



**Easter Sunday**

**April 4, 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 joyful resurrection people ... basking in hope!*

## **Tolling of the Bells**

### **Opening Chant: The Exsultet**

### **Reading from the Gospel of Mark**

#### **Song: Who Will Roll Away The Stone?**

Early in the morning- the sun already risen  
Three women came bearing spices,  
the Lord's body to anoint.  
Standing outside the tomb,  
they asked each other saying

"Who will roll away the stone?" (x4)

Looking up they realized  
the stone had been removed  
And to their amazement,  
a young man sat before them  
"Do not be afraid," he said,  
"for Jesus the Nazarene  
He who has been crucified,  
here you will not find

He has risen from the dead. (x4)  
You'll find Him on the road  
You'll find Him at your table (X4)

Tom Wuest / Brass Trumpet Publishing 2008 / CCLI

### **Opening Words**

The darkness has passed. The promise of God from before  
all time is fulfilled. The love of God has redeemed us. Sing  
and shout all of you! Rejoice with the heavens! Dance with

the stars! Leap with all creation! Praise and bless the Lord our God, for Christ Jesus, who died our death, and in rising has restored all of creation!

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen, Alleluia!**

## **Easter Celebration Video**

### **Poem: Spring Song by Lucile Clifton**

Read by our poet-in-residence céline chuang (莊善寧)

## **The Readings**

*Let us prepare our hearts to hear the gospel.*

### **Gospel Acclamation: Let your kingdom come**

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come!

May the works of my hands bring You joy.

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus let your kingdom come!

Porters Gate, feat. Urban Doxology, Liz Vice, and Latifah Alattas; 2017.

## **The Gospel**

**Colima Seguin**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO JOHN Early on the first day of the week,  
while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb  
and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.  
So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple,  
the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have  
taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where  
they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set  
out and went toward the tomb. The two were running  
together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached

the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my god and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

*We repeat the gospel acclamation.*

**Sermon**

**Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC**

*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.

Ryan Flanigan, alt., © 2017, Common Hymnal, CCLI

**Our Prayers**

**Catherine Pate**

**The Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

**Offertory Song: Come Away To The Skies**

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise

and rejoice in the day thou wast born.  
On this festival day, come exulting away,  
and with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days,  
by our heavenly Father bestowed,  
while his grace we receive from his bounty, and live  
to the honour and glory of God.

We with thanks do approve the design of that love  
which hath joined us to Jesus' name;  
so united in heart, let us nevermore part,  
till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing,  
to the heaven's high King,  
and his rapturous praises repeat:  
to the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again,  
sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: MIDDLEBURY

### **Prayer Over The Gifts**

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing.  
You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into  
every cell, you call us into communion with you,  
and you claim victory over death. Receive all we offer you  
this day and make of us your new creation. **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 Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.**

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:

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

...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/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.**

**Communion Song: O Happy Day**

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)

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When Jesus rose (When Jesus rose)

Oh, when He rose (When Jesus rose)

When Jesus rose (When Jesus rose)  
He rolled the stone away (Oh, happy day)  
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)  
(repeat)

He taught me how (He taught me how)  
To watch and pray - Watch and pray  
And live rejoicing every day!

Oh, happy day....

Dodridge (18<sup>th</sup> c) / Edwin Hawkins Singers (COGIC)/ CCLI

### **Prayer after Communion**

Loving God, we thank you for the joy of your resurrection!  
Remember us, separated by pandemic, but united by faith  
in the body of the risen 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 practice resurrection  
in your new creation.

**Amen.**

### **Song: Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise God, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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### **The Sending**

You have risen O Christ. Let all creation greet the good news with a jubilant shout!

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

In Christ we are reconciled to God.

**Alleluia!**

We have seen the glory of the risen Christ.

**Alleluia!**

Go from here renewed and strong, Weep with those who weep. Rejoice with those who celebrate. Tell the story of hope, that Christ is risen from the dead!

**All you that sleep, awake, arise from the dead for Christ has set us free. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

***Bell x 3***



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