

+ The AbbeyChurch +



Fourth Sunday in the Season of Creation

September 27th, 2020



THE
ABBAY
CHURCH

Welcome & Announcements / Land Acknowledgement

Bell x3

Opening Responses

We gather in the name of the image of the Creator

Who is a community of love.

We gather in the name of the Redeemer

who reconciles all of creation.

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver

Who inspires new life and renews it.

Come. Let us worship the Triune God!

Opening Song: Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
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Poem

I Worried by Mary Oliver

Collect

Great and merciful God,
who knows the sparrow and the lily by name,
tell us today the story of your knowledge of us.
Assure us that the hours we spend in this world
are lived in your sight and in your care,
to free us from anxiety and striving
and to rest in your benevolence;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 104:10-30

[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**

Gospel Acclamation *please stand in body or in spirit as the band sings*

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness
Alleluia, Alleluia - Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-33

[ending with] ... The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat

Bell / Silence / Bell

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Prayer

God our Creator, we come to you with hearts weary yet full of hope. We pray for your world, for your church, and for the prayers we carry today, that you would renew us in our commitment to follow you. Today we pray in particular with our Anglican siblings for their (and our) bishop-elect.

God of all creation - you entered our world to rescue and redeem all that is broken and to liberate Creation from its captivity to the way of sin and death. You freely pour out your grace upon us in your son Jesus Christ. May we who gather at this table know ourselves to be forgiven and redeemed - the beloved children of God, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Song: Jesus Feed Us

Again and again and again to this table we come
Once a people estranged now as one in your name
In your mercy and grace forgiven of what we've confessed
By your body and blood - one last thing we request
To you we pray Jesus feed us
Feed us Jesus - Feed us Jesus - with your healing love

Gord Johnson - CCLI / Signpost Music

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God of all of Creation

It is right to give God thanks and praise

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and forever saying:

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

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He gave it to his companions and said: Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying:

This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh. By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours now and forever. **Amen.**

Adapted from Rev A Warmback. Authorised for use in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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

Our Father (*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!

Communion Song

Liz Dieleman

Jehovah Jirah by

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

During the second verse of this song, we will process, keeping our distance from each other to the parking lot to bless backpacks and bikes. Please follow the arrows down the centre aisle and out the back door.

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!"

Katherine Davis / Ash Grove / OneLicense

Blessing of Backpacks and Bikes (Matt)

Sending of Liz and Py (Rob)

Beloved, we pray that you will be filled with the knowledge of God's will and that your life will continue to bear fruit in every good work as you prepare to leave. As you go, take heed that you fulfill the ministry that the Lord has given you; live in the light, care for the sick, minister to the dying, do not forsake the breaking of bread, practice resurrection and seek the peace and welfare of the city to which you are called.

[People are invited to extend their hands to bless Liz and Py. In the time of silence we offer our own prayers, spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts]

Liz and Py, we bless you, we give thanks for you, we hold you in our prayers and we commission you,

Go forth dear friend, with our blessings and our prayers, go forth in the power of the risen Christ. Go forth as a herald of the coming kingdom, go forth and bear witness in all that you do, to the love of God, the redemption of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen, thanks be to God.

Sending

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!