



The Feast of Pentecost

May 24, 2026 + 4pm



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Welcome to the AbbeyChurch!

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

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

Tolling of the Bells

Welcome - Announcements - Land Acknowledgment

Bell x 3

Let us take a moment in silence to invite the Holy Spirit to hover over us once more.

[together we say] Come Holy Spirit Come!

Silence is kept

Invocation of the Holy Spirit: Tui Amoris Ignem Accende Ateliers et Presses de Taize / OneLicense

We sing in Latin...

The image shows a musical score for a Latin invocation. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is in 4/4 time, with a treble and bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second system is also in 4/4 time, with a treble and bass clef. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are in Latin and English. The first system has the following lyrics: Latin: *Ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus, tu-i a-mo-ris i-gnem ac-cen-de.* English: *Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us, kin-dle in us the fire of your love.* The second system has the following lyrics: Latin: *Ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus, ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus.* English: *Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us.* The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The second system has a treble clef and a bass clef. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has the following lyrics: Latin: *Ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus, tu-i a-mo-ris i-gnem ac-cen-de.* English: *Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us, kin-dle in us the fire of your love.* The second system has the following lyrics: Latin: *Ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus, ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus.* English: *Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us.*

Opening Words

Veni Sancte Spiritus!

Come, Holy Spirit!

The one who sang God's Creation out of Chaos,
who wept at the shadow of a cross,
and who danced in the morning, at the opening of the tomb.

Come, Holy Spirit!

You who come mysteriously in wind, flame, and breath,
Come, Holy Spirit, to us,
who gather with trembling hands and uncertain hearts.

Teach us to sing your song and to dance your dance!

Here in this gathering, as you did long ago, breathe on us.

Breathe on us,

blowing away our fears and our hesitations.

Breathe on us,

transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives.

Breathe on us,

for we need peace, a peace that only you can give.

Rev. Nancy J, <http://ruminari.wordpress.com/>, alt.

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing our opening hymn.
Folks of all ages are welcomed to set the table in front of the altar / table.*

Gathering Song: Come Holy Ghost

Come Holy Ghost. Come God and Lord.
with all your grace on us outpoured.
Come Holy Light. Come Guide Divine
now cause the Word of Life to shine.

Come Holy Fire and Comfort True
grant us the will - your work to do.

Lord by your pow'r prepare our hearts.
Where we are weak, Lord strength impart
that bravely here we may afford
our life and death to you our Lord. (x 2) Alleluia (repeat)

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The Poem

Chosen by Molly LeBlanc - Poet-in-Residence

We Proclaim

A Story of the Beloved Community

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

...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.

Gospel Acclamation: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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The Gospel:

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

A reading from the Gospel according to John (7:37-39)

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified....The Gospel of Christ! **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel Acclamation: Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, move among us all.
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love,
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

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The Sermon

Rob Shearer, ec

Bell. Silence for reflection. Bell.

We rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith:

A Pentecost Creed Excerpts from A Song of Faith, The United Church of Canada

[saying together]

**God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description.
Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship.
Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing.**

**With the Church through the ages,
we speak of God as one and triune:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Source of Life, Jesus Christ and Bond of Love**

**We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.**

**We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.**

We sing with trust.

We place our hope in God.

**We sing of a life beyond life and a future good beyond imagining:
a new heaven and a new earth, the end of sorrow, pain, and tears,
Christ's return and life with God, the making new of all things.
We yearn for the coming of that future, even while participating in eternal life now.**

**Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing.
Creating and seeking relationship, in awe and trust,
we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.
Amen.**

Our Prayers

Josh Ruberg

Confession (sung)

Lord, have mercy (x4)
Holy Spirit rest upon us - Lead us in the way of your justice
Holy Spirit rest upon us - teach us how to serve in our weakness

In silence we bring our confessions before God asking the Spirit to release, anoint and heal.

Lord, have mercy (x4)
Holy Spirit rest upon us teach us how to tend to creation
Holy Spirit rest upon us guide us from our path of destruction
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Absolution / Assurance

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

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

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The Offertory Song: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with thine to do and to endure.

Breathe on me breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me breath of God, so shall I never die
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.
Edwin Hatch 1878 Public Domain Hymn

We Celebrate

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

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

Prayer Over The Gifts

As the earth groans for restoration, the Spirit comes to rouse the people.

Her love births new worlds. Her fire sparks movements.

She comforts those troubled by evil and gently agitates the apathetic.

Come and disturb our complacency. Come and inspire our courage. Come and enliven all the lifeless places, tired with grief, frustrated with struggle. In community with one another, make us a passionate people with a wild and unruly practice of hope.

Receive all we offer you this day and fill us with your life-giving breath,

that nourished at your table we may be made one in your Spirit. **Amen.** m jade kaiser, enfleshed, alt.

Communion / The Holy Eucharist

God be with you! **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the living God! **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light...

... that as one body we may proclaim your praise:

O- Holy - Holy Holy Lord - O God of power and Might. All
C Am⁷ G D G C Em
Heaven and earth of-your glory are full Ho - sanna in the high - est. O
Bm Em D G G Dsus⁴
Blessed is the one who comes in the name-of-the Lord! Ho-
C Am G D G C Em
-sanna in the high - est. Ho - sanna in the high - est.

While Jesus was eating with his disciples...

Do this in remembrance of me." **Glory to you forever and ever.**

As supper was ending... do this in remembrance of me. **Glory to you forever and ever.**

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us in Jesus your Child:

♩ = 100 Em C G D G Am Dsus⁴

Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain! Sing

C Am⁷ G D G C Em

Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us...be gathered and made one in your love.

A - men, a - men, O Ho - ly One! Ho - san - na and A - men! A -

C Am⁷ G D G C Em

men, a - men, O Ho - ly One, Ho - san - na and A - men!

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 (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): Lamb of God by Audrey Assad (excerpt) 2014 Fortunate Fall Records

Song: Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Ateliers et Presses de Taizé

Song: Fire Of Love

Fire of love we wait on you
To kindle our hearts, kindle our hearts
Fire of love we wait on you
To kindle our hearts we pray

Holy Spirit fan the flame (4x)

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We Are Sent

Please rise in body or Spirit

The Spirit who moves like “a rush of violent wind...”

Who appears like fire...

Who is the breath of God...

She comes to us unconcerned with order, wild with freedom, turning over anything and everything that stands in Her way.

Let Her come and fill our mouths with words we didn't know we could speak.

Let Her come and help us hear in languages we once could not understand.

She is being poured out.

The people will prophesy.

The heavens will draw near.

The chorus of voices-past will join in and proclaim the truth of God.

Justice will come. © *enfleshed*

Blessed are you, O God, overflowing in love.

With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.

Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.

The Easter (Paschal) Candle is extinguished

For fifty days we have celebrated God's new creation and resurrection life and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. Today we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

As part of God's beloved community at Emmaus and AbbeyChurch we call upon you to 'translate' and to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting God to be your guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to share and minister to those in need - dismantling systems of power and kindling each others imagination?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Let courage rise up. Let passion enflame.

Let love transform. Go in the wild, animating power of the Spirit to love God and serve the people! **Thanks be to God!**

Closing Song: Gotta Sing When The Spirit Says Sing / I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me

You've got to move when the Spirit says move, you've got to move when the Spirit says move,
'cause when the Spirit says move, you've got to move O yeah- move when the Spirit says move.

You've got to sing when the Spirit says sing, you've got to sing when the Spirit says sing,
'cause when the Spirit says sing, you've got to sing O yeah, sing when the Spirit says sing.

You've got to clap when the Spirit says clap - you've got to clap when the Spirit says clap,
'cause when the Spirit says clap, you've got to clap O yeah clap when the Spirit says clap.

You've got to shout when the Spirit says shout, you've got to shout when the Spirit says shout,
'cause when the Spirit says shout, you've got to shout O yeah, shout when the Spirit says shout.

I'm gonna live so God can use me -- anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me -- anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me -- anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me -- anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me -- anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me -- anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me -- anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me -- anywhere, Lord, anytime!
African-American Spirituals, Public Domain

We'll be back here next Sunday at 4pm

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. Open to any and all!

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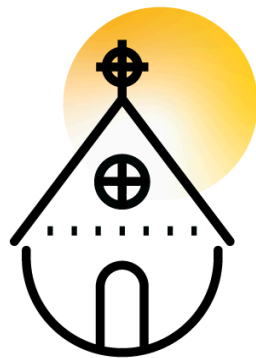


**CHRISTIAN ANARCHISM:
A Roundtable and Discussion**

**Thursday June 11 at 7pm
in the Upper Room**

aka the Emmaus/Abbey Prayer space, library, office.
Enter off of the parking lot up the stairs. Text
7789777562 for barrier free.

With Denise Nadeau of The AbbeyChurch and author of
Unsettling Spirit: A Journey into Decolonization & Rob
Shearer - clergy & former Catholic Worker



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