



Image: Jesus Raises Lazarus From The Dead by Ann Lukesh, (alt.)

**All Saints' Day**  
**Sunday October 31, 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, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressives, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name just a few).

We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome. 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**

As we gather, we wish to acknowledge with gratitude that we do so on the land of the ɫək<sup>w</sup>əŋən People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

**We give thanks for this land and all those who have stewarded it; for their stories and for their lives – past, present, and future. We commit ourselves to prayerfully seek reconciliation, justice and healing – that we might listen and learn to be faithful stewards of this good land and live in right relationship.**

Let us pray,

When the world points us in the direction of despair,

**We gather and remember God.**

Through faith, we proclaim the truths that have sustained generations:

**We believe that justice will come.**

**We believe that love can transform.**

**We believe that God will make all things new.**

God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honour and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and love to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse—even through our tears—the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega.

**Amen.**

*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Enfleshed 2019.*

*During this song, AbbeyKids are invited to set the table and then are welcome to stay or head over to the hall for AbbeyKids.*

## **Opening Song: When the Saints Go Marching In**

O when the saints go marchin' in,  
O when the saints go marchin' in,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marchin' in.

O when the sun refuse to shine,  
O when the sun refuse to shine,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marchin' in.

When we all have food to eat  
When we all have food to eat  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marchin' in.

When our leaders learn to cry  
When our leaders learn to cry  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marchin' in.

Oh, when the new world is revealed  
Oh, when the new world is revealed  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marchin' in.

O when they crown Him Lord of all,  
O when they crown Him Lord of all,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marchin' in.

African American traditional, (alt).

## **Poem**

“Candles Flicker”  
By Matt Humphrey

## **We Proclaim**

### **Second Reading**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. GOD will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's people, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also they said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then they said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

**Alleluia, alleluia (x4)**

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### **The Gospel**

#### **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of Christ.

### **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Sermon**

Matt Humphrey, EC

*Silence*

### **Prayers of the People**

#### ***The first candle is lit***

May this light shine for all who suffer from depression and despair, for the unwanted and the unloved, and for those whom we find it hard to love.

*Silence*

#### ***The second candle is lit***

May this light shine for all those who have lost their way in life, where confusion has conquered confidence; the harshness of reality has diminished hope, for those whose lives are surrounded by uncertainty, for the anxious and the abused and isolated.

*Silence*

***The third candle is lit***

May this light shine for the world. For those whose sufferings are beyond our understanding. For our world, our city, our neighbourhoods, the sick and the lonely and for those close to our hearts.

*Silence*

***The fourth candle is lit***

May this light shine for the earth. May it burn for the unnamed and unnoticed Saints of wood and leaf and flower, of creatures minuscule and beautiful and terrible. May it shine for all places on this planet that have been desecrated, neglected, stripped or damaged.

*Silence*

***The fifth candle is lit***

May this light shine for the dead and for those whom this night will be their last, for all who ache with the pain of grieving, for those who cry in despair at the passing of one who was much beloved.

*Silence*

***The sixth candle is lit***

Hear us, O merciful God, as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands. We remember all those we name aloud or silently at this time.... Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

*During the next song, you are welcome to come to the front and light a candle for those in our hearts and for the departed...*

## Adoramus te O Christe

$\text{♩} = 56$

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Adoramus te O Christe'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 56. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'O A - do - ra - mus te O Chri - ste.' are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

We a-dore you, Lord Je-sus Christ. / Te\_a-do-ra-mos, Cris-to Je-sús. /  
Kla-nja-mo ti se, I-su-se. / Sjung-er vi ditt lov, du vår Gud.

(Nous t'adorons, O Christ. / Christus, wir beten dich an. / Noi ti adoriamo, o Cristo. /  
Adorujemy Cię, Chryste. / Поклоняемся Тебе, Христе.)

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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### ***The seventh candle is lit***

May this light burn for the promise of hope beyond despair and the promise of a feast where all will be gathered in and welcomed.

**Let it burn for the mystical communion of saints living and dead that lead us into a life of love, justice and peace. Let it burn for a renewed creation and for God's resurrected life we commit ourselves to today, in which we know that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen**

Beloved in Christ, the peace of Christ be always with you!  
**And also with you.**

*Please rise in body or spirit as we sing*

## **Offertory Song: Behold, I Make All Things New**

Behold I make all things new (x3)

Let there be light. Let there be light

God unseen is taking form (x3)

Let there be light. Let there be light.

The First and Last is surging forth (x3)

Becoming Light. Becoming Light.

Behold I make all things new (x3)

Let there be light. Let there be light.

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## **We Feast**

### **The 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)*

The Lord be with You

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to our 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...

**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

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...

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

**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 (Or Mother) 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: Prayers of the Saints**

Are the prayers of the saints like sweet smelling incense,  
Are the prayers of the saints like sweet smelling incense  
To Your heart, to Your heart?

Let these prayers of the saints be sweet smelling incense,  
Let these prayers of the saints be sweet smelling incense  
To Your heart

Are the songs of the saints like sweet smelling incense,  
Are the songs of the saints like sweet smelling incense  
To Your heart, to Your heart?

Let these songs of the saints be sweet smelling incense,  
Let these songs of the saints be sweet smelling incense  
To Your heart.

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Prayer after Communion

**Amen**

## We Are Sent

### **Closing Song: For All The Saints**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who you by faith before the world confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
yet all are one within your great design.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west.  
Soon, soon to the loyal faithful comes their rest.  
Sweet is the calm of paradise so blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array,  
as God to glory calls them all away.

Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of heav'n streams in the countless host,  
To Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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### **Blessing**

Go in the peace of Christ, surrounded by the mystical  
communion of the saints.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*Bell x 3*

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