



Palm Sunday

March 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.

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

On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. Let us offer our gratitude and draw to mind the places in our lives, in our world, in our community in need of mending.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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Let us pray,
Holy God, today we give thanks that you enter into our life
not as a conquering king but as a humble servant - riding
on a donkey, washing our feet, meeting us in the depths of
our pain, humiliation and sickness. We confess the ways
we have not offered our solidarity or compassion to
ourselves or others and have denied your call to justice
and peace. In this Holy darkness of Lent, let us return to
your vulnerable aching heart and be renewed and
strengthened to walk the way of the cross with you. **Amen.**
[we extinguish the six 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: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The happy children sang;
Through pillared court and temple,
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast;
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed,
'Mid an exultant crowd;
The victory palm branch waving,

And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels,
Rode on in lowly state;
Nor scorned the little children,
Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice;
And in His holy presence
Eternally rejoice!

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**Poem selected and read by our poet-in-residence céline
chuang (莊善寧)**

The Readings PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord who is good; *
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim, *
"The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."
Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
"This is the gate of the Lord; *
those who are righteous may enter."
I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me *
and has become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *

Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord and has shined upon us; * form a
procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

“You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

Give thanks to the Lord who is good; *
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.

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.

Video: Palm Procession “Hosanna”

from Jesus Christ Superstar (1973)

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

Marilyn Gough, EC

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO LUKE

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to
Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and
Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent
two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of
you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that
has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If

anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." ...The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

We repeat the gospel acclamation.

Sermon

Rev. Katherine Brittain

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
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

Chivonne Graff

The Peace

ASL by Nancy Walker

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Offertory Song: Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners Poor and needy
weak and wounded sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you
full of pity love and power

Come ye thirsty come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
every grace that brings you nigh

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms

Come ye weary heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry till you're better
you will never come at all

Let not conscience make you linger,
Not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms
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Prayer Over The Gifts

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your
gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

...be gathered and made one in your love. Amen

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

**Our Father, (or Parent/Source, 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 sins of the world.
Have mercy on us.

Caroline Allen

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you for nourishing our spirits.
Remember us, separated by pandemic,
but united by faith in the body of Christ;
may those who see this celebration of the Eucharist
know the presence of Christ in heart, mind and body.

Sustain us in our isolation by the power of your Spirit,
that we may live in peace, and free from all anxiety,
to your praise and glory.

Amen.

Blessing

Closing Song: Into Jerusalem

Into Jerusalem Jesus rode,
triumphant king acclaimed;
palm branches spread to honor his way,
garments laid down as tokens of praise;
shouts of "Hosanna" surged through the throng
into Jerusalem.

Within Jerusalem Jesus stood,
masquerade king reviled;
thorns made a crown (grim satire of truth),
robe like a wound thrown over his back;
echoes of "Crucify" filled the air
within Jerusalem.

Outside Jerusalem Jesus hung,
crucified King despised;
wood formed a cross suspending his life;
soldiers cast lots to deal out his clothes;
his lonely cries: "My God";
"It is done," outside Jerusalem.

Text: Carl P. Daw; Music: Dakota hymn, adapt. Joseph R. Renville

The Sending

Go in peace to walk the way of the cross.

Thanks be to God.

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