

Pentecost + 22

and Refugee Sunday

October 20, 2024 + 4pm



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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 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, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

As a witness to unity in diversity, the AbbeyChurch is an affirming 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.

We Gather

The AbbeyChurch acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the, the Lək'wəḡən 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 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.

Opening Loop + Tolling of the Bells + Announcements + Land Acknowledgement

Opening Words

Come all who seek mercy, justice and love

We come to worship Christ, the one who though they are God, emptied himself, was born in a stable who came to serve and give his life away.

Come all who seek community and belonging

We come to worship Christ, the one who fled the murderous Herod, the one who offered friendship to all.

The veil has been torn, the gates have been opened, there is nothing that can separate us from God's Love. Let us worship the Triune God.

Let us worship in solidarity, spirit and in truth!

Silence is kept. Bell x 3

During this song, folks of all ages (including children and youth!) are welcome to set the orange table with icons and symbols of faith and hope found on the back table!

Procession Song: The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
Fellow travellers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

Will you let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

Richard Gillard 1977 / CCLI

The Poem:

selected and read by poet-in-residence *Rebecca Yeo*

We Proclaim

The Epistle (Letter)

A reading from letter to the Hebrews (5: 1-10, NRSVUE, alt.)

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. They are able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since the themselves are subject to weakness; and because of this they must offer sacrifice for their own sins as well as for those of the people. And

one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Mel-chizedek.

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

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

Sung Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Stay close my child through this dark night
Rest in the shadows of these wings.
Hope in the Lord whose day will come,
The dawn of making all things new.

Alleluia (*repeat*)

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The Gospel (Mark 10: 35-45, NRSVUE, alt.)

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops. **With our words and with our lives:**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And Jesus said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Acclamation: Alleluia

All wars will cease, all suffering end.
Justice will roll, the kingdom come.
Love will arise, grace will uphold.
Mercy will heal where the lamb reigns.

Alleluia (*repeat*) Tom Wuest / Brass Trumpet Publishing / Used with permission

Sermon

Lynn Mills, ec

Bell + short silence

On this refugee Sunday, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith.

Credo

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,
who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger,
and returning to his own country suffered the oppression
of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power,
who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured,
accused and condemned to death unjustly.
But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all ethnicities.

I believe that the church is called to be the secure home
for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it,
who speak the same language and have the same purpose.

I believe that the communion of the saints begins
when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal,
and in reconciliation, which identifies us more
than does race, language, or nationality.

I believe that in the resurrection
God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct
and all are alike at the same time.

Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant
but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end. Amen.

"The Immigrants' Creed" Rev. Jose Luis Casali *The Book of Common Worship: 2018 Edition*. © 2018 Westminster John Knox Press.

Our Prayers

The Confession

[together we say] **God, we praise you for creating this world in all beauty. With adoring love, we acclaim your glory. All praise and glory be yours. We thank you for our communities, friends and families - and for all you are doing in our lives.**

Gentle and gracious God, we also confess before you there is, at times, evil in our hearts. We acknowledge that we can be inclined toward anger, jealousy, violence, revenge and pride. Forgive us of this, through Jesus Christ. Thomas Bwalya - The United Church of Zambia, alt.

Silence is kept for personal and corporate confession.

The Assurance/ Absolution

The Peace

...The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's Peace

During the 'offertory' song, the communion table is set.

Contributions to our common life can be made at the back of the space (now or later).

As we prepare for this holy feast we are reminded that all are welcome to receive wherever they find themselves in their spiritual journey. All are welcome to Jesus' table - as you feel ready.

The Offertory Song: As We Gather at your Table

As we gather at Your table
As we listen to Your word
Help us know O God Your presence
Let our hearts and minds be stirred
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's vict'ry known

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life
Send us forth to love and serve You
Bringing peace where there is strife

Give us Christ Your great compassion
To forgive as You forgave
May we still behold Your image
In the world You died to save

Gracious Spirit help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy

Carl P. Daw, 1989, Hope Publishing, CCLI 3199790

We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

All things have their origin with you, our Creator. You have no limits to your generosity. No border can contain your love. No need is too great for you. May this feast feed us to be lighthouses of welcome and instruments of hospitality. May it add a flame to the beacon of hope for all people, from all place, for your Glory of God. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer C - Celebrate God's Presence - The United Church of Canada

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love.
You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars.
At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets.
You breathe life into us and set us among all your creatures, in a covenant of love and service.
Even when we turn away from you, you do not forsake us. You send your prophets to proclaim your justice, to remind us of your promise of peace, and to call us back to you.

Triune God, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus,
Who walks with us, as our Wisdom and Way, sharing our joy and sorrow,
healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and setting the captive free.
So it is that we join the song of all creation to proclaim your goodness:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing

it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: "Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died and Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!
Christ has died and Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!

Send, O God, your +Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that they may be the body and blood of Christ; and that all who share at this table of thanksgiving may be light, life, and love in the world. In this hope, and as your body, we praise you. *[pause]*
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.
Amen. Amen, Amen. Amen. Amen, 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.

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 but may contain almond flour, egg and dairy. Please ask the server if you would like a non-dairy / nut option (rice cracker). The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the larger common cup. Please refrain from dipping the bread.

Lamb of God (pre-recorded) Church of The Apostles / Lacey Brown c2015 COTA Music.

Communion Song: All Ye Refugees

I am the One,
the earth is my handmade work
The skies, I laid them wide, beauty
unfurled
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation,
sings you home

Refrain:

Welcome home, gather 'round
All ye refugees, come in
Welcome home, gather 'round
All ye refugees, come in

Oh, refugee, I did not cast you out
In death and broken ground,

salvation springs
My body and my blood,
the healing that you need. *refrain.*

All ye refugees, come in
Watch and wait and see
What is yet to be
Watch and wait and see
For the morning

Go out in joy,
and join the great procession
The mountains and the heavens
all will rejoice
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation,
with one voice. *Refrain*
Drink Your Tea Music 2016 Sandra McCracken / CCLI

Communion Song: He Is Among Us (The Least of These)

You'll find Me with the broken and the weak
In the spaces in between
You'll hear My voice cry out with those who weep
Only if you're listening

Chorus: Whatever you do for the least of these - you do it unto Me

You'll find Me with the ones without a voice
The forgotten and ignored
My blessing is on those who love the poor
'Til you open up the door. *Chorus.*

Hallelujah, hallelujah! He is among us, He is among us

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together. **Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. May we know the presence of Jesus among us. Take us from this table, raised and restored, ready not to be served but to serve, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.** United Church of Christ USA

The Blessing

...and the blessing of God...

Closing Song: Christ Be My Leader

Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness,
for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him;

though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting
nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.
*Timothy Dudley-Smith / Slane (Be Thou My Vision) Irish
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The Sending

Go in peace to love God and serve the people. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

We'll be back for worship next Sunday at 4pm.

Our Next Potluck is NEXT SUNDAY October 27 after worship.

You are welcome to join our QomQem partnership today in the kitchen and most Sundays after worship...

Partnership with QomQem : Call for Food Donations

We're now welcoming food donations for AbbeyChurch/Emmaus partnership with QomQem coastal connections - an indigenous harm reduction organisation. We'll be using this food to support their street outreach on Sunday evenings. Our folk are also welcomed to assist in sandwich prep after church at 5:30pm most Sundays.

Here is the list of desired items:

- large bags of soft candies to make up mixed candy bags (ie sour keys, cherry blasters etc)
- Large jars of peanut butter, Nutella or jam
- Tins of Gatorade powder
- Tins of hot chocolate powder (once it starts to cool)
- Sweet treats like pre wrapped Rice Krispie squares, wagon wheels, ding dongs etc
- Fruit cups
- Flavoured Apple sauce cups
- Soft chew granola bars (nutrigrain, etc)
- Small easy peel oranges and bananas (for Sunday drop-off)
- Gatorade/powerade bottles
- Home baking on the day of - starting September 22nd (ideally 150 units)
- Sunscreen, batteries, flashlights

Up to 150 people served each night, so bulk family/sized items appreciated.
We now have a treasure chest at the back of the church for collection.
Thanks for any help you can be in this amazing work.

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THE ABBEY CHURCH

SOLID OUTREACH *
A collaborative project between:
QomQem, NPNA, SOLID, &
AbbeyChurch

NON PERISHABLE FOOD URGENTLY NEEDED!

WE NEED YOU!

Night outreach - We're at it again!
We are in need of non-perishable foods to support Street Family!

What's Needed?
Large Tins of: Peanut Butter, Jam & Nutella
Fruit Cups,
Packaged treats (wagonwheels etc)
Large bags of Soft candies
Gatorade Powder Tins
Camp gear!

TO ARRANGE DROP OFF, CONTACT:
admin@qomqem.com / 250-291-1204

Weekday Prayer Gatherings

Mondays at 9am - Morning Prayer with Centering Prayer @ AbbeyChurch office
(off the Balmoral parking lot, metal stairs up) - approx 45 mins.
moral parking lot, metal stairs up) - in-person only.

Tuesdays at 9am - Morning Prayer @ AbbeyChurch office
- in-person and online on Zoom - approx 25-30 mins.

Thursdays at 8:15am - morning prayer - AbbeyChurch office (see above) and online on zoom.

Fridays at 8:15am - morning prayer - *on-line zoom only*

*Our weekday common prayer is liturgical in nature and based on ancient monastic practices.
It's open to all who wish to join in-person or online. Liturgies can be found on our website.*



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