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

October 25, 2020

Pentecost 22 & All Saints Day

Sunday Virtual Worship Service



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

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.

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher presides & preaches.

Organ prelude - Nell Howard

***Flowers on the Altar today are to the glory of God and in memory of
my loving husband, Arthur. – Lorna Wallace & Family***

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen speaking 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.

Welcome: Good morning and welcome to this service of worship on the twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost and All Saints Day. My name is Paul Schumacher and I am the interim priest-in-charge during this time of transition, here at the Church of The Advent. We invite you to come, come with your doubts, your strengths, your weaknesses and your fears. Come and join our readers, prayer leaders, music director and choir members, along with our technical team, as we offer prayer and praise to our Creator. For God loves us all and all are welcome in this space.

Scripture Sentence of the Day: Scripture shares with us, “They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them in his presence.”

Opening Hymn: CP 276 “For All the Saints”

(William Walshaw How 1823-1897 – music – Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958 © Oxford University Press)

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all is thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

And also with you.

Act of Praise: A Prayer (*from the Lutheran prayer book*)

Please join me in the spirit of this prayer:

Almighty God, **your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, **whose people are knit together into one Church, the mystical body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for all those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Song: MV 188 "I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus"

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Asante sana Yesu, Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu, moyoni.
Asante sana Yesu, Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu, moyoni.

I Thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I Thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I Thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.
I Thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I Thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I Thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.

Asante sana Yesu, Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu, moyoni.
Asante sana Yesu, Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu, moyoni.

Psalm: 34:1-10, 22 (BAS Pg. 744)

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

For the Word of God is scripture,
For the Word of God is among us,
For the Word of God is within us,

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day: "Like a Fire is Meant for Burning"

(Ruth Duck 1992 ©Gia Publications)

Like a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations, finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners, we are teachers, we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed;
So may we be signs of oneness mid earth's people many hued
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: A video message from The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Linda Nicholls

Affirmation of Faith:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

All Saints Nov. 1, 2020

I will end each petition with **Lord in your mercy**

Please respond with **Hear our Prayer**

For all the saints who went before us who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire, we praise you, O God

For all the saints who live beside us whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own, we praise you O God.

For all the saints who live beyond us who challenge us to change the world with them, we praise you, O God.

God of the ages: We praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you. We praise you O God for all apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth and love.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness. Be with those for whom we pray for Dianne, Sheila, Alice, Maureen, Barb, Margaret and any others you wish to name now, either aloud or silently in your heart.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

For all the saints from whom their labours rest, we praise you, O God. We praise you and we thank you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power, be to our God for ever and ever.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for all who mourn. We pray for the family and friends of Adrian Harding especially his mother Azeita. We pray for the quiet repose of the soul of Betty Mitchell and we

ask your blessing upon her family. We ask that they find comfort in You. Let them know they are loved and wrap them in the love of You.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Loving God, Your light lights our lives. We pray that its reflection will warm those around us and show them just who You are. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to share in his forgiveness. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

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.

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing:

May the peace of God which passes all understanding,

Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, our Creator,

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, And the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

And may the blessing of the God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever more. Amen.

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: "When the Saints Come Marching In"

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O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.

O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him Lord of all.

Commissioning: O wonderful Creator, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that we may carry forward into this world a sense of peace and concord, in your message of love, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer. **Amen.**

TODAY WE PRAY

*Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa.
Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, & Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge.
For Parish of Salt Spring Island & Territory of the People Anglican Church.
In the Selkirk Region for St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Today, we remember Dianne, Rick & Barb, Sheila, Alice, Carol Ann,
Joan, Maureen, Barb, Azeita, & Margaret.
We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*