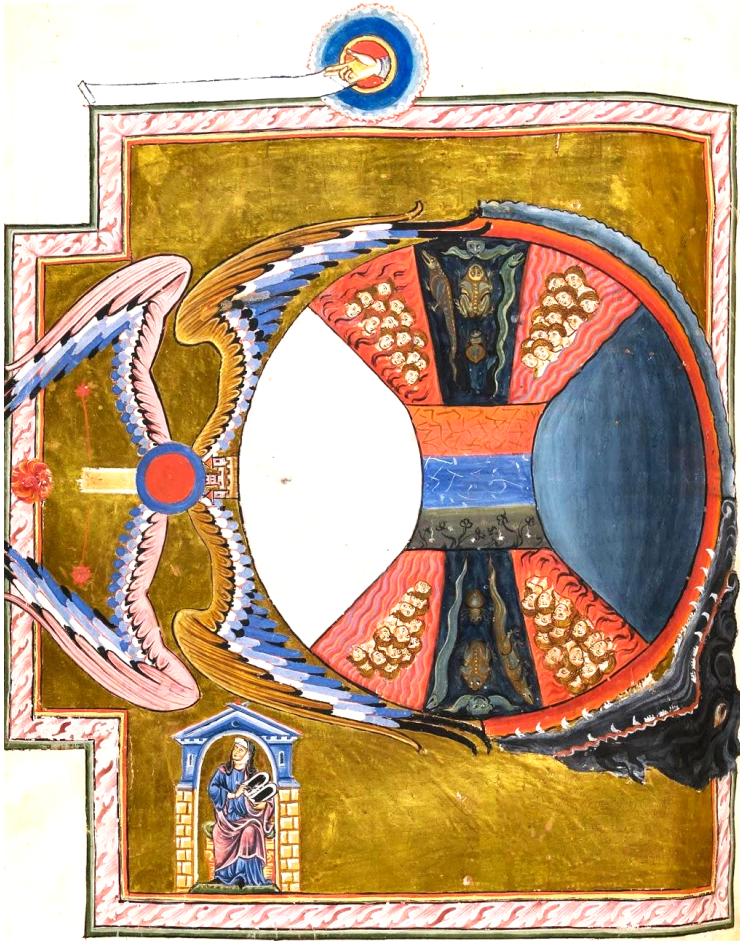


THE  
**ABBHEY**  
CHURCH



Hildegard Von Bingen  
The Parts of the Earth: Living, Dying, and Purgatory (early 13th-cen.)

**Sunday November 14, 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 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**

As we gather this day, we wish to humbly acknowledge with gratitude that we stand on the land of the ɫəkʷəŋən-speaking 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 repent of our complicity in systems of colonization and commit ourselves to prayerfully seek reconciliation, justice and healing – that we all might listen and learn to be faithful stewards of this good land and live in right relationship.**

*Bell x 3*

### **Gathering Words**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

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

### **Gathering Song: Canticle of the Turning**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain* My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might,  
put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from their throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

*Rory Cooney / OneLicense / Tune: Irish Traditional - Star of the County Down*

## **Poem**

selected/ written by Benjamin Hertwig  
AbbeyChurch Poet-in-Residence

## **We Proclaim**

### **A READING FROM FIRST SAMUEL**

Hannah prayed and said,  
“My heart exults in the Lord;  
    my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies  
    because I rejoice in my victory.  
“There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
    no one besides you;  
    there is no Rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly,  
    let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
    and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken,  
    but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
    but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
    but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The Lord kills and brings to life;  
    he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
    he brings low, he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
    he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
    and inherit a seat of honour.  
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s,  
    and on them he has set the world.  
“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
    but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
    for not by might does one prevail.  
The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
    the Most High will thunder in heaven.  
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
    he will give strength to his king,  
    and exalt the power of his anointed.”  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia (x4)

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### **The Gospel**

#### **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

...The Gospel of Christ.

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

*We repeat the acclamation*

### **Sermon**

Rob Crosby Shearer, EC

*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.

Ryan Flanigan, alt., © 2017, Common Hymnal, CCLI

## **Our Prayers**

### **Confession**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

**Lord, have mercy.**

In silence, we bring our confessions before God

*silence is kept.*

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our  
brokenness. To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of  
others, and the life of the world.**

### **Absolution / Assurance**

#### **The Peace**

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

Beloved in Christ, the peace of Christ be with you  
**and also with you!**

### **Offertory Song: How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

Words: John Rippon, 1787. Music: Early American melody.

## **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.*

*Brief Silence*



*(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 the Lord our God  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

You have entered this place, O God, and in your holy shadow, heaven tangles with earth in the bread and wine, and the promise of flesh is realized.

**Come now, God.**

As you once came to us in a stable in Bethlehem come now and be with us in the bread, in this world that hungers and waits for truth. **Come now, God.**

As once your Spirit poured forth life upon the earth come now and pour the wine for this creation, waiting for renewal. **Come now, God**

Blessed are you, gracious God...

...singing the hymn of your unending praise:

***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.***

*God has given us these gifts of bread and wine...*

*...is holy when we hold it to our lips and drink and remember.*

**Today we say: thank God for bread;**

**thank God for wine;**

**thank God for power and courage;**

**thank God for this**

**time together, for each other and for ourselves. Thank**

**God for these holy gifts. Thank God for these holy moments.**

Transforming God your son came in the ordinary substance of human flesh and bone and on his last night with his companions he took the ordinary materials of

bread and wine and broke the bread and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the wine and after blessing it, poured it, gave it to them and said, take, this is my blood, do this in remembrance of me. 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.**

God, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts. Strengthen us, restore us, be present with us. Amen.

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 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.  
Amen.**

*Silence.*

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

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

## **Communion Song: Steal Away**

*Refrain:* Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!  
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,  
He calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*

Green trees are bending,  
Poor sinners stand a trembling;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*

My Lord, He calls me,  
He calls me by the lightning;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here. *Refrain*

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## **Prayer after Communion**

God of peace, you nourish us with bread from heaven.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your love  
may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of  
Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

### **Closing Song: Your Peace Will Make us One**

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
Of the coming of the Lord  
You are speaking truth to power  
You are laying down our swords  
Replanting every vineyard  
Til a brand new wine is poured  
Your peace will make us one.

I've seen you in our home fires  
Burning with a quiet light  
You are mothering and feeding  
In the wee hours of the night  
Your gentle love is patient  
You will never fade or tire.  
Your peace will make us one.

In the beauty of the lilies  
You were born across the sea  
With a glory in your bosom  
That is still transfiguring  
Dismantling our empires  
Till each one of us is free  
Your peace will make us one.

Glory, glory, hallelujah. Glory, glory, hallelujah.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah. Your peace will make us one.

Audrey Assad / based on words by Julia Beecher Stowe

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

*Bell x 3*



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