



## Lent II

February 28, 2021 + 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.

*The AbbeyChurch worships, prays, plays and gathers on the traditional and unceded lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.*

***Come as you are. a wilderness people...  
basking in grace.***

## **Tolling of the Bells**

### **Opening words**

God our loving Creator, touch our hearts that we may enter the silence where you wait for us...

*Bell / Silence / Bell*

...Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.

**Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity, so that the discipline of these forty days may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship.**

Let your breath enter and calm us, your mystery surround us, your truth fill us - and the wings of your love enfold us. **Amen.**

### **Tenebrae Candles and Confession**

We welcome this wandering-wilderness-lent as a time to seek conversion and reconciliation. Let us offer our gratitude and draw to mind the places in our lives, in our world, in our community in need of mending.

*Silence is kept.*

### **Kyrie**

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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Let us pray:

Holy God, today we give thanks for the covenant you have made with us. We remember that you have written your covenant upon our hearts and offered us life abundant. We confess the ways we have not been a blessing to others and acknowledge the pain of oppression, war and violence in our world.

In the holy darkness of Lent, let us take up our cross and follow you, that we might walk in the way of your peace. **Amen.**

*[We extinguish the first two candles]*

## **Song of Descent: Gone Is the Light**

Into the darkness we must go  
Gone, gone is the light  
Into the darkness we must go  
Gone gone us the light  
*Gord Johnson / Signpost Music 2008 / CCLI*

## **Absolution**

### **Song: It Is Well With My Soul**

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
“It is well, it is well, with my soul.”

*Refrain: It is well, (it is well),  
With my soul, (with my soul).  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
A song in the night, oh my soul! *Refrain*  
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**Poem** selected and read by our poet-in-residence céline chuang  
(莊善寧)

## The Readings

### **Psalm 22** *Deus, Deus meus*

*Chanted*

I will declare your name to my kindred; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
Praise the Lord, you that fear God; \*  
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither turns away from them; \*  
when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.  
My praise is of God in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the  
Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: \*  
“May your heart live for ever!”  
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.  
For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, \*  
who rules over the nations.  
To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before God.  
My soul shall live for God;  
my descendants shall serve God; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.  
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that God has done.

Glory to you Source of All Being, Incarnate 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.*

### **Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Mass**

Praise and honour, honour and glory,  
glory to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Christopher Walker / OCP / OneLicense

## **The Gospel**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MARK (8:31-38)

Chivonne Graff

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."  
...The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*We repeat the gospel acclamation.*

## **Sermon**

Matthew Cook

*Bell / Silence / Bell*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe that God is present  
In the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in Jesus, a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit and a faith  
that takes us beyond a safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability  
and onto the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live and pray powerfully  
and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope. Amen** (Iona -alt)

## **Our Prayers**

Lynn Mills

## **The Peace**

ASL by Nancy Walker

The peace (of Christ) be with you.

**And also with you!**

## **Offertory Song: Take My Life And Let It Be**

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal; Music: HOLLINGSIDE, John Bachus Dykes

## **Prayer Over The Gifts**

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love.

Though we cannot receive you now in person, come into our hearts that we may be fed by your life-giving Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray, **Amen.** *Feasting on the Word [alt]*

## **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.**

Holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands...  
...and a justice that would never fail.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom... ...and join with heaven and earth in the hymn of unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might.**

**He---av'n and earth are full. Full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest**

**Ble--ssed is he who come comes,**

**Who comes in the name of Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Tune: Picardy / French Carol 17th cent.

While Jesus was eating with his disciples,  
he took a loaf of bread,  
and after blessing it,  
broke it, gave it to them, and said,  
"Take, this is my body.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

**Glory to you forever and ever.**



As supper was ending, Jesus took the wine  
and after blessing it, poured it,  
gave it to them and said,  
take, this is my blood,  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

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

**Dying you destroyed ou-r death,  
rising you restored ou-r life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Tune: Picardy / French Carol 17th cent.

As you sustained Jesus in his hunger and thirst, strengthen us  
to keep our Lenten fast... ..be gathered and made one in your  
love. **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):*

**Our Father, (or Parent, if you prefer)  
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, the power and the glory. 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.**

**Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us. Caroline Allen (original)

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we follow you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

### **Closing Song: Can You Lose By Following God**

*Chorus:* Can you lose by following God

Can you lose by following God

I'm not talking 'bout following people  
I'm not talking about following your friends  
I'm not talkin' 'bout following different preachers  
I'm not talkin' 'bout following other men (*Chorus*)

He created the heavens and the earth  
He's the greatest, and he loves us so much  
How could you lose if you follow God  
I'd follow him anywhere

*Bridge:* Father I stretch  
I stretch my hands to you,  
Without your love and mercy  
Tell me what, what could I do - Ah, yeah

How could you lose if you follow God  
He's alpha, he's omega  
He's the beginning, he's the end  
How could you lose if you follow God (*Chorus*)

Lord have mercy tonight  
How could you lose (*Bridge*)  
Calvin Eubanks / Curtis Eubanks

## **The Sending**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Chanted.*

*Bell x 3*





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