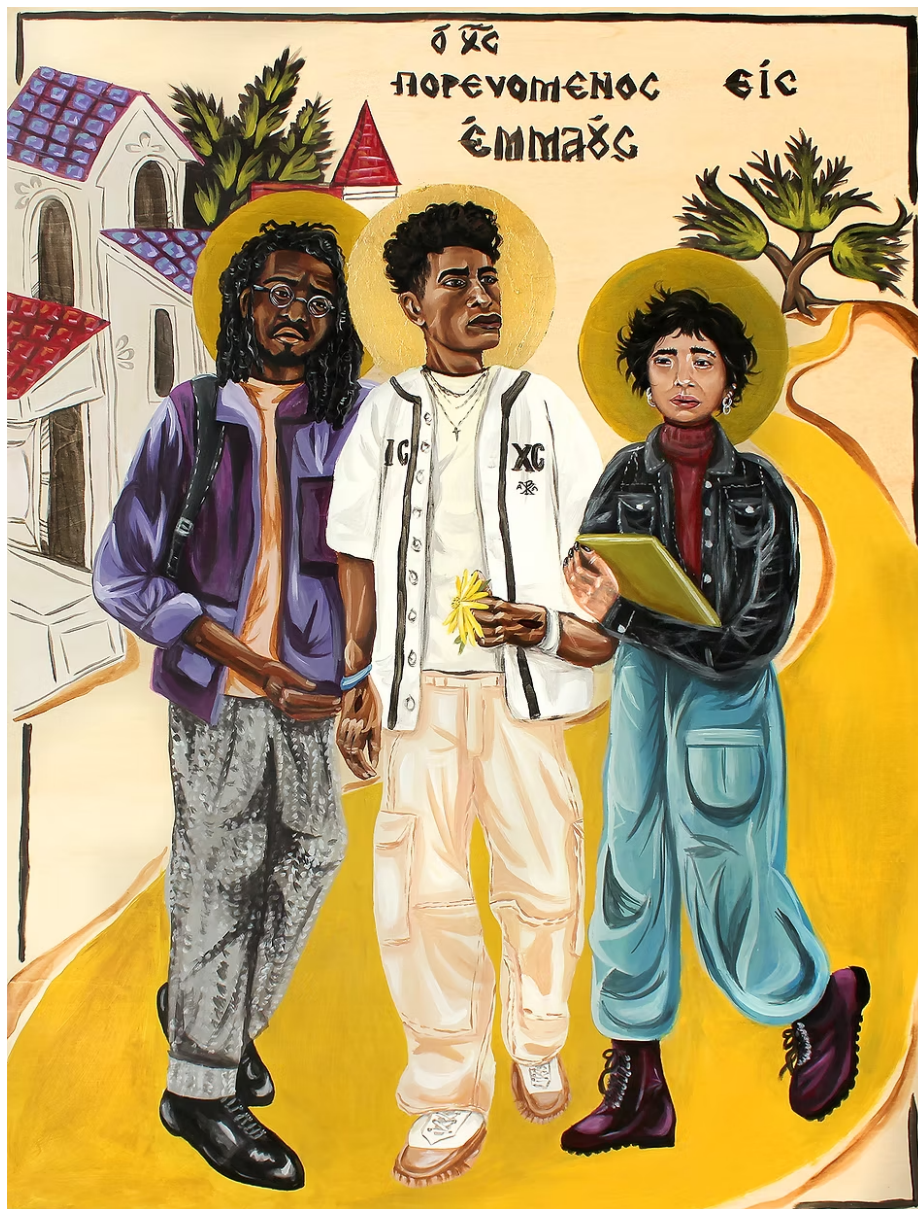


# Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 + 4pm



*The Road to Emmaus - Gracie Morbitzer - themodernsaints.com*

*"Just like the two on the road to Emmaus, may we recognize you, Jesus, in the faces of those we encounter along the way; especially those who seem lonely, forgotten, or distressed. Inspire us to listen, learn, and be changed. May we journey alongside our brothers and sisters with an open mind and compassionate heart. Amen."*



# 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.

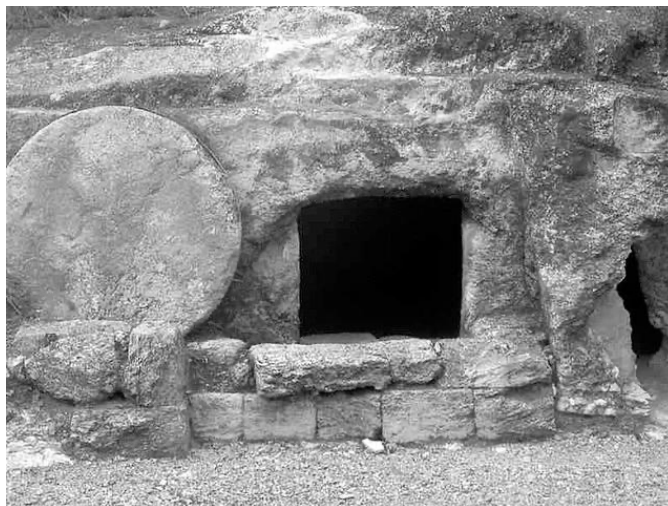
We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

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 Ləkʷəŋən 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.



## **We Gather**

### **Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

*Bell x 3*

### **Gathering Words**

Where hurting hearts are healed and made whole,  
where wounded souls are consoled,  
where life shows itself stronger than death:

**there the stone has been rolled away.**

Where the lonely are received in open arms,  
where a stranger is welcomed home,  
where hope shows itself stronger than despair,

**there, we find Jesus walking on the road.**

Where freedom bids the addict to turn,  
where serenity visits the anxious heart,  
where love shows itself stronger than hate:

**there, Jesus is opening our eyes.**

Alleluia, the stone has been rolled away!

**Jesus is our promised companion on the journey!**

Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Alleluia! Christ is with us!**

Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies, Alt.

### **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 are 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, O how long? O 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 / Drink Your Tea Music / CCLI

**The Poem** - Selected and Read by Rebecca Yeo, Poet-in-Residence

**Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19** (*read responsively*)

I love GOD because God has listened to me,  
listened as I begged for mercy.

**God listened so intently**

**as I laid out my case before God.**

Death stared me in the face,  
hell was hard on my heels.

**Up against it, I didn't know which way to turn;  
then I called out to GOD for help:**

"Please, GOD!" I cried out.

"Only you can save my life!"

**GOD is gracious—God makes things right,  
our most compassionate God.**

GOD takes the side of the helpless;  
when I was at the end of my rope, God saved me.

**What can I give back to GOD**

**for the blessings poured out on me?**

I'll lift high the cup of salvation— I raise a toast to GOD!

I'll pray in the name of GOD;

**I'll complete what I promised GOD I'd do,  
and I'll do it together with God's people.**

When they arrive at the gates of death,  
GOD welcomes those who love him.

**Oh, GOD, here I am, your servant,  
your faithful servant: set me free for your service!**

I'm ready to offer the thanksgiving sacrifice  
and pray in the name of GOD.

**I'll complete what I promised GOD I'd do,  
and I'll do it in company with God's people,**

In the place of worship, in GOD's house,  
in Jerusalem, GOD's city.

**Hallelujah!**

*The Message, Alt.*

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

### Gospel Acclamation



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### The Gospel

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops. **With our words and with our lives!**

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (24:13-35)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops.

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



*Bell. Silence for reflection. Bell.*

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith and remember our ancient Story of trust.*

**Credo**

I believe in God, the Maker Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit - and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heav'n, - and is seated at the right hand of the Maker.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

+The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. A-----men.

*Ryan Flanigan/ Liturgical folk/ CCLI \* = Universal*

**Our Prayers**

**Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness**

Holy God, Maker of all

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

**Have mercy on us**

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

*Silence*

**Before God, with the people of God,**

**I confess to my brokenness:**

**to the ways I wound my life,**

**the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

**Absolution or Assurance of Grace**

**The Peace**

Beloved in Christ, the peace of the risen Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace to those near you.*

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**The Offertory 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 breaking,  
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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## **We Celebrate**

*As we prepare for this holy feast we are reminded that all are welcome at Jesus's wherever they find themselves in their spiritual journey. If you do not wish to receive, place your hands across your chest to receive a prayer of blessing.*

### **Prayer Over The Gifts**

Let us pray: Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer just what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. Be with us, Risen Jesus, as we offer you our love, our devotion, and these gifts of bread and wine. May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. **Amen.**

*Carol Penner, Leading in Worship, Alt.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving / Communion**

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 risen Lord.

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

Thanks and praise fill our hearts, for you are the God of creation and new creation, of covenant and new covenant. You brought your people out of Slavery into Freedom and you brought your son from the depth of death into the glory of Resurrection Life. And so we gladly thank you, with all the company of Heaven and all your creation, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

*[singing]* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth of your glory are full**

**Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. repeat.**

*Steve Bell, alt. / © 1991 Signpost Music / CCLI*

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ our Lord.

With thanksgiving, we remember his words: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you.

And so this afternoon, we remember how he took a loaf of bread,  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.  
And after supper, he took the cup saying, This cup that is poured out for you  
is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me

Remembering your acts of mercy, we celebrate this feast of the risen Lord,  
offering our lives in thanksgiving and praise as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

As you did in creation, so too in the wonder of your resurrection - send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the body and blood of the risen Christ. Come among us once more and breathe into us your peace, breathe into us your life, that all who labour, all who weep, all who hunger, all who rejoice, may meet you here - in the breaking of the bread.

Shape your church to be your risen body, a diverse and beautiful demonstration of Your Kingdom until you come again and we are made one in your love. **Amen.**

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

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

**Our \*Father** (\*or Parent, or Abba, or Amma, 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 is kept*

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 (none compelled!) 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 / nut option (rice crackers). The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the larger common cup.  
Please refrain from dipping the bread.*

**Song** (pre-recorded): **Lamb of God** by Tom Wuest Brass Trumpet Publishing / Used With Permission

### **Song: Jesus Feed Us**

Again and again and again

To this table we come

Once a people estranged

Now as one in your name

In your mercy and grace

Forgiven of what we've confessed

By your body and blood

One last thing we request

To you we pray Jesus feed us

Feed us Jesus

Feed us Jesus - With your healing love.

*Gord Johnson. St. Benedict's Table. CCLI*

### **Song: God's Highway**

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear - I cannot see the way from here

But on we go, You know the way - And in Your arms, You keep me safe.

*Refrain:* Fear not, keep on, watch and pray

Walk in the light of God's highway

The shadows flee, The valley is deep - but evil cannot conquer me

Your rod and staff, They protect me - You give me rest, You give me peace (*Refrain*)



I see the shore, from troubled seas - this tiny ship that carries me  
It is not yet, But it will be - so heaven come, It's you we need *(Refrain)*

I'm holding onto you, Lord - You're holding onto me... *(Refrain)*

Sandra McCracken / Drink Your Tea Music / CCLI

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray: Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we have known the risen Lord. Feed us always in these holy mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the World. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Anglican Church of Canada, Alt.*

## **We Are Sent**

### **The Blessing**

#### **Doxology**

**Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **Closing Song: Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, let me stand

I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm 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

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### **The Sending**

Go in peace to meet Christ on the way and at the table. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to the risen Christ! Alleluia!**

**We will be back next week at 4 pm!**

**Reach out to us at [admin@emmauscommunity.ca](mailto:admin@emmauscommunity.ca) if you would like to connect.**

## **Weekday Prayer**

**Mondays at 9 am** - Morning Prayer with Centering Prayer @ Emmaus/AbbeyChurch office  
(off the Balmoral parking lot, metal stairs up) - approx 45 mins - in-person only.

**Tuesdays at 9 am** - Morning Prayer @ Emmaus/AbbeyChurch office  
- in-person and online on Zoom - approx 25-30 mins.

**Thursdays at 8:15 am** - morning prayer - Emmaus/AbbeyChurch office and online on zoom.

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

Contact us for information on the accessible entrance or zoom/liturgies link

**Next Potluck** - May 25th (After worship)

## **Donations to our Common Life and Ministry**

We are so grateful for your presence with us! A huge thank you to everyone who supported our ministry in 2024 and made it possible to continue to thrive in the place God has called us to. If you are interested in donating to our common life, you can now send offerings by **e-transfer to [treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca](mailto:treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca)** or talk to Lynn, our treasurer to sign up for monthly giving (PAR)! There's also a point of sale machine at the back table for debit or credit donations. Or give through Canadahelps by clicking the QR code here: All donations are eligible for a charitable receipt for income tax purposes.



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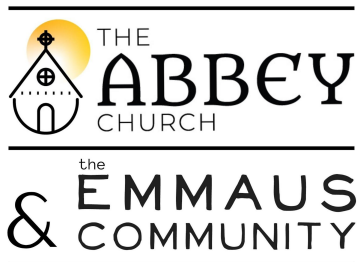




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