

# Epiphany + 2

## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 19, 2025 + 4pm



Sadao Watanabe "Wedding at Cana." (1968)



# **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 (full inclusion and leadership of 2SLGBTQ2IA+ 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.

## We Gather

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 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.

### Tolling of the Bells

#### Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

#### Opening Words

God who is One, you call us to be one body – and many parts,

**May we be one with all Creation, reflecting your divine image.**

God who is Three, you call us to be community,

**May we take our place in the community of Creation.**

God who calls us each by name and claims us as Beloved,

**May we find our place in Your family and make space for others.**

As we gather this day in worship and in prayer,

**We do so in unity with all Creation.**

We unite with all our siblings in the faith community.

**We unite with all who are called and joined by the Spirit.**

We unite with followers of the Jesus way, from every tribe and nation

**We unite with all God's children, and join our voices to praise!**

*Christine Sine, Journey into Wholeness, Alt.*

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing:*

#### Opening Song: In Cana at a Wedding Feast

In Cana at a wedding feast,  
Christ worked his first great sign.  
There Jesus' mother told her son,  
"They don't have any wine!"  
He called for six stone water jars;  
they filled them to the brim;  
Through water changed to wine that day,  
his friends believed in him.

Far from the town, the crowds pressed in  
on Jesus' prayer retreat.  
He healed their sick, then told his own,  
"You give them food to eat!"  
Five loaves of bread and two small fish  
were all they found to share,  
Yet thousands ate the meal he blessed,  
with baskets left to spare.

Out on the sea, the winds were strong;  
the stormy waves were high;  
There Jesus' friends were filled with fear  
when he came walking by.  
"Take heart, for it is I!" he said,  
and helping Peter stand,  
He calmed the storm  
and stirred their hearts;  
God's world was in his hand.

O Lord, we see your wondrous signs  
and know through faith-filled eyes:  
You are new wine that brings us joy,  
true bread that satisfies.  
You give clear vision to your church,  
you make the wounded whole.  
You give us hope, when seas are rough;  
for you are in control!

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette / OneLicense*

## We Proclaim

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (62:1-5)... The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we open our hearts to hear the good news.  
(and feel free to sing all the parts)*

### Gospel Acclamation

The musical notation is for a fiddle, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves. The lyrics are: [A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? [A] You are gra-cious and merc - i - ful. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? [A] Slow to an - ger and a-bound-ing in love. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? [A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Let us trust in your word. The chords indicated are D, G, D, and A.

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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 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. (2:1-11)

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

## Gospel Acclamation



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

## Sermon

Michelle Slater

*Bell. Silence for reflection. Bell.*

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith and sing our ancient Story of trust.*

## Credo

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,

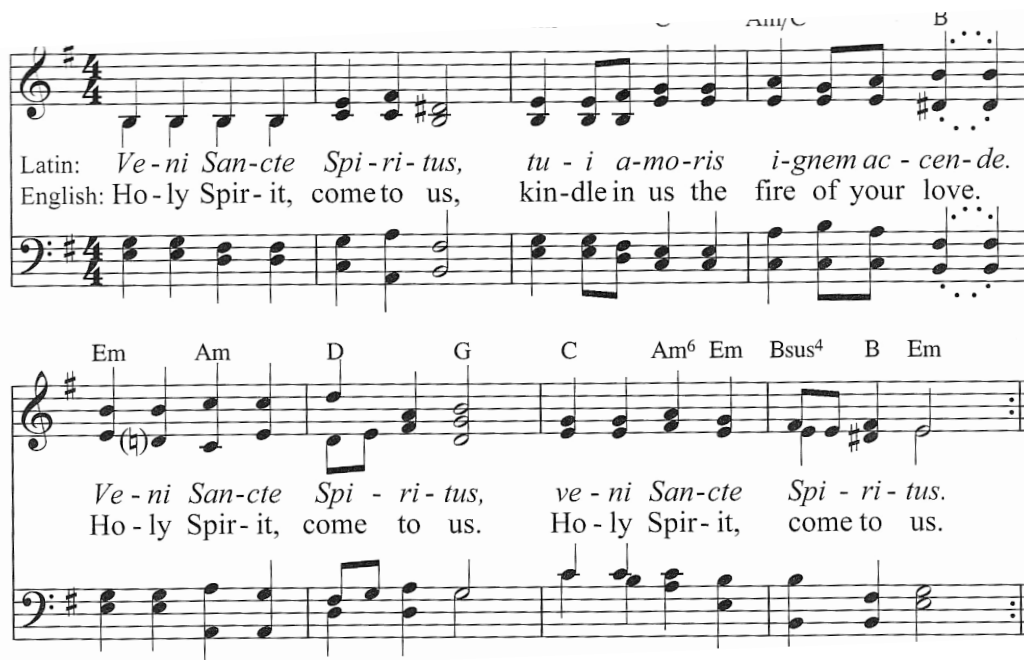
+The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Ryan Flanigan/ Liturgical folk, alt./ CCLI

## Our Prayers - anointing for healing

*During this prayer time, we offer anointing with oil for healing; an ancient tradition where folks can come forward and receive prayers and blessed oil on their forehead. Any and all are welcome to come.*

*You're also welcome to stay in your seat and pray, sing along to these simple chants from the community in Taize (France), or weave your prayers for peace and unity in diversity into the prayer weave.*

## Prayer Song:



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.

Em Am D G C Am<sup>6</sup> Em B<sub>sus</sub><sup>4</sup> B Em

*Ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus, ve-ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus.*  
*Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us.*

## Prayer Song:

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

Last 2 chants: Ateliers et Presses de Taize / OneLicense.

## Confession

We come before God, aware of what we've done that has caused harm; what has been done from a place of violence or fear by us or in our name. We come aware of what we've failed to do. We come knowing that we have not always acted in a spirit of unity with our siblings in Christ. That we have not always welcomed all to Jesus' table of celebration and radical welcome. Let us take a moment in silence to bring to heart and mind our personal and collective failings, offering them into to Jesus' mercy and grace...

*Bell. Silent Prayer of confession. Bell.*

## The Assurance/Absolution

God who is with us, +draw us in and cleanse us from our sins so that we might walk in the love of the Light of the world, the Word Made Flesh, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

*You are invited to share a sign of peace to those near you.*

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

*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](mailto:treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca) (that's our preferred method) or by making a donation to AbbeyChurch / Emmaus via CanadaHelps by using the QR Code to the right. All donations are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.*



This next song is the inaugural song of The United Church of Canada, sung at its inception in June 1925 and chosen by the Presbyterians. It was also sung by the parishioners of St. John the Divine Anglican who came outside when our forebears who came to worship in this building processed from their Pandora building to amalgamate to form First Met United. It was written by an Anglican priest about the catholic Nicene Creed and the music is written by a founder of Methodism - precursor to the United Church Charles Wesley's grandson. *Et omnes unum sint! (That they might be one)!*

## **The Offertory Song: The Church's One Foundation**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
We are his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
one charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one home always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war  
We wait the consummation of peace forevermore  
Til' with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the three-in-one  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh happy one, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.  
SJ Stone, alt. Samuel Sebastian Wesley / Public Domain / Voices United

## **We Celebrate**

*As we prepare for this holy feast we are reminded that all are welcome to receive wherever they find themselves in their spiritual journey. You are also welcome to come forward for a simple blessing if you do not wish to receive.*

### **Prayer Over The Gifts**

God, you who are good. You are the one who brings the good wine to the celebration; you are the one who reveals yourself to those who are invisible and nameless. You are the one who leaves the party and walks among the servants, working at the edges. Grant us the grace to recognize your presence in our midst, even when you show up in ways that are unexpected. May we, like the servants at the wedding of Cana, say "yes" to you, to your invitation. In Jesus name we pray, **Amen.** Nikki Toyama-Szeto based on *Sadao Watanabe's print "Wedding at Cana."*

### **The Great Thanksgiving / The Most Holy Eucharist**

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 our thanks and praise.**

God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence is but a taste of the love you extend to us every day. Throughout all time, from ancient days until this very day, you are always seeking us out – longing for us as a Divine Lover.. You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them sacred. By your grace, we come to recognize the holiness that dwells in the world around us, in our neighbours, in your creation, in our own internal depths.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you:

**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!**

Blessed are you, Loving God who calls us to your eternal table. You welcome all who thirst for justice and hunger to grow in love. You ask us to extend this same welcome to all our neighbours, but God, since our beginning, we have struggled. And so in your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus. Through his life, you pointed to your presence on the margins. You revealed the sacredness in all life. You showed us how to live together, even among forces of destruction. Believing it could transform the world, Jesus proclaimed the Good News. He called for the captives to be set free. He spoke of the lowly being lifted up. His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds – not even the bounds of death.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:  
“This is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”  
After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying:  
“This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In remembrance of all you have done to save us,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again (2x)**

+Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts, O God. Make these ordinary elements into the Sacred gift of your presence with us once again, the body and blood of Christ.

May they awaken us anew to your everlasting invitation into resurrection life. Enliven us in our pursuit of a world where all needs are met, power is balanced, and the worth of every creature and all creation is celebrated. **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.*



**Agnus Dei / Lamb of God** (prerecorded) - Jan and Marty Reardon / Trinity music

**Song: One Bread, One Body**

*Chorus:* One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless;  
and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Chorus*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. *Chorus*

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Chorus*

*John Foley, SJ / OneLicense*

**Song: Lead us to the End (of Us vs Them)**

O God we are crying out marked by the violence of Cain  
Our hands are bloodstained, forgive us  
O God, your children are suffering You hear the groaning  
You know the sorrows, have mercy we are sowing in tears  
May they be, Lord, seeds of your peace

Take our hearts of stone - give us hearts of flesh  
Lead us to the end of us versus them  
Spread wide your table Lord - Gather us in  
Tear down the barrier walls - between us and them

There is a light shining in our darkness. There is a spring whose waters never fail  
There is a voice crying out in the wilderness. There is a way of peace through the valley  
through the shadow of death

By the power of the Spirit - by the word made flesh.  
In the kingdom of heaven with the wolf and the lamb  
The earth is the Lord's and all it contains. Lead us to the end of us versus them  
*Sunia Gibbs and Tom Wuest / Parish Collective / CCLI*

**Prayer after Communion**

[we say together] **God of unity and diversity. God of the great party and the open table -  
send us from this place filled with the wine of new birth, with the joy of meeting you  
and seeing your miracles in our midst each and every day, should we just open our  
hearts to see them. Thank you for this sacred moment with you in this place, at this  
table, with Jesus, our sibling, friend and Lord. Amen.** RS

## **We Are Sent**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Song: Your Peace Will Make Us One**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
You are speaking truth to power - you are laying down our swords  
Replanting every vineyard 'til a brand new wine is poured  
Your peace will make us one.

I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light  
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night  
Your gentle love is patient - you will never fade or tire.  
Your peace will make us one.

In the beauty of the lilies you were born across the sea  
With a glory in your bosom that is still transfiguring  
Dismantling our empires 'til each one of us is free  
Your peace will make us one.

Glory, glory, hallelujah. (3x)  
Your peace will make us one.  
*Audrey Assad. CCLI.*

### **Sending**

Go as beloved in Christ to en flesh and encounter God's presence in the world.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### **Postlude 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*

### **Closing Loop**

***We'll be back next Sunday at 4pm - including a potluck to follow.***  
***QomQem volunteering is happening in the kitchen now***  
***Any and all are welcome to come help pack sandwiches for their street family.***

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### **Weekly Prayer**

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

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

**Thursdays at 8:15 am** - morning prayer - Emmaus/AbbeyChurch office and online on zoom.

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

*Contact us for information on accessible entrance or zoom/liturgies link*



### **Next Prayer in The Style of Taizé**

Friday February 14 at 6pm

Thanks to all who came to worship last Friday. We'll be back in under a month for our second time of hosting this beautiful form of prayer.

## Our Partnership with QomQem : ONGOING Call for Food Donations

We're 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



**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**

**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.**

### Next Sunday: Potluck After Worship

Feel free to bring a contribution of any kind if you can - or just bring yourself - there is always enough for all. All are welcome! As is any contribution at all!



**Ongoing Donations to our Life and Ministry**  
**to The AbbeyChurch / The Emmaus Community**

We are so grateful for your presence with us! A huge thank you to everyone who supported our ministry in 2024 and made it possible to continue to thrive in the place God has called us to. If you are interested in donating to our common life, you can now send offerings by **e-transfer to treasurer@emmauscommunity.ca** or talk to Lynn, our treasurer to sign up for monthly giving (PAR)! There's also a point of sale machine at the back table for debit or credit donations. You can also use the CanadaHelps for to donate by using the QR code here. All donations are eligible for a charitable receipt for income tax purposes.



**NORTH PARK OPEN MIC**  
**SONGWRITERS AND**  
**STORYTELLERS CIRCLE**  
*HOSTED BY WES CARROLL*

**FRIDAY**  
**JAN 24TH**  
**6-9PM**

**ADVANCE SIGN UP**

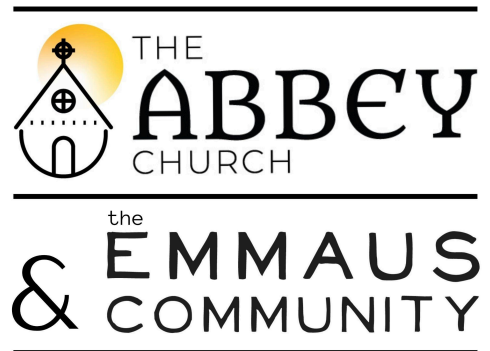
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**Next Friday:**  
 The next installment in our concert series with North Park Neighbourhood Association  
 Association  
 A free singer songwriter and storyteller circle!  
**6-9pm in this space.**



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