



THE  
**ABBÉY**  
CHURCH



3rd century manuscript - Ephesians 1

**Pentecost + 9**

**July 25, 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!*

## We Gather

### **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.*

#### **Kids Set Table: Come My Way, My Truth, My Life**

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

such a way as gives us breath,

such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

such a light as shows a feast,

such a feast as mends in length,

such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

such a joy as none can move,

such a love as none can part,

such a heart as joys in love.

*George Herbert / R.V. Williams / OneLicense.*

#### **Gathering Prayer**

**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)*

**Poem** selected or written by Benjamin Hertwig

AbbeyChurch Poet-in-Residence

## We Proclaim

### **The Psalm: Psalm 14**

The fool has said in their heart, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

**The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**

Everyone has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

**Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous. Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.

**Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

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.**

### **The Epistle**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:14-21)

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

...The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going...The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*repeated, from above*)

**Sermon**

Matt Humphrey, 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**

Vanessa Caruso

**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.

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+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: Jesus, Saviour, Pilot me**

Jesus Saviour, pilot me, over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee.  
Saviour, pilot me.

Though the sea be smooth and bright  
Sparkling with the stars of night  
And my ship's path be ablaze  
With the light of halcyon days  
Still I know my need of Thee;  
Savior, pilot me

As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou sayest to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,  
Saviour, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore,  
And the fearful breakers roar  
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
"I will pilot Thee."

Edward Hopper 1871 (Public Domain)

## We Feast

### **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.

So come to this table, you who have much faith and  
you who would like to have more; you who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried  
to follow Jesus; and you who have failed; Come.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. *Iona Community.*

[Together we say:] **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 Lord be with You  
**And with your spirit.**

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 ones, 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    Dsus<sup>4</sup>

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

C    Am<sup>7</sup>    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    Dsus<sup>4</sup>

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

♩ = 100      Em      C      G      D      G      Am      Dsus<sup>4</sup>

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

C      Am<sup>7</sup>      G      D      G      C      Em

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

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 praises of your glory. Through Christ with Christ and in Christ. In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours now and forever:

♩ = 100      Em      C      G      D      G      Am      Dsus<sup>4</sup>

A - men, a - men, O Ho - ly One! Ho - san - na and A - men! A -

C      Am<sup>7</sup>      G      D      G      C      Em

men, a - men, O Ho - ly One, Ho - san - na and A - men!

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.

*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. All of the bread is gluten-free.*

## **Communion Song: All Things Reconciled**

You are our peace - you have made us one  
you have broken down dividing walls  
and abolished our hate

All things reconciled, all things reconciled  
by the blood of Jesus  
All things reconciled -All things reconciled  
through the cross of Christ

You put to death the enmity -preached peace far and near  
strangers no longer now but brothers and sisters  
we believe Lord and we await

Tom Wuest Brass Trumpet Publishing / CCLI

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of grace, we have received the sacrifice  
of the death and resurrection of your Son.

May your love, poured into us,  
bring us to your promises.

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

## **We Are Sent**

### **Blessing**

### **Closing Song: Come Thou Fount**

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
Of my God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
thus far by thy help I've come,  
And I hope, by Thy compassion,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor -  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

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## **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]*

*Bell x 3*



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