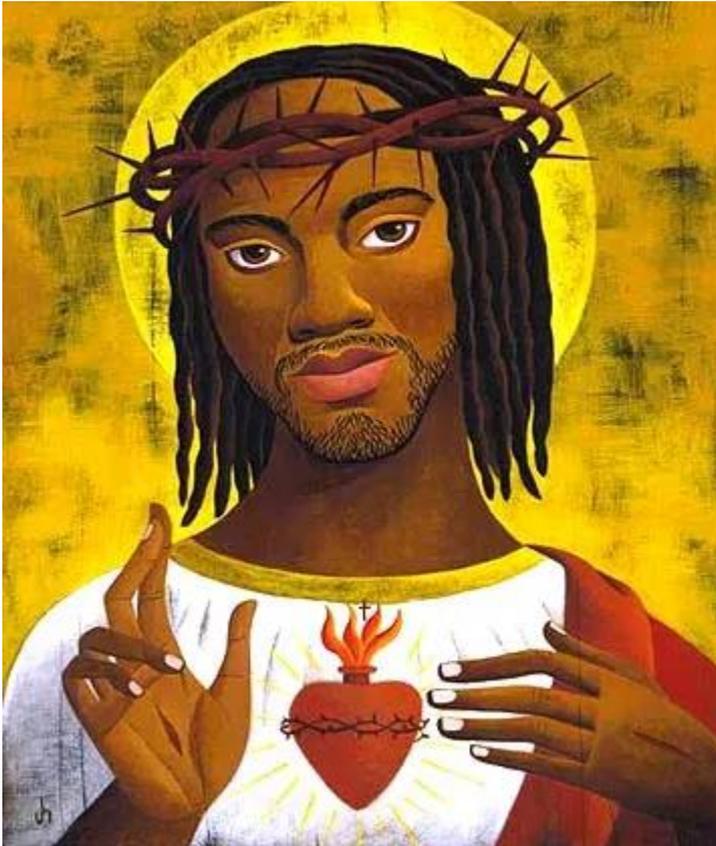




THE  
**ABBHEY**  
CHURCH



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**Pentecost + 20**  
**Healing Service**

October 18th, 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, evangelicals, progressives, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

We believe that Christ's love 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. Having said this, many of our songs were written as prayers - and we encourage you to pray this songs as the band sings!
  - 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**

### **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: Be Thou My Vision**

Be thou my vision o Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and thou only the first in my heart  
High King of heaven my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul after victory is won,  
May I reach heaven's joys O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision o Ruler of all.

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### **Poem and Collect I Am Not The Emperor's**

I am not the emperor's.  
I owe him nothing.  
Not my loyalty, my obedience, or my belief;  
not my niceness, not my polite agreement,  
not even my cooperation.  
He does not own my hope;  
and can't even lay hands on it.  
He does not rule my freedom,  
my power or my joy.  
His is not the truth,  
nor the way, nor the life.  
The emperor, desperate bully  
gentlemanly dressed,

has no claim on me at all.  
I am wholly and irretrievably God's.  
No one can snatch me from the Beloved,  
the emperor's loyalists can't contain me,  
nor can his proud boys drive me  
from the cause of justice.  
I belong wholly to God,  
who by God's own gracious choice  
belongs to the poor.  
Today I freely and joyfully  
give myself to God,  
and God alone.

Steve Garnass-Holmes

Let us pray: Lamb of God, Jesus Christ,  
you are the true Ruler and Savior of the world,  
and we owe our loyalty to you—not a president,  
a police commissioner, a general, or a human king.  
Teach us to unmask human conquerors  
for their false claims to lordship,  
wreck our allegiance to earthly dynasties  
of wealth and power, and do not let us be swayed  
by false promises of great power.  
We are your people. Let whoever would call you their Lord  
lay down their assault weapons,  
that Christ's peace may mark all flesh in this land. Amen.  
Uncommon Prayer: Collects for Black Lives Matter and Beyond Kenji  
Kuramitsu / Evangelicals for Social Action

## **The Readings**

**Psalm 99** *Dominus regnavit*

*Chanted*

The Lord reigns; \* let the people tremble;  
the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim; \*  
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion \* and is high above all peoples.  
Let them confess your name, which is great and awesome\*  
you are the Holy One. O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down  
before the footstool of God; \* the Lord is the Holy One.  
Moses and Aaron among your priests, \*  
and Samuel among those who call upon your name,  
they called upon you, O Lord, \* and you answered them.  
You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave  
them. “O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship upon the holy hill of God; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. *[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.

### **The Hebrew Scripture**

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah [45: 1-7]  
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the Lord do all these things.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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### **Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-22**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.  
Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

... The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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### **Sermon:**

Kieran Wilson

*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**

*During this time, the sacrament of anointing (offered with a cotton swab at this time of Covid). You are welcomed to come forward for this ancient healing practice - or to stay in your pews and pray for the healing of the world.*

### **Offertory: Come Healing**

O gather up the brokenness and bring it to me now  
The fragrance of those promise you never dared to vow  
The splinters that you carry, the cross you left behind  
Come healing of the body Come healing of the mind  
And let the heavens hear it The penitential hymn  
Come healing of the spirit Come healing of the limb

Behold the gates of mercy In arbitrary space  
And none of us deserving The cruelty or the grace  
O solitude of longing Where love has been confined  
Come healing of the body Come healing of the mind  
O see the darkness yielding That tore the light apart  
Come healing of the reason Come healing of the heart

O troubled dust concealing An undivided love  
The heart beneath is teaching To the broken heart above  
Let the heavens falter Let the earth proclaim  
Come healing of the altar Come healing of the name

O longing of the branches To lift the little bud  
O longing of the arteries To purify the blood  
And let the heavens hear it The penitential hymn  
Come healing of the spirit Come healing of the limb  
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Leonard Cohen.

## **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: Take My Life and Let it Be**

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

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## **Prayer Over The Gifts**

Eternal God, your word inspires our faith.  
May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **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 in 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.*

**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.

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### **Communion Song: Eat This Bread**

Eat this bread, drink this cup  
Come to me and never be hungry  
Eat this bread, drink this cup  
Trust in me and you will not thirst.

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### **Prayer after Communion**

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament  
with the body and blood of Christ.  
May we who have taken holy things  
keep faith in our hearts and lives,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

### **The Blessing**

### **Closing Song: O For a Thousand Tongues**

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and king,  
the triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia**



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