



**Pentecost + 23**  
November 8, 2020 + 4pm

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 summarized in ancient Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God, and with our questions and doubts.

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

We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of welcome.

### **Covid-19 Reminders:**

- Please keep your physical distancing at 2m and sit according to the signage.
- Follow the arrows.
- Please refrain from singing. Having said this, many of our songs were written as prayers - and we encourage you to pray this song as the band sings!
- If you use the washroom, please use spray and paper towel to sanitize surfaces that you touch.
- Communion is only currently offered in bread and masks and extra hand sanitizers are used in distribution.
- Masks are strongly encouraged - and should be worn when moving around the church or nearing others.



There is a light shining in our darkness  
There is a spring whose waters never fail  
There is a voice crying out in the wilderness  
There is a way of peace through the valley  
through the shadow of death

By the power of the Spirit - by the word made flesh  
In the kingdom of heaven with the wolf and the lamb  
The earth is the Lord's and all it contains  
Lead us to the end of us versus them  
Sunia Gibbs and Tom Wuest / Parish Collective / CCLI

**Let us pray:** O great and loving God, your wisdom is radiant and unfading, easily discerned by all who seek your way. When faithful people live in love and work for justice, heaven breaks into earth. Give us the grace to live confidently and expectantly, trusting that the Lord of history, who has been approaching from all eternity, comes into life continually with compassion, redemption, and hope. **Amen.**

### **The Readings**

#### **Psalm 78: 1-7**

*Chanted - Caroline Allen*

Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.  
That which we have heard and known and what our  
forebears have told us,  
we will not hide from their children.  
We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy  
deeds and the power of the Lord,  
and the wonderful works God has done.  
The Lord gave a decree to Jacob and established a law for  
Israel, commanding them to teach their children;  
That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn;  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

*[ending with]* ...Glory to you Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.\* **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Let us prepare our hearts to hear the gospel.  
Please stand in body or in spirit.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x 2

Now in our presence the Lord will appear,

Shine in the faces of all of us here,

Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!

**O filii et filiae / 1494 / Public Domain / Refrain M. Haugen / OneLicense**

### **Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As

the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here

is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish

said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be

enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy

it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was

shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not

know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."... The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x 2**

**O filii et filiae / 1494 / Public Domain**

***Bell / Silence / Bell***

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*[Saying together]* **Hear, O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

**Prayers of the People**

Chivonne Graff

**Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

*Bell. Silence is kept.*

*[Together we say...]* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

**Absolution or Assurance of Grace**

**The Peace**

...The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*We are welcomed to exchange  
a non-physical sign of God's peace to each other.*

## **Offertory Song: People Get Ready**

People get ready, there's a train comin';  
you don't need no baggage, you just get on board.  
All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin';  
don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord.

People get ready, there's a train to Jordan;  
It's picking up passengers from coast to coast.  
Faith is the key, open the doors and board 'em;  
There's hope for all among those loved the most.

Is there some room for the hopeless sinner;  
who would hurt all mankind just to save his own?  
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner;  
For there is no hiding place against the Kingdom's throne.  
Curtis Mayfield / CCLI

## **Prayer Over The Gifts**

O great and loving God, we give you thanks  
that you have given your faithful people  
a love for justice and the gift of generosity.  
Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness  
as we await the coming of your reign. **Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**Cantor: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts

**Cantor: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Cantor: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your  
hands... a justice that would never fail.

**Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.**

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

**Cantor: 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 is the highest.**

Presider: While Jesus was eating with his disciples...:  
"Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.**

Presider: As supper was ending... do this in remembrance  
of me. **Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.**

Presider: Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of  
faith given to us in Jesus your Child:

**Cantor: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will  
come again.**

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit ...and made one in your  
love. Amen. **Cantor and people: Amen**

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus  
taught us... (*this may be said in a language or paraphrase  
of your choice, or as below*): **Our Father, 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. And 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, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence.*

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for  
the life of the world. Feed on Christ in your hearts through  
faith with thanksgiving! **Thanks be to God!**

*All are welcome to receive at Christ's table. If you would prefer  
gluten-free, please let the person distributing know.*



## Song: Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)'. It consists of six staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The time signature changes from 3/4 to 4/4 and back to 3/4. The lyrics are: 'O Lamb of God you take a-way the sin - of the world have mer - cy. O Lamb of God you take a-way the sin - of the world have mer - cy. O Lamb of God you take a-way the sin - of the world Grant us peace.'

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## Communion Song: Come Fill 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.

## **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.**

## **The Blessing**

### **Closing Song: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning (x3)

For this old world is almost gone.

Brother, don't you get a-worried (x3)

For this old world it is almost gone.

Sister, don't stop a-prayin' (x3)

For this old world it is almost gone.

Preacher, don't stop preachin' (x3)

For this old world it is almost gone.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning (x3)

For this old world is almost gone.

African-American Spiritual or Blind Willie Johnson (1928) / Public Domain

## **Sending**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!





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