



The Transfiguration

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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!

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.

Tolling of the Bells / Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

As we gather to worship, we acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Nuuchahnulth, and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples walk gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, worship, and play. Recognizing and lamenting the harm of colonization, we seek ways to enter into new relationships based on gratitude, respect, truth-telling and justice.

We invite you to take a moment to remember and name with gratitude the people who have stewarded the lands on which you live - at AbbeyChurch this is the land of the Ləkwəṅən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

Bell x 3

Opening Words

Ps. 50:1, 3; 2 Cor. 4:6; Mark 9:7

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

Collecting Prayer

Let us pray,

Holy God, on the mountain you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: Speak to us, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts.

Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets. **Amen.**

Poem written and read by Benjamin Hertwig

Song: The Transfiguration

When he took the three disciples

To the mountainside to pray,

His countenance was modified, his clothing was aflame.

Two men appeared: Moses and Elijah came;

They were at his side. The prophecy, the legislation spoke
of whenever he would die.

Then there came a word
Of what he should accomplish on the day.
Then Peter spoke, to make of them a tabernacle place.
A cloud appeared in glory as an accolade.
They fell on the ground.
A voice arrived, the voice of God,
The face of God, covered in a cloud.

What he said to them,
The voice of God: the most beloved son.
Consider what he says to you, consider what's to come.
The prophecy was put to death,
Was put to death, and so will the Son.
And keep your word, disguise the vision 'till the time has come.

Lost in the cloud, a voice. Have no fear! We draw near!
Lost in the cloud, a sign. Son of man! Turn your ear.
Lost in the cloud, a voice. Lamb of God! We draw near!
Lost in the cloud, a sign. Son of man! Son of God!
Sufjan Stevens

The Readings

A Reading from the book of 2 Kings (2: 1-12)

Linda and Rob Humphrey

When 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. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." 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, until 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... The word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

Let us prepare our hearts to hear the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: Gloria # 3

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
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The Gospel

Lynn Mills

+The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark (9: 2-9) Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead....The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We repeat the gospel acclamation.

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Bell / Silence / Bell

The Creed

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. Amen.
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Our Prayers

Catherine Pate

Confession

Let us confess our sin in a moment of silence.

Silent prayer

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
yet you have already revealed yourself to us
in the face of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and transform us
so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace or Absolution

The Peace

ASL by Nancy Walker

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Offertory Song: We Have Come at Christ's own Bidding

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse

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Prayer Over The Gifts

Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that
radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.** BAS

Eucharistic Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, incarnate one, for your divine glory shone forth upon the holy mountain before Moses and Elijah and in the divine voice from heaven proclaimed Jesus your beloved child.

You come to us as a whirlwind of mystery, a swirling tempest, a devouring fire. You come to us – offering faithfulness and mercy, shining your light upon our path, and beckoning us, confused and often fumbling disciples, to hear your voice. And so with joyful hearts we praise you, and here on earth echo the song of angels as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord - God of power and might
Heaven and earth of your glory are full
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
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We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the light of the world—shining at the dawn of creation, shining in our hearts this day with the light that enlivens all of Creation.

In his face we have seen your glory; through his life and in his words we have seen and heard your truth; by his living, dying and rising we have come to know the height and breadth and depth of your great love - Creator of all, God-with-us.

No greater love have we known, than, on the night before his death, Jesus at supper with his friends took bread, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

And after supper he took the cup. Again he gave thanks, and gave it to his friends, saying, 'Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' And so we proclaim, Great is the mystery of faith:

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

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like a dove, with the voice of heaven, so that they may become for us the Body + and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

As beloved children of a loving parent, let us pray... *(this may be said in a language or paraphrase of your choice, or as below):*

Abba, Amma, Beloved, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for 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: Cause Your Face to Shine

Cause your face to shine

Cause your face to shine

Cause your face to shine

And we will find our way. *(repeat)*

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Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

May we reflect his life in word and deed,

that all the world may know his power to change and save.

We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Song: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Additional stanzas:

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!...

Jesus gave it to me...

Alle-alle-lujah!...

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The Sending

The very face of God shines upon you
with beauty, blessing, and peace.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God, Amen.



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