



The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025 + 4pm



Toward Jerusalem Print (The Samaritans Reject Jesus) by Lauren Wright Pittman



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 Lək'wəŋən 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

Opening Loop and Tolling of the Bells Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Bell x 3

Gathering Words

The grace of our +Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing, and our community altar is set.

Opening Song: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home

If you get to heaven before I do,
Coming for to carry me home.
You'll tell all your friends I'll be coming there too,
Coming for to carry me home. *Refrain.*

I looked over Jordan and what did I see?
Coming for to carry me home
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home.. *Refrain.*

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down
Coming for to carry me home
But still my soul feels heavenly bound
Coming for to carry me home. *Refrain.*

African-American Spiritual - probably composed in the late 1860s by Wallace Willis
and his daughter Minerva Willis, both Choctaw freedmen

2 Kings 8:14.

“What did Elisha say to you?”

*(a found poem, imagining a conversation between Elisha (E) and me (A),
made up entirely of questions from 1 & 2 Kings)*

E: Is everything all right?

A: Who is on my side? Who?

Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?

Will I recover from this illness?

As for...the events... are they not
written in the book?

Who are you?

Don't you know...?

Why have you torn your robes?

Why have you come back?

For which of us?

Which of us is on the side of the king?

Is he still alive?

Is this how you act? Do you see this vast army?

Shall I go to war? Shall I refrain?

Shall we go to war?

Will you go with me to fight?

If... kings could not resist, how can we?

Who will start the battle?

Who will do this?

How could your servant accomplish such a feat?

Is there no prophet here?

Didn't I tell you that he never

prophesies anything good?

How many times must I make you swear
to tell nothing but the truth
in the name of the LORD?

We Proclaim

The Hebrew Scripture

A Reading from 1 Kings 19 (selected verses) and 2 Kings 2 (selected verses)

Then the LORD said to Elijah ...you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"... [7 years later] ...The LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, He said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over...The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Gospel 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.

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The Gospel

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way, they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another, he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." ...Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops.

With our words and with our lives!

Gospel Acclamation: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, move among us all,
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!"
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Sermon

Rob Shearer, ec

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

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.** *The United Church of Canada, 1968, rev.*

Our Prayers

The Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in
your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution or Assurance of Grace

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you! **And also with you.**

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

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The Offertory Song: The Heart of God

The Heart of God has been revealed
The Heart of God has been revealed
To bring love not hate, pour out not dominate
The Heart of God has been revealed.

The Heart of God has been revealed
The Heart of God has been revealed
To forgive not blame, to make whole not shame
The Heart of God has been revealed.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The Heart of God has been revealed

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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 wish to come forward to receive a blessing rather than bread and wine, place your hands across your chest.

Invitation to the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God forever.**

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

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life forevermore. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer You this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, now and forever. **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): **Agnus Dei / Lamb of God** - Gregorian Chant

Communion Song: Always With Me

I can make it through the day
When you're with me on the way
In my heart and mind you'll stay
I can make it through the night
When i'm clinging to your light
You will make the darkness bright
For you are always, always with me

In the calm and in the storm
When it feels i'm all alone
It's your hand i find to hold
In each hour of unrest
When it seems i've nothing left
You speak peace in every breath
For you are always, always with me

In the morning, in the evening
 When I'm waking, when I'm sleeping
 When i'm arriving, when i'm leaving
 You will have me in your keeping
 Even from my mother's womb
 Never hidden from your view
 I was always known to you

When i fade away in death
 You will catch my final breath
 You will take me to my rest
 You are always, always with me

"Always With Me" by Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Kate Bluett, and Jessica Fox/ Porter's Gate Music / Sanctuary / CCLI

Communion Song: Nada Te Turbe / Nothing Can Trouble

The image shows a musical score for a communion song. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first two lines of the song, and the second system contains the next two lines, including a repeat sign and a second ending marked with a '2'.

Noth- ing can trou - ble; noth- ing can fright - en. Those who seek
 Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios
 God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
 tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

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We Are Sent

The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, **Creator of all things, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour 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.**

The Blessing

Closing Song: Your Peace Will Make Us One

Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power,
you are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard
til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one

Chorus: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! (x3)
Your peace will make us one.

I've seen you in our home fires
burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding
in the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient,
you will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one

Chorus: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! (x3)
Your peace will make us one.

In the beauty of the lilies
you were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom
that is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires
til each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one

Chorus

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Go in the peace of Christ, to love God and live the Gospel.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Please feel free to stay for the potluck after worship
- whether you have a contribution or not!*

COMING UP

Next Potluck: Today! After worship. All are welcome whether you have a contribution or not!

Worship in July and August will happen every other week:

We'll gather on Sundays, **July 6 & 20 and August 3 & 17**

- all at 4pm here in the AbbeyChurch Sanctuary.

WANNA CHAT? Reach out to us at admin@emmauscommunity.ca

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - Have you subscribed to our weekly e-newsletter? We have recently learned that some shaw.ca emails are not receiving the newsletters - if you are missing them, please re-subscribe with a new email here:

<https://www.abbeychurch.ca/subscribers>

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.

THERE WILL BE AM PRAYER TOMORROW, JUNE 30th!

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

Stay tuned for possible changes for July and August...

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** 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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