



Holy Trinity (contemporary) Anna Kolisnyk

Trinity
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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.

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

*Come as you are, people of the Spirit...
Filled with the breath of God!*

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

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Opening Words

Let us worship the Triune God.

who spoke in the beginning and created life in abundance.

who took on the clothing of humanity to set those who were oppressed free.

whose Spirit rests continually upon us, comforting and disturbing us.

Holy Trinity, draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply

love. Feasting on the Word Worship & J. Lee Hill [alt]

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.

Collect for Purity

[we say together] **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Opening Song: Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Which wert and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Poem: selected and/or written by Benjamin Hertwig;
AbbeyChurch poet-in-residence

The Readings

The Epistle

Dianne Crosby

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS (8: 12-17). So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.... The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God - fall afresh on me

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Melt me mold me fill me use me

Spirit of the Living God - fall fresh on me

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The Gospel

Abi Humphrey

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO JOHN (3: 1-17). Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second

time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ... The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing –
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

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Sermon

The Rev. Aneeta Saroop

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 cath'lic,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. A-----men.
Ryan Flanigan/ Liturgical folk/ CCLI

Our Prayers

Meagan Crosby-Shearer, EC

Confession

St Paul says: 'Be imitators of God;
love as Christ loved; do not grieve the Holy Spirit;
put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'
So let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ:

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*A time of silent confession for our personal and collective sin;
things done and left undone...*

Bell.

Absolution or Assurance of Grace

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

Offertory Song: Praise the Father

Who is the one to whom you belong
Who in your weakness has made you strong?
Who fills your heart with joyful song?
It is the Lord your God

Refrain: Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three-in-one
Who was and is and is to come
All praise and honour and glory and power
O praise God's name forever

Who is the one who for you died
Was mocked and spat at and crucified?
Who rose from the dead and is glorified?
It is the Lord your God. *Refrain*

Who is the one whom with you will be
From highest mountain to darkest valley?
Who is the one whom in you dwells?
It is the Lord your God *Refrain*

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Prayer Over The Gifts

Living God, receive all we offer you this day.
Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit,
we may share in your divine life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.

We give you thanks, Triune God for the mystery of your glory
which fills the heavens and the earth and enlivens all Creation.
We praise you, O God, for the power of your still, small voice
speaking new worlds into being, speaking to the depths of our
hearts.

Even when we violate your created harmony, you forgive us and
call us into the covenant of your grace and goodness.
You free us and lead us through times of loneliness, writing
your law upon the stone tablets of our hearts and calling us to
live in communion with you and all your people. And so, with
your Church and all Creation we cry:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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We give thanks, ever mystic Trinity, for your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, born of Mary, who lived among us and loved us as your very own.

We remember that on the night he was betrayed, having gathered his companions at the table, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefor we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Come, Holy Spirit, and brood over us once more, opening our eyes to see your divine presence in our midst. Descend upon these gifts of bread and wine that they might be for us the body and blood of your Christ. Through this bread that is broken, give us a foretaste of life-abundant, which we shall one day enjoy in the great banquet of your Kingdom. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of God, Great Three-in-One, all honour and glory are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

(The Office of Theology and Worship, PCUSA, alt)

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 Mother/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.

Forever and ever. Amen.

Silence.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life of the world. Feed on the risen Christ in your hearts through faith with thanksgiving! Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

Communion Song: Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit.

Holy Communion, Three-in-One.

Come with Your peace, with Your invitation.

Bind us together in holy love.

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Prayer after Communion

Almighty and eternal God,

may we who have received your gifts

worship you in all we do,

and proclaim the glory of your Triune majesty.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Song: Praise With Joy the World's Creator

Praise with joy the world's Creator,

God of justice, love, and peace,

source and end of human knowledge,

God whose grace shall never cease.

Celebrate the Maker's glory,

power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,

frees the captive, finds the lost,

heals the sick, up-sets religion,

fearless both of fate and cost.

Celebrate Christ's constant presence:

friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,

liberating truth from pride,

forging bonds where race or gender,

age or nation dare divide.

Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:

foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.

This the world shall see reflected:

God is One and One in Three.

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Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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