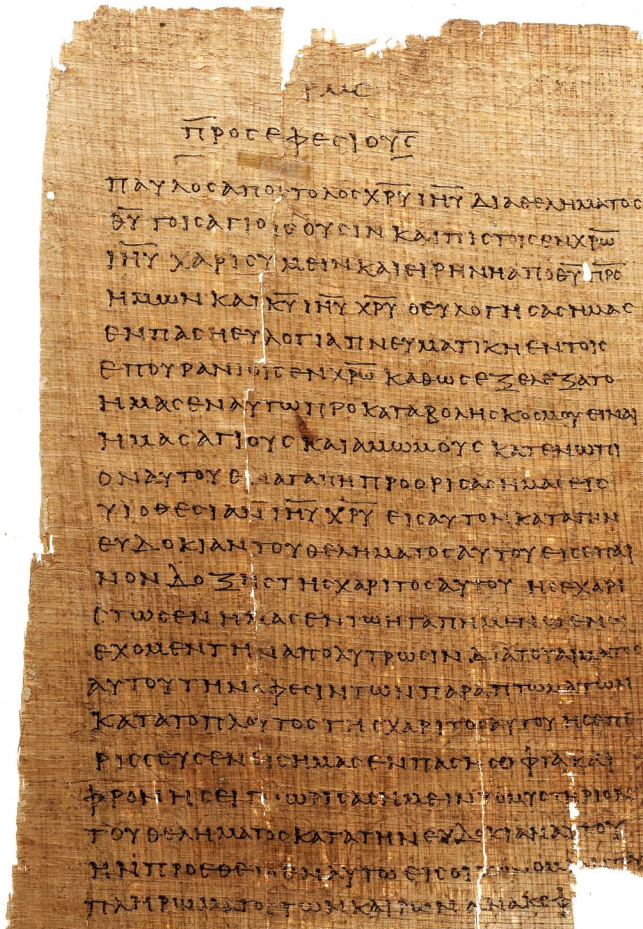


THE
ABBЕΥ
CHURCH



3rd century manuscript - Ephesians 1: 1-11 (P46)

Pentecost +7

July 11, 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, people of the Spirit...
Filled with the breath of God!*

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

During the song, AbbeyKids place the Gospel in the center and then are welcome to stay or head over to the hall for AbbeyKids.

Opening Song / Kids Set Table: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Author: John Newton (1779) Public Domain.

Gathering Prayer

[together we say] **Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.** *(Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples)*

The Readings

The Psalm: Psalm 85: 8-13

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; *
justice and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and justice shall look down from heaven.**

Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

**Justice shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

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.**

Acclamation: Alleluia - Mass of Restoration



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The Epistle

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (1:3-14)
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints
who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to
you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praised be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

God chose us in Christ
before the world began
to be holy

and blameless in God's sight,
to be full of love.

God predestined us
to be God's adopted children through Jesus Christ,
such was God's will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor
God has bestowed on us in his beloved.

In Jesus Christ and through his blood,
we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.

God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan that God was pleased
to decree in Christ.
A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on earth.
...The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Sermon

Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC

Bell / Silence / Bell

The Creed (A New Creed)

[we say together, standing in body or spirit:]

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in

Creation, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our

hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

The United Church of Canada, 1968, alt.

Our Prayers

Melanie Ihmels

The Confession

One: I confess to God and before you my siblings in Christ, that I have sinned of my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in the deeds I have done and in what I have failed to do. Now I ask you to pray for me.

Silence

[Together we say] **May you know forgiveness from God who is your Source. May Christ embrace you in his Grace. And may the Holy Spirit nurture, encourage and strengthen you in the time of your testing as you seek God's will.**

One: Amen.

[Together we say] **We confess to God, and before you our siblings in Christ, that we have sinned of our own fault, in our thoughts and in our words, In the deeds we have done and in what we have failed to do. Now we ask you to pray for us.**

Silence.

Absolution or Assurance

+May you know forgiveness from God who is your Source. May Christ embrace you in his Grace. And may the Holy Spirit nurture, encourage and strengthen you in the time of your testing as you seek God's will. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Offertory Song: Creator of Orion

Creator of Orion and the Pleiades

One who turns the shadow of death into day

Voice beheld in the morning psalm of creation

Lord of all crucified from the dawn of time

You are the lamb of God - Who takes away the sin of the world

You are the Lamb of God - King of Kings, Lord of Lords

You will gather us in and bind up our broken

You will loosen the chains on all our oppressed

You will lead us to living fountains of water

You will wipe away all tears from our eyes

Tom Wuest/ Brass Trumpet Publishing 2010 /CCLI

The Invitation

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

The Eucharist

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 our thanks and praise.

We offer you praise O God with hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us; with earth sea and sky, we sing to you. With, all the saints before and beside us, with our loved one, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of unending praise:

♩ = 100 Em C G D G Am Dsus⁴

O- Holy - Holy Holy Lord - O God of power and Might. All

C Am⁷ G D G C Em

Heaven and earth of-your glory are full Ho - sanna in the high - est. O

Bm Em D G G Dsus⁴

Blessed is the one who comes in the name-of-the Lord! Ho-

C Am G D G C Em

-sanna in the high - est. Ho - sanna in the high - est.

Blessed are you and blessed is our brother Jesus who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread...

Hear us, O God and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body and blood, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making your whole world whole.

As the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh.

May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.

In times of fear and oppression guide us with your love until the day when sorrow is turned to dancing and all creation emanates the praise of your glory. Through Christ with Christ and in Christ. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory our yours now and forever:

♩ = 100 Em C G D G Am Dsus⁴



Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain! Sing

C Am⁷ G D G C Em



Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

As beloved Children of a loving parent let us pray:

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.

Take, bless, break, share.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world.

Thanks be to God!

All are welcomed to receive at Jesus' table, as each feel called. For those in-house, there are wine and grape juice options in the single cups. If you would like gluten-free option, please ask the person serving.

Communion Song: Orphan Child (Girl)

I am an orphan on God's highway
But I'll share my troubles if you go my way
I have no mother, no father, no sister
My brother no more an orphan child

I have had friendships pure and golden
But the ties of kinship I had not known them
I know my mother, my father, my sister
My brother no more an orphan child

But when He calls me I will be able
To meet my family at God's table
I'll meet my mother, my father, my sister
My brother - no more an orphan child

Blessed saviour make me willing
And walk beside me 'til I'm with them
Be my mother, my father, my sister
My brother, I am an orphan child

Orphan Girl, Alt. Gillian Welch – from the album Revival / 1996 Almo Sounds

Prayer after Communion

Living God,
in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal
kingdom. May all who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen

Blessing

Closing Song: Hold On (Keep Your Eyes on the Prize)

Paul and Silas bound in jail
Had no money to go their bail
Keep your eyes on the prize - hold on

Refrain: Hold on, Hold on! Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on

Paul and Silas began to shout
Doors popped open, and they walked out
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on. *Refrain*

Well, the only chains that we can stand
Are the chains of hand in hand
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on. *Refrain.*

Got my hand on the freedom plow
Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on!
Refrain: Hold on, Hold on! Keep your eyes on the prize. Hold on
Civil rights song with African-American and Appalachian roots / folksong / spiritual

Sending

Stay with us now,
**since the day is far spent and the night is coming; kindle
our hearts on the way, that we might recognize you this
week, in creation, in the scriptures, in the breaking of
bread, and in each other.**
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Iona Abbey Worship Book. 2001[alt]

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