



Reign of Christ
November 22, 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+, BIPOC, straight, evangelical, progressives, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

We are a ministry of the Emmaus Community and an ecumenical shared ministry of The United Church of Canada and The Anglican Church of Canada.

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

Welcome & Announcements / Land Acknowledgement

Bell x3

Opening Responses

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

And also with you!

Opening Poem” Christ The King by Malcolm Guite
read by Roxy Humphrey

Our King is calling from the hungry furrows
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: ‘I am thirsty’.
He stands in line to sign in as a stranger
And seek a welcome from the world he made,
We see him only as a threat, a danger,
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.
And if he should fall sick then we take care
That he does not infect our private health,
We lock him in the prisons of our fear
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.
But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.

Opening Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of peace whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.
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Prayer for Proper 29

Create a throne room for yourself here, O Christ,
but let it be the empty seat beside the anxious
the lonely chair next to the confused
the vacant pew next to the hungry
and reign, O Jesus,
as sovereign over the forgotten

May your reign be good news to those who seek out truth
and may we join them in the search
finding you walking the streets
or breaking bread
or sitting by bedsides

May we find you in border areas
on the edge of things
crossing over with the foreigner

May we find you among children
learning to finger paint
as teachers to those who long to enjoy life again

May we find you with the worried
silenced with nothing to say
and space enough to keep it

May we find you on the wrong side of the tracks
going where you should not
and finding a place to lay your head among the lost

May we find you singing our songs
of justice and peace
and removing your crown to do so

May we find you with a word that lives
in the hopes of the afraid
and a comforting peace for those who are broken

May we find you laughing at the powerful
unnerving what folk think so secure
while welcoming those who have nothing into your throne
room.

O Jesus, reigning in the world
with your upside down kingdom
may we find the faith to stand with you
sovereign of life and servant of all. **Amen.**

- Roddy Hamilton

The Readings

Psalm 100 Jubilate Deo

Chanted.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine
presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; the One made us
and to whom we belong; we are God's people, the sheep of
God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into
these courts with praise; give thanks to God and call upon
the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

[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.**

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel Rachel Burtman

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my
sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out
their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so
I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the
peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring
them into their own land; and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the

inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

...The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24)

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x 2

Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,

Wanting to see you in all that we do,

We would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia.

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Gospel

Brendon Neilson

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the

kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."(MATTHEW 25:31-46)

... The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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Sermon The Very Rev'd M. Ansley Tucker

Bell / Silence / Bell

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand in body or in spirit. **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

Catherine Pate

Confession

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against God and one another.

Bell. Silence is kept.

Sovereign God, **we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

Absolution / Assurance of Grace

Offertory Song: He Shall Reign

Come broken, come captive come all you who mourn
Oh groaning creation, rejoice
A child, a Savior, our healing he brings.
What freedom! What consolation!

He shall reign (He shall reign), He shall reign
He shall reign (He shall reign), He shall reign (X2)

He'll order his kingdom with justice and peace
Oh merciful one, oh Lamb of God
All nations, all people, all heaven and earth
Will bow down and to Him proclaim

El reignara, (El reignara) El Reignara
El reignara, (El reignara) El Reignara
He Shall Reign....

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Prayer Over The Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Receive all we offer you this day and keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **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: It is our duty and our joy to thank and praise you... ..with saints and angels surrounding your glorious throne, we praise your name and join the unending hymn.

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! Amen.**

Communion Song: The Kingdom of God

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace

And joy in the Holy Spirit.

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

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Prayer after Communion

Loving Shepherd, lead and guide us— in green pastures and by still waters, in right paths and through dark valleys, until we feast with you in glory and dwell in your house forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Ansley Tucker

Closing Song: In Christ There is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west,

in him no south or north,

but one great family of love

throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere

their high communion find;

his service is the golden cord

close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your creed may be!
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north,
all Christlike souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

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Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Bell x 3

Postlude: Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King (x2)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King (x2)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King (x2)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

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