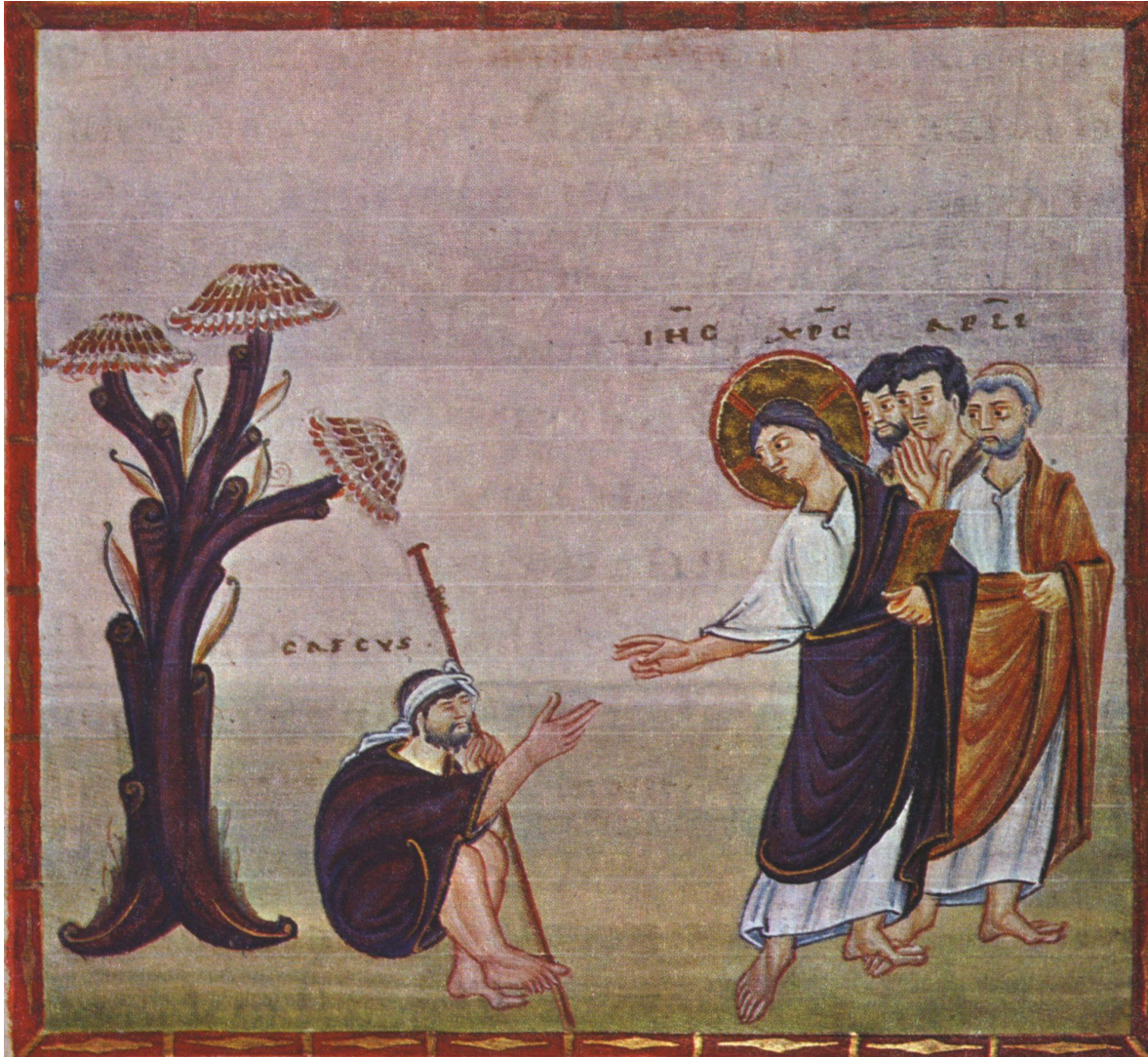
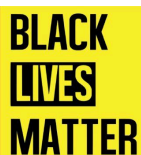


Pentecost + 23

October 27, 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.

A wee note on devices! We're encouraging folks of all ages to minimise device use during worship from 3:45-5:15 in order to enhance our sacred time together - and to not be a barrier for others. Let's work together for a time of fullness in worship and community! Of course, we know there are times where folks need to be available and on-call or connect with others - and we therefore don't legislate this, but we do encourage all individuals and families to be intentional around what is needed for both personal and the common good!

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

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Jesus, son of David, have mercy on us.

We come forth in faith - seeking hope, justice, healing

Let us worship the Triune God.

Amen.

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: Amazing Grace (House of the Rising Sun tune)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toil and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far –
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been here ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise –
Then when we've first begun.

John Newton Public Domain / Appalachian or English folk
tune, evolved

The Poem

We Proclaim

The Epistle (Letter)

A reading from letter to the Hebrews (7: 23-28, NRSVUE, alt.)

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently Jesus is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

We chant the Psalm together (please join in as you are comfortable)

The Psalm: Psalm 34 *Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt the name of God together.
4 I sought the Lord, who answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon God and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God *
and will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in God!
GP: Glory to you Source of All Being *
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be *
World without end, Amen.

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: 46-52, NRSVUE, alt.)

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

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, who was blind and begged for his means of support, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the man who was blind, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The man who was blind said to Jesus, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

...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.

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Sermon

The Rev. Rebecca Yeo

Bell + short silence

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

Credo

We believe in God Almighty,
Maker of all heav'n and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, our Saviour:
God's own Son of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived
of the virgin Mary born,
God in whom we have believed:
God Almighty Three-in-One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
on the cross, he bled and died;
Placed within the grave so silent,
where for three days he did lie;
Then the stone-sealed tomb was empty;
we believe he did arise;
Triumphed o'er the grave forever,
over death he is the Christ.

Into heaven he ascended -
seated at God's own right hand
'Til he comes again in glory,
gracious judge o'er every land;
We confess the Holy Spirit
who was sent through Christ the Son
Who is Lord and giver of life -
God, the Spirit, Three-in-One.

We believe the Church of Jesus,
catholic it 'ere remains;
We are one through all the ages,
the communion of the saints.
We believe sins are forgiven,
our bodies shall be raised
Everlasting life the promise
may God's holy name be praised.

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Our Prayers

Barbara Uibel

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: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.
George Herbert / R.V. Williams / OneLicense (Blackfriars version).

We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

God of constant love and healing,
you have guided your people
in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Anglican Church of Canada/BAS

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might

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Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho- san na in the high - est.

9

Em G

Bles-sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord Ho

13

Em G

san-na, ho-san-na, ho san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est, ho

17

san- na in the high - est, ho-san- na in the high - est

Lacey Brown / Church of the Apostles (Lumen)

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 i---s ris'n! Christ wi--ll come a---ga-----in!
 Christ has died and Christ i---s ris'n! Christ wi--ll come a---ga-----in!

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.

A--men. A---men, A- me-----n.
 A--men. A---men, A- me-----n.

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.

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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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Communion Song: Have Mercy On Me

Jesus, son of David - Have mercy - have mercy on me.

(When I hear you passing by

When the crowd ignores my cry

With all my heart and soul and mind

Louder still, O Lord, I cry)

Paul Zach / Alex Johnson / Kate Bluett

Have Mercy On Me lyrics © Integrity's Alleluia! Music, Paul Zach Publishing, Kate Bluett Music / CCLI

Prayer after Communion

*Let us pray together. God our guide,
you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed the your people in the wilderness.
May we who have been inwardly nourished
be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

The Anglican Church of Canada / BAS

The Blessing

...and the blessing of God...

Closing Song: Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
when the forty days were o'er
shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
As within the veil you entered robed in flesh our great high priest
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.
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The Sending

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

There is a potluck today after worship right here in the space. Please feel free to stay whether you have a contribution or not! There is always enough.

You are also welcome to join our QomQem partnership today in the kitchen after 5:30 and most Sundays after worship - we prepare food for their 'street family'...

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

Partnership with QomQem : ONGOING 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.

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.

Want to donate to our common life? You can now send offerings by e-transfer to treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca or talk to Lynn, or treasurer to sign up for monthly giving! There's also a point of sale machine at the back table for debit or credit donations. All donations are eligible for a charitable receipt for income tax purposes.



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