

***Together in Christ we seek to love God
and to love and serve all others.***

The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector

The Rev Dr. Paul Schumacher, Associate Priest

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Pentecost 15

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are a newcomer, please identify yourself to the Sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth and reconciliation.

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover presides & preaches today.

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer, p. 67**

James 1:17-27

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9 pg 386

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Administrator

Sheila Bull

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Elizabeth Bennett

Bill Bull

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Book of Alternative Services, p. 185**

Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley

Sidesperson is Scott & Tina Weatherell

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Coast Salish People, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants and animals, through the many generations. As we meet together, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent, whose joyful spirit embraces us. Now let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Sentence of the day: God has brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of all creation.

Opening Hymn: CP 355 All Creatures of Our God and King (Verses 1, 3, 5 & 7)

Greeting:

God has given us this day for praise!

Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love.

Hymn of Praise: CP 340 Praise, I will Praise you Lord

Collect of the Day: Author and Giver of all good things, **graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR DIOCESAN SYNOD

Gracious God,

We look forward to the journey before us that you by your grace and presence will make Holy and Sacred. Enable us to experience your presence step by step along the way. Let us see beyond the obvious and see you in all that we will experience and by each step draw closer to you and closer to one another. Let the mountains we discover be as healing for us as the wells. Let us experience Christ in even the most dark times and be guided on our way. And always let us be shaped and grow deeper into your Spirit. Amen.

Creator,

Enable this Synod as we gather to be the first step on a new journey of reconciliation. A journey that will shape and transform us as Anglicans on these islands and inlets. So by your grace and mercy, make our hearts and spirits to be renewed. Through your Spirit which broods and hovers over us remake us into the people you would have us become. Renewed by you. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Chat @ the Chancel:

Reading: *James 1:17-27*

Jhoy Brandle

Psalm: *45:1-2, 6-9*

TBA

Gospel Hymn: CP 439 Blessed are the Pure in Heart

(Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel; verse 3 & 4 following the Gospel.)

Gospel: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Dayle Robertson

Sermon:

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Apostles Creed:

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

TBA

Confession & Absolution:

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The Peace:

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 500 Sister Let Me Be Your Servant

Prayer over the Gifts: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2:

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: CP 719

Lord's Prayer: by Gordon Light

Fraction #2:

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Invitation to Communion: Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to commune at this table. And so, come: you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. Come, for this is a table where all are invited, and all are welcome.

Communion Distributors: **Lorne Dearsley & TBA**

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Commissioning: As Christ has fed and redeemed your life, now go into the world in peace and love offering ministries of hope and justice. Go in peace and may the peace of God always be with you.

We go from here, strong in the knowledge that God's loving presence goes with us.

Please join us for coffee, tea, or juice after the service.

TODAY WE PRAY

For The Anglican Church of South America.

For The Most Revd Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.

For Fred our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector & Paul our Associate Priest.

For Peter Parker, Parish of Central Saanich & Archbishop Melissa Skelton, Diocese of New Westminster.

In the Selkirk Region for Military Chaplaincies, Lt Cdr (N) John Hounsell-Drover & Lt Cdr Jeannine Friesen.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Maureen, Brad & Tytti, Elmer & Allen.

Bev & Bruce on the passing of their sister-in-law, Brenda.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps 125; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37