



Third Sunday After The Epiphany

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 25th, 2026 + 4pm

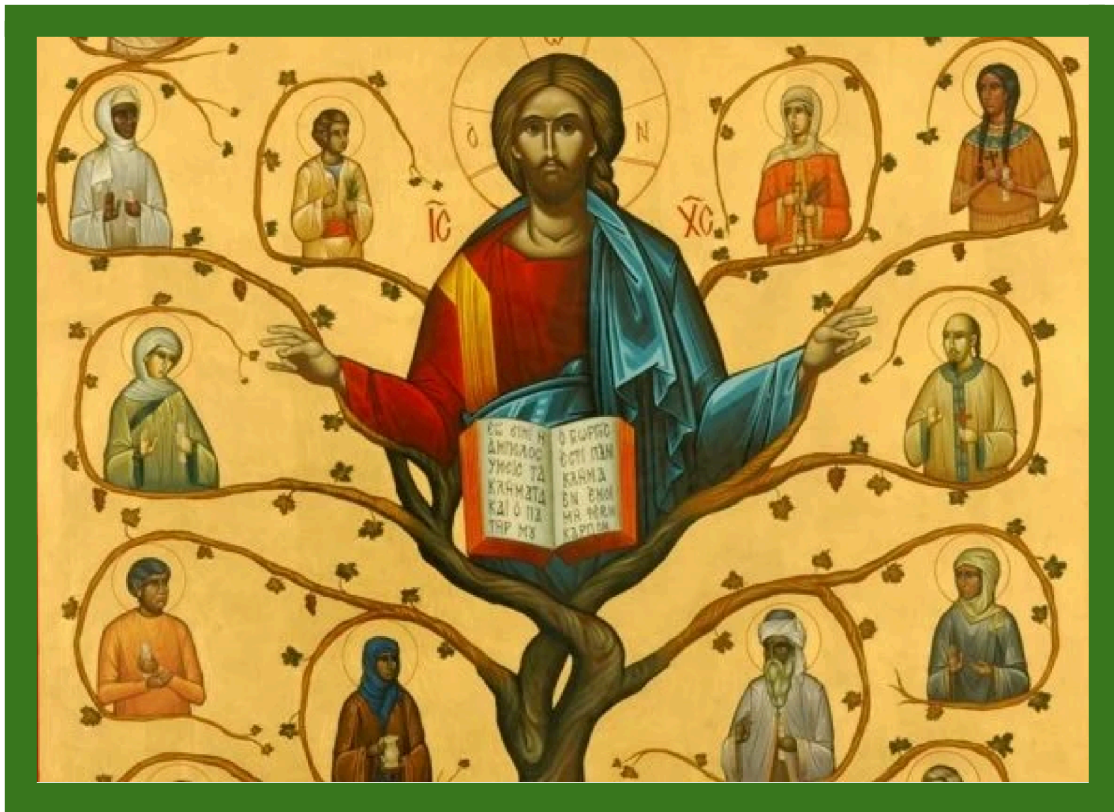
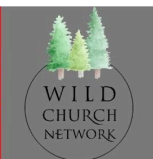


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**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**



**CEASE
FIRE
NOW**

Welcome to The AbbeyChurch

***No matter who you are or what you are carrying today,
know you are beloved and so very welcome here in Jesus' name.***

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 summarised in our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God—with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, uncertain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

As a witness to unity in diversity, the AbbeyChurch is an affirming (full inclusion and leadership of 2SLGBTQIA+ folk) shared ministry of The United Church of Canada and The Anglican Church of Canada.

We draw on those spiritual traditions, as well as others across the Christian spectrum. We're also connected to Emmaus, an intentional community that is inspired by monasticism and whose members make commitments to prayer, presence and simplicity.

We believe that Christ's love and grace binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.

Land Acknowledgement

The AbbeyChurch acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the Ləkʷəŋən peoples', the Songhees and Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations. We strive to journey toward reparation, right relationship and reconciliation with justice. We confess the complicity of our religious traditions and institutions in the loss of life, lands, languages, spiritualities and cultures of the First Peoples' of these lands.

We pause in silence to remember and to recall the land under our feet, the hidden rivers, the trees and flowers and shifting seasons. We are grateful for the ongoing wisdom, stewardship and tending of these lands and apprentice ourselves to this good work of caring for creation and seeking to live in right-relationship with each other.

We Gather

Opening Loop and Tolling of the Bells

Welcome, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement

Reflection Song: For What It's Worth (Buffalo Springfield / 1966)

Opening Words and Collect:

Light and peace in Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

May the name of the Lord be blessed forever, for God's name is before the sun.

All the nations of the earth will be blessed through God and all generations will extol God.

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, the only worker of wondrous deeds, the holy name of God's glory is forever blessed! The whole world will be filled with God's glory.

Amen! Amen!

Glory to You, Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

Now and always, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity / Armenian Apostolic Church, alt.

Folks of all ages are welcomed to set the table as we sing this opening song.

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we sing joyfully.

Opening Song: Cause Your Face to Shine

Cause your face to shine

Cause your face to shine

Cause your face to shine

And we will find our way. *(repeat)*

Last time: Lord we will find our way.

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The Poem

Chosen by Molly LeBlanc - Poet-in-Residence

We Proclaim

The Hebrew Scripture Reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (9:1-4)

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

The Psalm: 27:1



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The Epistle / Christian Scripture:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-18)

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

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

The Gospel Acclamation

fiddle

[A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Lord, to whom shall we go?—

D G D A

[A] You are gra-cious and merc - i - ful. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go?—

D G D A

[A] Slow to an - ger and a-bound-ing in love. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go?—

D G D A

[A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Let us trust in your word.——

[C] Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Dr. Kent Gustavson - used with permission - from Light Into the World: Hope for a New Day (Bluegrass Mass) - see drkent.ca

The Gospel

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops. **With our words and with our lives!**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (4:12-23)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

...Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops. **With our words and with our lives!**

Gospel Acclamation *Repeated*



The Sermon

Pastor Randy Hein, Hollydene Church

Bell. Silence for reflection. Bell.

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith in these words:

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

[we say together]

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. Amen. The United Church of Canada, 1968, rev..

Our Prayers

Jen Strohschein

The Confession

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us turn to the cross of Christ and, in silence, confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world.

[together we say] **Before God, with the people of God we confess to turning away from God in the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

Silence is kept.

The Absolution / Assurance of Grace

The Peace

...The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace to those near you.

Offering: Contributions to our common life can be made at the back of the space (now or later) in the boxes or using debit or credit card. You can e-transfer donations to treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca (that's our preferred method) or donate to AbbeyChurch / Emmaus via CanadaHelps by using the QR Code on the last page of this leaflet. All donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

The Offertory Song: Christ from Whom all Blessings Flow

Christ, from whom all blessings flow, perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who Thy nature share, who Thy mystic body are.

Join us, in one spirit join, let us still receive of Thine;
still for more on Thee we call, Thou who fillest all in all.

Move and actuate and guide, diverse gifts to each divide;
placed according to Thy will, let us all thy work fulfill.

Never from Thy service move, needful to each other prove;
use the grace on each bestowed, tempered by the art of God.

Many are we now, and one, we who Jesus have put on;
there is neither bond nor free, male nor female, Lord in Thee.

Love, like death, hath all destroyed, rendered all distinctions void;
names and sects and parties fall; Thou, O Christ, art all in all.

Charles Wesley (1740), Public Domain. Tune Dix

We Celebrate

*As we prepare for this holy feast, we are reminded that all are welcome at Jesus's
wherever they find themselves in their spiritual journey.*

*If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing rather than bread and wine, place
your hands across your chest.*

Prayer Over The Gifts

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.** Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of hope, You speak and creation comes to life. You come with healing in your wings and we are filled with your Spirit. You loosen the bonds of sickness to let the oppressed go free. You shelter the poor and feed the hungry the bread of life. When the night is longest, you break upon us like the dawn.

And so now we give you thanks that you have shown the greatness of your love by sending your Son Jesus Christ to share our fragile flesh and to bear our every burden. Jesus suffers with the sick, cares for the injured and rescues the dying. By his passion and death he rescues us from evil and binds up every wound. Therefore with angels and archangels and all of Creation, we raise our voices and sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord - God of power and might

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

Hosanna, hosanna, hosana in the highest

+Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

Hosanna, hosanna, hosana in the highest

Hosanna, hosanna, hosana in the highest

Steve Bell / Signpost Music / CCLI, alt.

It is right to lift our voices in praise for on the night before he died, Jesus at supper with his disciples, took bread, broke it, 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, 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.

Holy God, who sent down your Holy Spirit like a dove upon your Beloved, send your Spirit among us now to sanctify us by your grace. By the power of that same Spirit, may these gifts of bread and wine be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Be close to those who ache for your liberating power. Visit all who need the healing, forgiving, peacemaking and restoring touch of your Spirit. Bless all your beloved children until that day when all Creation is restored and all are enfolded in your embrace. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent, we pray as Jesus taught:

Our *Father (**or Parent, or Abba, or Amma, or Source, or Mother*)

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.

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.

Silence is kept

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 (none compelled!) to receive at Jesus' table!
The bread is gluten-free, there are also rice crackers available.
Grape juice is in the small cups. It is wine (port) in the larger chalice.*

Song (pre-recorded): Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

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Communion Song:

When journeying through your dark night

Refrain (after each line): Burn, burn this as a light

Until the dawn horizon . . .

What God has voiced inside you . . .

Creation all about you . . .

The song of children laughing . . .

The sound of people singing . . .

The morning star arises . . .

Raising our joys from sorrows . . .

The tree of life bearing fruit . . .

The healing of the nations . . .

When you come to take us home

We'll lay our oil lamps down

In the abiding light of the lamb . . .

Beside your glorified body . . .

Healed by the holy hands of love . . .

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Communion Song: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand - lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn. Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light - take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear - precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone. Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall - Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears .and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand take my hand precious Lord, lead me home
The Rev. Thomas A. Dorsey © 1938 (Renewed 1965) UNICHAPPELL MUSIC INC. / CCLI

The Prayer After Communion

[we pray together] **O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, so that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

We Are Sent

The Blessing

Closing Song: Jesus Christ, Inner Light

Ostinato Refrain: All



Je - sus Christ, in - ner light, let not our own dark-ness con-quer us.

Je - sus Christ, in - ner light, en - a-ble us to wel-come your love.

Verses: (Sung over Refrain)

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| 1. Jesus Christ, source of light,
in you we discover a radiance.
To whom shall we go,
to whom shall we go
to see the face of God? | You burden yourself with what burdens us.
You take on our darkness. |
| 2. Risen Christ, you go down to the depths,
to the depths of our human condition. | 3. Jesus Christ, in our search for you,
bring us into the warmth of your light,
Jesus Christ, embrace us with your love. |
| | 4. Jesus Christ, help us to face our darkness.
Help us to find its hidden treasure. |

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Sending

Go as beloved as one in Christ - with lives rededicated to seeking the peace and wellbeing of the places you go this week. **Thanks be to God! Amen. Alleluia!**

Sending Song: Felix Culpa

God who watches over you
Will never slumber nor sleep.
God who watches over you
Will never slumber nor sleep. *(repeat)*

Oh, My child, lay your burden down
Lay them at My feet.
God who watches over you
Will never slumber nor sleep
music and words by Alana Levandoski, alt. / CCLI

We will be back here to worship next Sunday at 4pm

Donations to our Common Life and Ministry



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our ministry in 2025, making it possible for us to continue thriving! We continue to welcome your offerings of all kinds; financial and otherwise - and are grateful for all the ways you give.

Here are a few ways to donate financially to the common life of our Beloved Community:

1. **E-transfers.** This method is our favourite as we receive the full amount. (no fees) Please use your online banking to interac e-transfer to treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca. Make sure you have filled out [this form](#) so we have the details to provide a tax receipt or email treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca with the details of the amount, date and your full contact details.
2. **Online** Via [Canada Helps - follow the link below or click the QR code -> here:](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/emmausabbeychurch/)
3. The **Square POS** reader at the back of the church. Again, be sure to provide your name and contact details either when making the donation via Square or using one of the slips by the iPad.

With deep gratitude for your generous support of this beloved AbbeyChurch.



QOMQEM every Sunday!!

Join AbbeyChurch partnering on weekly Indigenous-Led Street Outreach

QomQem Coastal Connections has operated a weekly night outreach initiative for the past two years, bringing basic needs, hot and cold foods, harm reduction, and other supplies to the street family. This Indigenous-and-lived-experience-led outreach model follows Coast Salish teachings that everyone should have a home, food to eat, and a role in the community.

Items Needed: Drop them off into the treasure chest at the back!

- Non perishable foods used in the weekly menu: Gatorade/Powerade, juice boxes, fruit cups, pudding cups, peanut butter and jam (large jars), noodle bowls, large bags of candy/baked treats

- Supplies: Gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, high-quality umbrellas, raincoats, winter coats, tarps, winter weight sleeping bags, emergency blankets, batteries, flashlights, tents
 - Inexpensive phones and pay as you go phone credits
- Volunteer:** QomQem will be in the kitchen each Sunday after worship (about 5:15pm) - and AbbeyChurch folk are welcome to come and volunteer.

Donate Money: You can designate funds to this important work through AbbeyChurch - go to canadahelps.org/en/charities/emmausabbeychurch/ and select QomQem Coastal Connections on the drop down menu.

Weekday Prayer with the Emmaus Community

- @ Emmaus/AbbeyChurch Upper Room** (off the Balmoral parking lot, up the metal stairs)
- Mondays 9 am** - Morning Prayer w/ Centering Prayer - approx 45 mins. In-person only.
- Tuesdays 9 am** - approx 25-30 mins - in-person and online.
- Thursdays 8:15 am** - morning prayer - The Upper Room and online on zoom.
- Fridays 8:15 am** - morning prayer - *on-line zoom only*
- Contact us for information on the accessible entrance or zoom/liturgies link*

WANNA CHAT? Reach out to us at admin@abbeychurch.ca

BORROW A BOOK? the (very in-process - 15% catalogued) library catalog is here: www.librarycat.org/lib/EmmausCommunity or email library@emmauscommunity.ca

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About our Guest Preacher, Pastor Randy Hein:



Randy has been a pastor in Victoria for the past 20 years. After an academic sabbatical used to research the relationship between community, faith and art, he has come together with a grassroots group of leaders to give birth to Hollydene Community Church. Randy is super passionate about community, justice issues, the local arts scene, coffee, and his beloved Canucks. After all these years, the love of Jesus still amazes him. He has incredible fondness for young leaders and desires to see them mentored relationally, developed theologically and engaged socially. Randy also works part-time for Vision

Ministries and teaches occasionally at Auxano Bible School. He lives with his wife Marcy and their two adult children Caleb and Sarah.



About the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The traditional period in the northern hemisphere for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January. Those dates were proposed in 1908 by Paul Wattson to cover the days between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul, and therefore have a symbolic significance. In the southern hemisphere where January is a vacation time churches often find other days to celebrate the Week of Prayer, for example around Pentecost (suggested by the Faith and Order movement in 1926), which is also a symbolic date for the unity of the Church. Elements of worship were drafted by the Armenian Apostolic Church - you can read more about them, and see additional liturgy at [www. weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca)

Coming Up:



Venezuela Now, Canada Next?

This Thursday at 7:30pm in the sanctuary AbbeyChurch is excited to team up with some social justice groups to hold this event in solidarity with the Venezuelan people! Please do attend if you can!

Lectio Devina on Brokenness with Kintsugi

On Friday February 20 from 4 to 6 pm, you are invited to join a small group of aspiring Abbey artists (in the Abbey office), to contemplate a passage on brokenness, hear about the Japanese practice of Kintsugi and have a chance to repair a ceramic vessel using a modified procedure. There is room for 10 people. To



reserve a space, please email Margot at mspence@shaw.ca. You will need to bring a small broken piece of pottery / ceramic to work on (eg mug or bowl sized, though it should be a piece that you will no longer use for food or liquid). Alternately you can visit a thrift store and buy a piece you don't mind breaking, to practice repairs on.

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