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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!*

We Gather

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

Gathering Words

Let us gather in the presence of our Creator.

By Their hand, the dawn of each new day breaks!

Each evening, when the days end calls us to come and rest,

God covers us in the darkness of night.

In joy and in struggle, the rhythms of creation uphold us.

Thanks be to God who renews all life.

God, open our eyes. Open our hearts. Open our ears. The wonder of creation testifies to your wisdom. There is no creature that falls outside of your caring embrace - not a single life-form is insignificant to you. When we struggle to find our place among the whole, insecure or arrogant about where we belong, ground us, O God, in your love.

Amen. (© 2018 *enfleshed*)

Opening Song: Almighty God

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears
Wash us in the fountain of your mercy
Come with your light, we cannot hide from you

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
With gratitude we raise our song to you
Come and fill the praises of your people
In grace and truth, you make us new again

Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
We long for more than what this world provides
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
Your river deep floods over everything

Almighty God to you all hearts are open
You take away our sickness and our sin
Oh Lamb of God we gather at your table
In bread and wine you have supplied our needs *Chorus*
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Poem selected/ written by Benjamin Hertwig
AbbeyChurch Poet-in-Residence

We Proclaim

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB (38:1-7,34-41)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements - surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?" "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 104 *Benedic, anima mea*

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendour.

**2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

**4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.**

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

**6 You covered it with the deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

7 At your rebuke they fled; *

at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys
beneath, ***

to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of
your creatures.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia (x2)

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The Gospel

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MARK (10:35-45)**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

We repeat the acclamation

Sermon

Rev. Katherine Brittain

Bell / Silence / Bell

The Creed *(Sung)*

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.

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Our Prayers

Catherine Pate

Confession/Absolution

God of Justice,
God of Compassion,
God of Sacred and Scandalous ways,
We still have so much to learn.

By your grace, we have come to know love more deeply
than once before –

**its mess, its complexity, its stubborn and tender
truths transform us more each day.**

Through fires that refine and valleys of death,
you have guided us.

You draw us into the heart of Wisdom,

Saving us from the lies of destruction.

Turning us towards a hope that liberates.

But still, O God, we struggle to trust in you..

And so, when we are afraid. Or hurt. Or weary...

We betray the very One who brought us thus far.

**Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear
within us. Meet us there with your good news that sets**

the captives free. Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more.

We pause for silent prayer

Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy. God does not bind us to our regrets. Or forever hold us to what we once believed. God says, come and follow!
+Know forgiveness and sin no more. Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!

Wherever new life is desired, may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.

Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection. *(enfleshed:spiritual nourishment for collective liberation)*

Offertory Song: Dweller by a Dark Stream

It could have been me put the thorns in your crown
Rooted as I am in a violent ground
How many times have I turned your promise down
Still you pour out your love; pour out your love

Chorus: I was a dweller by a dark stream
A crying heart hooked on a dark dream
In my convict soul I saw your love gleam
And you showed me what you've done
Jesus, thank you joyous Son

You entered a life like ours to give us back our own
You wanted us like you, as choosers not clones
You offered up your flesh and death was overthrown
Now salvation is ours; salvation is ours *Chorus*

So I'm walking this prison camp world
I long for a glimpse of the new world unfurled
The chrysalis cracking and moisten winds uncurl
Like in the vision John saw; the vision John saw *Chorus*

I was a dweller by a dark stream
A crying heart hooked on a dark dream
In my convict soul I saw your love gleam
And you showed me what you've done
Jesus, thank you joyous Son *Chorus*
Bruce Cockburn / 1976 / Golden Mountain Music Corp

We Feast

Prayer Over The Gifts / Invitation

The table of bread and wine is now made ready and all are welcome.

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.

Made one in Christ and with God's creation, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen. *Iona Community*

(chanted)

God be with You

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to God

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God how wonderful is the work of your hands, all of creation echoes the music of your praise...

Glory to you forever and ever.

...therefore with all of creation we sing:

Holy Holy Holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna is the highest.

As Jesus was eating with his disciples...

...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

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...

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

(Chanted) Amen

Silence

As beloved Children of a loving parent let us pray:

(as below or in a translation or language of your choosing)

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

All are welcomed to receive at Jesus' table. For those in-house the bread is gluten-free.

Communion Song: Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace

Lord, make us servants of your peace:

Where there is hate, may we sow love;

Where there is hurt, may we forgive;

Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;

Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;

Where all is night, may we sow light;

Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek

To be consoled, but to console,

Nor look to understanding hearts,

But look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive,
And in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
To wake at last in heaven's light.

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Prayer after Communion

Thanks be to You our Creator, Thank you that in our
common sharing of your body, you remind us we belong to
each other. We belong to the earth. We belong to the
creatures and creations that surround us. Send us out in
the assurance that we each have a place, chosen by You,
that we might thrive and that we might be co-creators of
justice for the flourishing of all the earth. In Jesus's name
we pray. **Amen.** © 2018 *enfleshed [alt]*

We Are Sent

Closing Song: The Day Soon Will Come

The day soon will come when I'll stand by your side,
and I'll show you my face and my favour;
your cries I will answer, your tears I'll wipe away;
I will guard and protect you forever'

Refrain: Let music fill heaven
and gladness fill earth
Let the tall mountains sing with deep fervour
For God will respond to the cry of the poor
and will banish oppression forever

To you and to yours and to those far away
this promise I'll make for my people:
the fields which were barren shall flourish once again,
and the land once abandoned will settle. *Refrain*

Those hidden in darkness I'll call into light,
and prisoners I'll lead into freedom;
and none shall fear hunger and none shall suffer thirst;
for their God, who is loving, will lead them.' *Refrain*

A highway across tall mountains I'll make,
a road I'll prepare for my people;
from east and from west, from all corners of the earth
I will gather the lost and the broken. *Refrain*

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Blessing (*Sung together*)

God bless you and keep you

**God make their face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.**

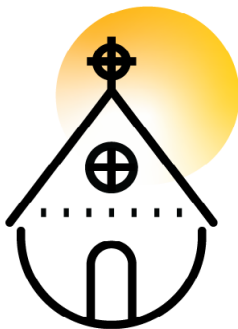
**God lift up their countenance upon you
and give you peace.**

And the blessing...

The Sending

Go into the world rejoicing in the abundant gifts of the
Spirit! **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

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