

The AbbeyChurch
Pentecost + 21 / Harvestide
October 22, 2023



Sombrio Beach BC - cleft in the rock



We Gather

Opening Loop
Tolling of the Bells
Welcome and Announcements

Bell x 3

Land Acknowledgement and Opening Words

**We gather with gratitude for the first peoples' of this land.
For the Łək'wəᑎən people, known today as the Songhees and
Esquimalt Nations - for their language and culture,
for their care and ways of being in creation.**

Each morning, God's mercy seeks to awaken us,
each evening, God's peace seeks to cradle us.

**Compassion is our constant companion,
and yet we live in a world of wounds...**

In every moment, God is present with us;
God whispers words which can change our lives.

**Justice is our faithful teacher, and we
hunger and thirst for the world to be made whole.**

So here we are, bringing our faults together with our gifts.
Here we are with the fruits of wisdom mixed with our folly.

**Here we are having glimpsed you, God of all
and wanting to see you and know you face to face.**

Come, as God's hope waits for us, God's light shines on us!

For we gather to worship together!

Bruce Prewer, Lectionary Liturgies, Alt.

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing
& AbbeyKids set the table...*

Opening Song: Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed trinity
Heber and Dykes 1826, alt. / Public Domain

Poem: I Have A Seat in the Abandoned Theatre by
Palestinian poet, Mahmoud Darwish
Selected and recorded by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

Readings

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.’ Now if I have found favour in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show

mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.” (33:12-23)

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

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

May the works of my hands bring you joy. X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

2017 Porter's Gate, alt. BMI, SESAC, ASCAC. CCLI.

Gospel

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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Gospel Acclamation

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May the words from my mouth speak your peace! X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X4

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The Sermon

The Rev. Allan Saunders

Bell / Silence for meditation / 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 * = "universal"

Our Prayers

Jesse Robertson

The Confession

God our creator, **you have called us by name.**

**You rouse us from our slumber to a world of wonders, and
yet we so often neglect your world...**

(We are invited to remember God's work in creation.)

God our redeemer, **you name us Beloved and speak to us in
the language of our lives. Yet our ears often fail to hear...**

(We are invited to listen to God's work in our life.)

God our sustainer, **you bring your healing balm to each of
our hurts, and yet we often fear to reveal our pain...**

(We are invited to confess the ways we turn away from God and each other.) Adapted from Rev. Elsa A. Cook, United Church of Christ, 2020.

Absolution or Assurance of Grace

The Peace

Beloved community, the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other
with a gesture of peace.*

During the 'offertory' song, the table is set. Contributions to our common life can be placed in the record player in the back of the space. Cheques made out to "The Emmaus Community."

Charitable receipts will be issued if you provide your address.

Offertory Song: Come To The Table

Come all proud, come all greedy
Come all liars, come all shamed
Come all wealthy, come receive it -
To the table, come today.

Come all broken, come all needy
Come all poor, and come all slaves
Come all rulers, come be seated
Come all sinners, come all saints

Come to the table, from near and far
Come from the shadows, come out of the dark
There's room at the table, we saved you a seat
Come to the banquet, come join in the feast

Every people, every nation
Come all lovers, come all queers
From the fringes, come to Jesus
To a table with no fear
To the table come and stay

Come to the table, come drink and eat
There's no inner circle, come sit at Christ's feet.

Recline at the table, come let down your guard
You're never a stranger, just come as you are.

Come be whole---- come be loved
Come accepted ---- come now come (*repeat*)

Prepared is the table, we're ready to feast
The party is waiting, there's more still to feed
The meal it is ready, go fill every seat
Go live out our calling as a kin-dom of priests

Mark Alan Schoolmeesters alt / 2018 Common Hymnal, Standing Room Only / CCLI

We Celebrate

Prayer over the Gifts

You do not choose favourites, Holy God, but pour out your blessings on all your children, trusting that we will empty our hearts, our lives, our treasure in meeting the needs of those around us. Bless these gifts, and use them to bring healing and hope to your people. **Amen.** Thom Shulman /

Lectionary Liturgies

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

We join our praise to the song of all creation.

God our creator, you are always at work,
breathing life into your wondrous world.
From deep planetary space and time you call,
From ocean depths, from starlit nights,
from the tiniest mycelium in damp dark soil, you call.
And in the hiddenness of our own chaotic lives,
O God you call us even now.
Into this world you come, and form many creatures,
Whose dust joins your breath to partake of life abundant.

In that silence where there was little Hope,
you have called us to be your people.
And when we fall into despair, still you call.
When pain and death blind us to the life you offer,
Still you move towards us, never letting us go.
And so, our lips touched with your hope, we join our
voices with all your creatures, who everywhere and always
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 in the highest

Jesus ate with friend and stranger, with devoted disciple
and seasoned sceptic, with the one who would betray and
the one who had denied. He made this meal a place of
divine encounter, and, at supper with his disciples, he
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it
to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given
for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for
you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as
often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
(x2)

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of
bread and wine that they may be for us the body and
blood of your Christ. Usher in the day when all may taste
and see the riches of your grace, hear your call and enter
into your arms of love. Triune God of all. **Amen.**

Joining the Angels' Song, Alt.; Thom M. Shuman, Alt., 2019.

As beloved children of a loving parent, we pray as Jesus taught:
(said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice)

**Our *Father (*or Parent, or Source) 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. 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! The bread is gluten-free but
contains almond flour and dairy. Please ask the server if you would like
a non-dairy/almond option. The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the
common cup. Please do not dip bread.*

Communion Song: Lamb of God - Poor Clare / Lacey Brown
(recorded) © 2018, Poor Clare Music.

Communion Song: Breath of God

O breath of God, you stir our hearts
We're weary with longing for you
Come raise our dead, mend every breach
We're weary with longing for you

Blessed is the king
Who comes in the name of the lord
Who comes in the name of the lord (2x)
Yeshua bring tidings of joy
We're waiting with longing for you

Stand with your poor, the trodden down
We're waiting with longing for you

Restore all things, remove the veil
We're watching with longing for you
We take this bread, we drink this cup
We're watching with longing for you *Refrain*

Who comes in the name of the Lord
Who comes in the name of the Lord (2x)

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Communion Song: I Will Search of the One I Love

In the cleft of the rock,
in the hiding place,
show me your face.

In the whisper of the wind,
in the silence of prayer
Let me hear your voice.

For your voice is sweet and your face is lovely,
I will search for the one my heart loves,
your voice is sweet and your face is lovely
I will search for the one I love.

Rob De Coates / Imago Dei Community BC

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

God, we give thanks that at this table we glimpse your true presence in these gifts of your earth and at this table of welcome. We give thanks that you protect; sheltered in community around a common table of grace. Protect all your siblings and children here and afar, that all may come to know your divine presence. In Jesus' holy name. **Amen.**

The Blessing/Benediction

Closing Song: Rock Of Ages Cleft For Me

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Thomas Toplady 1776 / Methodist / Public Domain

The Sending

Go with gratitude to share God's love in abundance.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

*We'll be back here **next Sunday at 4 pm!***

AbbeyTeens Youth Group

Starts this Thursday, October 26 7-830pm
(Nov 16 & Dec 14)

Drop us a line for more information

Benefit Concert with the Ryan Oliver Trio

Sax + Hammond B3 Organ + Drums

Saturday November 4, 7:30 pm (doors 6:45)

AbbeyChurch 932 Balmoral Rd

Tickets \$30 at the door Cash or debit

Weekday Prayer

Monday evening prayer 8pm chapel & Zoom

Tuesday morning prayer at 8:15am

THIS WEEK ONLINE ONLY

Wednesday Book Group

7pm in the chapel

followed by short evening prayer at 8:15pm-ish

Thursday morning prayer @ 8:15am chapel.

Friday morning prayer @ 8:15am Zoom only

Email us for exact locations or zoom link.

Book Group Conversation

Serving God, Serving Money

Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the chapel. Feel free to join in.

Open Potluck Meals

Next Sunday, October 29

Bring a dish to contribute or just come eat and drink freely!

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We would love to connect!

