



**Pentecost + 21**  
October 25th, 2020 + 4pm

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 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, 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

*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: Canticle of the Turning (Magnificat)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

*Refrain:* My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,

for the food they can never earn;  
These are tables spread, every mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forbears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

Tune: *Star of the County Down* (traditional Irish) / Words: Rory Cooney / Onlicense

### **Poem and Collect**

“All” - By Rosalind hughes

All

is a lot.

If I love you with all of my heart,  
my soul, my mind,  
what is left over?

What happens to that piece that I keep inside –  
you know, the jagged-edged sliver of mirror glass  
stored deep under dark waters –  
what happens if I use that to love you?

If I take it out, turn it over,  
let the light shatter  
its shiny, brittle surface –  
what will survive?

Can I love you  
with all of my heart,  
and soul, and mind,  
and live?

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may experience your abundance, have us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Book of Common Prayer ECUSA, alt.*

## **The Readings**

**Psalm 1** *Beatus vir qui non abiit* *chanted*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \* and they meditate on this law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, \* bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; \* they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, \* nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \* but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*[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 book of Leviticus (19: 1-2, 15-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a

slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

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**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x 2 O filii et filiae / 1494 / Public Domain

### **Gospel:**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

**Sermon:**

Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC

*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**

*Please stand, kneel or sit as is your custom for the prayers.*

**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: I Shall Not Be Moved**

I shall not, I shall not be moved

I shall not, I shall not be moved

Just like a tree that's planted by the water

I shall not be moved

When our cross is heavy, we shall not be moved x2  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

In my Christ abiding, I shall not be moved;  
In God's love I'm hiding, I shall not be moved,  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water  
Lord, I shall not be moved.

We shall not, we shall not be moved  
We shall not, we shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water  
We shall not be moved

*African-American Spiritual / Public Domain*

### **Prayer Over The Gifts**

God of constant love, 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**

### **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.

Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands! All of  
creation echoes the music of your praise...

...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.**



While Jesus was eating with his disciples...

...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.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine...may your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in your love.Amen.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As beloved children of a loving parent we pray as Jesus taught us... *(said in a language or translation or paraphrase of your choice)*: **Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for 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 to receive at Christ's table. If you would prefer gluten-free, please let the person distributing know.*

### **Communion Song: Little Things With Great Love**

In the garden of our Savior, no flower grows unseen  
His kindness rains like water on every humble seed  
No simple act of mercy escapes His watchful eye  
For there is One who loves me  
His hand is over mine

In the kingdom of the heavens, no suffering is unknown  
Each tear that falls is holy, each breaking heart a throne  
There is a song of beauty on ev'ry weeping eye  
For there is One who loves me  
His heart, it breaks with mine

Oh, the deeds forgotten; oh, the works unseen  
Every drink of water flowing graciously  
Every tender mercy, You're making glorious  
This You have asked us  
Do little things with great love  
Little things with great love

At the table of our Savior, no mouth will go unfed  
His children in the shadows  
stream in and raise their heads  
Oh give us ears to hear them and give us eyes that see  
For there is One who loves them  
I am His hands and feet  
For there is One who loves them  
I am His hands and feet

*Isaac Wardell / Madison Cunningham / Audrey Nicole Assad / Porter's Gate Music / CCLI*

### **Communion Song: Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi Est**

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

*[Where there is charity and love, there God is]*

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### **Prayer after Communion**

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven  
as you fed the people of Israel. 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.

### **Commissioning of Aneeta and Aleesha**

### **Blessing**

## **Closing Song: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe;  
With guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight:  
On earth there is no equal.

If we in our own strength confide,  
our striving turns to losing;  
The righteous one fights by our side,  
the one of God's own choosing.  
You ask who this may be: Christ Jesus, it is He;  
The Lord of hosts by Name.  
No other God we claim!  
None else can win the battle.

Though all the world with devils fill  
and threaten to devour us,  
We tremble not, we trust God's will:  
they cannot overpower us.  
Though Satan rant and rage, in fiercest war engage,  
This tyrant's doomed to fail;  
God's judgement must prevail!  
One little word shall triumph.

God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs,  
shall end all their thanksgiving.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
Though all of these be gone,  
they yet have nothing won.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

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## **Sending**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



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