



Harvest Thanksgiving

October 11th, 2020 + 4pm

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch

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 summarized in ancient Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God, and with our questions and doubts.

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

We believe that Christ's love and mercy binds our differences together in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of welcome.

Covid-19 Reminders:

- Please keep your physical distancing at 2m.
 - Follow the arrows.
 - Please refrain from singing.
- If you use the washroom, please use spray and paper towel to sanitize surfaces that you touch.
- Communion is only currently offered in bread and masks and extra hand sanitizers are used in distribution.
 - Masks are optional but encouraged.

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Bell x3

Opening Responses

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

And also with you!

Song: The Bounty Is Come

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The bounty has come
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The bounty has come
When the autumn leave have fallen
And the harvest is safe in the barn
We'll again give thanks and remember
It is all, the Creator's design

Creation rejoices and lifts up her voice
For what Jehovah has done
The fruit of our labour, the fruit of the earth
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The bounty has come
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The bounty has come

In the coldest days of the winter
When a blanket of snow
hides the fields
Summer's bounty will sustain us
As we wait for what
spring shall reveal

Kenny Meeks / A Rocha Arts / CCLI

Poem and Collect

Praise the Rain Praise the rain; the seagull dive
The curl of plant, the raven talk—
Praise the hurt, the house slack
The stand of trees, the dignity—
Praise the dark, the moon cradle
The sky fall, the bear sleep—
Praise the mist, the warrior name
The earth eclipse, the fired leap—
Praise the backwards, upward sky
The baby cry, the spirit food—
Praise canoe, the fish rush
The hole for frog, the upside-down—
Praise the day, the cloud cup
The mind flat, forget it all—

Praise crazy. Praise sad.
Praise the path on which we're led.
Praise the roads on earth and water.
Praise the eater and the eaten.
Praise beginnings; praise the end.
Praise the song and praise the singer.

Praise the rain; it brings more rain.
Praise the rain; it brings more rain.
by Joy Harjo (Muscogee(Creek) Nation)

Let us pray:

Creator of the fruitful earth,
you made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
A Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving (The *Book of Alternative Services*)

The Readings

Psalm 65 *Te decet hymnus*

Chanted by Caroline

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

2 To you that hear prayer *
shall all flesh come.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot out our transgressions.

4 Happy are they whom you choose *
and draw to your courts to dwell there!

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, *
by the holiness of your temple.

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness*
O God of our salvation,

O Hope of all the ends of the earth *
and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; *
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water. *

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground & bless its increase.

11 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

12 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

[ending with] ...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.

*Let us prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel.
Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Gospel Acclamation

Word that formed creation, earth and sea and sky;
Word that brings salvation, Word that will not die;
Speak now in us that we might hear your call;
Living Word of Jesus, sound within us all.

Marty Haugen (b1950) Tune: Noel Nouvelet / OneLicense

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

... The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Acclamation *(reprise)*

God of all creation, form our hearts anew;
God of our salvation, lead us home to you;
Spirit, inspire our hearts to hear your call;
Living God of Jesus, come renew us all!

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Sermon:

The Rev. Aneeta Saroop

Bell / Silence / Bell

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hear, O Israel,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Chivonne Graff

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Bell. Silence is kept.

[Together we say...] **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Offertory Song: For The Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation - thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation - thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping - thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour - God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour - God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing - God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit - thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit - thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us - thanks be to God.
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Prayer Over The Gifts

We are grateful
You have given us this day
and have given us this way
to say thank You.

And so we ask You
to take our small thank you
into Your great act of thanksgiving
You, Lord of the loaves and fishes
You, Lord of the wheat and grapes
You who are from God,
with God and for God
You in whom it is all!

Mary Jo Leddy, alt.

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Cantor: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts

Cantor: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cantor: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands! All of creation echoes the music of your praise. When sin had scarred the world, You made a covenant to renew the whole of creation. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing - for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.

Presider: Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom all our hungers are filled. You have given your Holy Spirit as a mighty stream to refresh and renew the face of the earth. Therefore with the company of heaven and all of your creation we sing

**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 is the highest.**

Presider: While Jesus was eating with his disciples, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said: "Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me."

Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.

Presider: As supper was ending, Jesus took the wine and after blessing it, poured it, gave it to them and said, take, this is my blood, do this in remembrance of me.

Cantor: Glory to you forever and ever.

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

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that with burning hearts, we may be a people of hope, justice, and love. As grain was scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread, so may your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in your love. Amen

Cantor and people: **Amen**

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught us... **Our Father**

(said in a language or paraphrase of your choice)

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 to receive at Christ's table, if you would prefer gluten free please let the person distributing know.

Reflective Video: At The Table

from the Work of the People by Phuc Luu

Communion Song: In the Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful - In the Lord, I will rejoice
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

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Prayer after Communion *(spoken together)*

**We give You thanks for You sustain us
with real food and real drink.**

You nourish us

with friends as real as food

with joy as clear as the cool river

with love as good as this meal.

This is enough.

We do not ask for more.

This is more than enough -

reason to bless Your name forever:

**Make us mindful of those who do not have enough
food and friendship - water, love and joy.**

Give them enough

**and send us as agents of your enough-ness
that all may be thankful.**

Amen.

(mary jo leddy, alt.)

The Blessing

Closing Song: Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished

As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

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Sending

Go in gratitude and peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia



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