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October 21 and 25, 2020 21st Sunday after Pentecost

The Diocese of British Columbia acknowledges that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, worship, and play. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Celebrating full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Gathering of the Community

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

People And also with you.

Priest Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from

you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy

name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest In my mouth God has put a new song.

People Praise to our God

Collect of the Day

The priest offers a prayer that reminds us of the major themes of the day

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 122

The Psalm will be read by the Lay Assistant; when the Psalm concludes the people say:

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Prayers of the People

The congregation is invited to add their own petitions in the silences provided.

Confession

The priest invites the people to confession.

Priest Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the absolution.

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

People And also with you.

We share this ancient sign of reconciliation and respect by making a profound bow to one another.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Altar is prepared with the offerings of bread and wine. the priest then prays a prayer offering these gifts to God.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues with one of the Eucharistic prayers from the authorized books.

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.

Therefore, according to his command,

People we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory.

As the Eucharistic Prayer ends the priest elevates the bread and chalice.

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

People Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,

the power and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the bread so it may be shared

Priest I am the bread of life, says the Lord. Whoever comes to

me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will

never thirst.

People Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who

trust in him.

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God

People Thanks be to God

All are welcome at the Lord's Table in this place.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

During this time, when we are protecting ourselves and one another as best we can, we follow a new procedure for Communion:

- We receive only the Bread and we understand that we have received the fullness of the Sacrament.
- Please remain in your seat until the usher directs you forward for Communion
- Use the centre aisle to go forward and to return
- Remove your mask as you approach and replace it as you return
- You may remain in your pew and Communion will be brought to you if you prefer. Please tell the usher.

St. Peter's is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion through our membership in the Diocese of Islands and Inlets, and through our Bishop.



Thanksgiving after Communion

When all have received Communion we give thanks.

Priest Let us pray.

All who are able stand and the community prays in silence. Then the priest prays the prayer of thanksgiving after Communion.

Priest Glory to God

People 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.

The Dismissal

We have been renewed and strengthened by Word and Sacrament and now we are sent out into the world to be ministers of God in our homes our workplaces and community.

Assistant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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Participants in the Service

Wednesday

Sunday

Lay Assistant:

Andrea Charlton

Reader:

Coming soon

Greeter:

Sidesperson:

Altar Guild:

Quentin Dodd

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Music:

Placing a list of participants in the leaflet helps us all to get to know one another better—especially when we are all wearing masks. This list also reminds us that it takes many people to make a worship service happen. Some of them are visible in the service, some of them are working quietly behind the scenes—like our Altar Guild members and our custodian. Please let Cathie or Annie know if there is a name or a role missing or entered in error.

Worship Opportunities
At St. Peter's

Readings Next Week
All Saints

Wednesday, 12:10

Sunday 10:00 AM

Services are from the Book of Alternative Services. Rev. 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10,22

Matthew 5:1-12

Forthcoming Events

<u>November 1</u>, Feast of All Saints. Cathie will be offering Drive-by blessings in front of the church door. Everyone is welcome to drive up and receive a blessing while staying in your car. Everyone is welcome, parishioner or not!

November 8, Liturgy Committee in the hall

November 17, Altar Guild Meeting

November 22 Parish Council after church in the hall

Every Week

Coffee Monday 10:00 AM church hall Bring your own coffee and socialize at a safe distance

ACW Wednesday, 10:00,

We meet in the Library for coffee and conversation; a business meeting is held once a month. Bring your own coffee

Mindfulness, Wednesday, 3:00 West Lawn A gentle time with experienced guidance

Serving the Community
Sunday evening,
AA, in the hall
Alanon in the library

Wednesday afternoon, Christian Children's Choir

Wednesday evening, Power Squadron, in the hall

Liturgical Calendar

Nov. 1 & Oct 28

Feast of all Saints

Nov. 4 Wednesday

Nov. 8 & Nov. 11

Remembrance Day

Nov 15

24 after Pentecost

Nov 22 & Nov 18

Reign of Christ

(Last Sunday after Pentecost and the end of the church year)

Nov. 29 & 25

First Sunday of Advent

(the beginning of the church year. Lectionary year B))

Dec 6 & Dec. 2

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec, 13 & 9

Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 20 & 16

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 23

Dec 24

Christmas Eve services still being planned

Why do we have a bigger Leaflet now?

This leaflet is a combination parish news and service leaflet. In this time of pandemic it is difficult for people to know what is happening on a day to day basis in our parish. This won't replace Spirit Magazine, which looks in depth at that matters concern us and the wider church. This leaflet us about holding us together.

We will also be doing what we can to get this information into the hands of members of our parish who can't get to church because of the pandemic. We hope it will help them to feel more informed, more included as the weeks go by.

We are trying to do all we can to hold the people of this parish during this challenging time. Please join us by preying for folks you know who are missing us and all we usually do.

So, Why do we do That?

Have you noticed the absence of books in the pews?

This is part of what we do to comply with safety standards during the pandemic.

The virus can be spread on paper so no books are available since many hands may touch them. Even this leaflet is available for pickup in the narthex, it is not handed out.

The books are safely stored so they can be returned to the pews when the pandemic has passed.

Many people own copies of the Book of Alternative Services; if you do, you are welcome to bring it to church with you and take it away at the end of the service.

The same thing applies to the books at the Altar. Only one person handles each book or paper so that we are all made a little safer.

Have a question you want addressed in this column? Please write it down and drop it into the office.

News from Parish Council

The problem with the hall furnace has been dealt with.

Approval of a fundraising 'noisy offering' to help Grass Roots and Kind Hearts. Watch for more information.

Discussion of an Advent outreach project for the Food Bank with the Sunday School—more information to follow.

Preliminary discussion for a budget for 2021 with some medium term planning for replacing the hall roof and planning for the arrival of a new rector—though that date is not yet known.

Today we Pray

In the World-wide Anglican Communion

The Most Revd. John Davies - Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

For Linda our Primate and Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop

In our Diocese and Province

For Bishop-elect Anna Greenwood-Lee & Diocesan Administrator Ansley Tucker . S. Peter, Quamichan - Mary-Jane Leewis-Kirk. Diocese of Caledonia - Bishop David Lehmann. For Melissa our Metropolitan,

In Our Parish

We pray for our wardens and Parish Council members, with thanksgiving for all they offer to this parish.

In our Community

We pray for all who are isolated in their own homes and in care facilities. We pray for all among them who are lonely or depressed.

In the World

We pray for the people of the United States of America as they prepare to vote .

WELCOME!

Inspired by God and the Example of Jesus to serve our community by offering love and acceptance to everyone.

Parish Staff and Leaders

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Communications Director: Trina Soltys

Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery

Lay Assistants and Readers: Bill Ritchie

ACW President: Bev Lawrence, Lois Tirebuck

Mindfulness: Jane Jennings

Coffee Monday: Jennifer Koolen

Sunday School: Jane Monchak, Diana Hicks

Altar Guild President: Frances Hudock

Safe Church: Judy Antonelli

Building: George Wagner

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Bishop-Elect: The Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee
The Very Rev. Ansley Tucker,
Diocesan Administrator