



Pentecost + 22
November 9th, 2025 - 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 in Jesus' name.***

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, uncertain, 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.

Land Acknowledgement

The AbbeyChurch acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the Lək'wəṇən 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 pause in silence to remember and to recall the land under our feet, the hidden rivers, the trees and flowers and shifting seasons. 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

Gathering our hearts to worship God. Bell x 3

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 - **unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.** Collect for Purity, BCP.

Let us pray,

Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Opening Song: The Bounty is Come

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The bounty has come

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The bounty has come

When the autumn leave have fallen

And the harvest is safe in the barn

We'll again give thanks and remember

It is all, the Creator's design

Creation rejoices and lifts up her voice

For what Jehovah has done

The fruit of our labour, the fruit of the earth

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The bounty has come

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The bounty has come

In the coldest days of the winter

When a blanket of snow

hides the fields

Summer's bounty will sustain us

As we wait for what

spring shall reveal

Kenny Meeks / A Rocha Arts / CCLI

The Poem

chosen by Molly LeBlanc - Poet-in-Residence

We Proclaim

The Reading: A reading from the book of Haggai (1:15B-2:9)

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing?

Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts:

Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We read the psalm responsively - please join in the bold print.

Psalm 145: 1-9

¹ I will exalt you, O ^ God my sovereign, * and bless your name for ev-¹er and ever.
² Every day ^ will I bless you *
and praise your name for ev-^er and ever.
³ Great are you, O Lord, and greatly ^ to be praised; * there is no end ^ to your greatness.
⁴ One generation shall praise your works ^ to another * and shall de-^clare your power.
⁵ I will ponder the glorious splendour ^ of your majesty * and all your mar-^vellous works.
⁶ They shall speak of the might of your ^ wondrous acts, * and I will tell ^ of your greatness.
⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of ^ your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your ^ righteous deeds.
⁸ O Lord, you are gracious and full ^ of compassion, *
slow to anger and ^ of great kindness.
⁹ You are lov-^ing to everyone *
and your compassion is over ^ all your works.

The Reading: A reading from the Second letter to the Thessalonians (2:1-5, 13-17)

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave

us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. 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

The Gospel Acclamation Jesus, Let Your Kingdom Come

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! x2

May the works of my hands bring You joy. x2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus let your kingdom come! X4

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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 (20:27-38)

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless.

Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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Gospel Acclamation (Repeated)

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! x2

May the words from my mouth speak Your Peace! X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus let your kingdom come! X4

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Sermon

Mitch Coggin

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 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, our bodies shall be raised
Everlasting life the promise may God's holy name be praised.

*or, universal

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Our Prayers *(you are invited to stand, sit or kneel as is your custom for our time of prayer)*

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

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 / Assurance of Grace

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of Christ 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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All donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.*

The Offertory Song: Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.
George Herbert / R.V. Williams / OneLicense.

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.

Prayer Over The Gifts

Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe. You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we proclaim:

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.

We give you thanks and praise, loving God, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

On the night before he gave up his life, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. Holy One, you call us to be your servants; fill us

with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty God, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

(BAS Eucharistic Prayer 5)

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 gf, there are also rice crackers available.

Song (pre-recorded): **Agnus Dei / Lamb of God** Tom Wuest / Brass Trumpet Publishing

Communion Song: Nothing to Fear

When you pass through the waters I will be with you

And the depths of the rivers shall not overwhelm

When you walk through the fire you will not be burned

For I am the Lord, I am the Lord

Chorus: And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear

There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear

For I am with you always

In the depths of your sorrow I wept beside you

When you walked through the shadow I drew you near.

Yesterday, today, tomorrow - always the same

For I am the Lord, I am the Lord. (Chorus)

What can separate you from My perfect love? [Repeat x3] Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear

Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach & Audrey Assad / CCLI

Communion Song: Wayfarers All

O God we wait on you, O God we wait on you

Show us the way home, wayfarers all, Lord

Hold us in mercy through this dark night

O God we wait on you, O God we wait on you

Gather us in, mender of everything

Bright mourning dove, rise over all of us

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We Are Sent

The Prayer After Communion

Living God,
in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
and bring us to the joy you promise.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

Closing Song: The Lorica

I bind unto myself today
The gift to call on the Trinity
The saving faith where I can say
Come three in one, oh one in three

(Chorus) Be above me, as high as the noonday sun
Be below me, the rock I set my feet upon
Be beside me, the wind on my left and right
Be behind me, oh circle me with Your truth and light

I bind unto myself today
The love of Angels and Seraphim
The prayers and prophecies of Saints
The words and deeds of righteous men (Chorus)

I bind unto myself today
The hope to rise from the dust of earth
The songs of nature giving praise
To Father, Spirit, Living Word (Chorus)

I bind unto myself today the gift to call on the Trinity
K-Dawn Music, 2008 CCLI

Sending:

Go in the joy of the Spirit to love God and serve God's good creation!
Thanks be to God. Amen!

Next week is our small church gathering - talk to us if you haven't signed up yet.

Our whole gathered worship will return Nov 23.

Annual Community Meeting and Potluck to follow - NOV 23, 2025!

We will gather altogether for all four weeks of Advent.

Weekday Prayer with the Emmaus Community

@ Emmaus/AbbeyChurch Upper Room (off the Balmoral parking lot, metal stairs up)

Mondays at 9 am - Morning Prayer with Centering Prayer
- approx 45 mins - in-person only.

Tuesday at - approx 25 mins - in-person and online.

Thursdays at 8:15 am - morning prayer - The Upper Room 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

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, making it possible for us to continue thriving 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.



If you would like to donate your time or offer other gifts to our common life, be in touch! We are grateful for all of the various ways our community is cared for!

Youth Group - All youth are welcome for this social time! **Next dates are: Nov 11th** - Abbey Church Hangout, sewing projects, Nov 25th - Langford Lanes. Contact youth@abbeychurch.ca for more information.

Library Work Days If you can help or have questions, please contact Lynn Mills at library@emmauscommunity.ca

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

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