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

November 8, 2020

Pentecost 23 & Remembrance Sunday

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

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.

Scripture Sentence of the Day: Scripture shares with us, “Watch and be ready, for you do not know on which day your Lord is coming.”

Opening Remarks: Good morning and welcome to this special Remembrance Day service coming to you from the Church of The Advent in Colwood/Langford, British Columbia. My name is Paul Schumacher, and I am the interim priest-in-charge here at the Church of The Advent, during this time of transition.

We invite you to join our prayer leaders, our Canadian Forces’ Veterans, active members of all branches of the Canadian military, first responders, our music team, and our video and editing team, as we offer a time of remembrance to honour for all those who served and especially all who gave their lives in the service of Canada and world peace.

Prayer: O God, we thank you for those valiant hearts, who at the call of Sovereign and country laid down their lives in the cause of freedom. We pray that we might uphold the torch entrusted to us so that their sacrifice may not have been in vain. Unite all the peace-loving peoples of our world in one holy purpose to defend the principles of freedom and humanity for which these valiant hearts lived and died. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. In the name of the great prince of Peace. Amen.

National Anthem: CP 659 “O Canada”

(Robert Stanley Weir 1856-1926 © Secretary of State for Canada)

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,
The true north, strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Wreath Laying

Reading of the Roll – AI Wills

Act of Remembrance:

*One: They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.*

All: We will remember them.

Last Post

Two minutes of Silence

Lament

Reveille

Naval Hymn: CP 567 “Eternal Father Strong to Save”

(William Whiting 1825-1878 © 1982 Hope Publishing Company)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm restrains the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed bounds to keep:
We cry, O God of majesty,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at your word,
Who walked across the surging deep,
And in the storm lay calm in sleep:
We cry, O Lord of Galilee,
For those in peril on the sea.

Creator Spirit, by whose breath
Were fashioned sea and sky and earth,
Who made the stormy chaos crease,

And gave us life and light and peace:
We cry, O Spirit strong and free,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Preserve their lives in danger's hour,
From rock and tempest, flood, and flame,
Protect them by your holy name,
And to your glory let there be
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Collect (For our Country): Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Collect (For the Day): Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Song: "He Lives" aka "I Serve a Risen Saviour, He's in the World Today"

(Alfred H. Ackley © 1990, Belwin Mills/Alfred)

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart

I know that He is living, whatever men may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near

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Psalm: 116:1-8 (BAS Pg. 864)

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: * “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; * I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, * for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord * in the land of the living.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice,* even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen* him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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: “In the Beauty of Holiness”

(Words and Music: Bradley Ellingboe © 2009 Augsburg Fortress)

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song,
Come, sing to the Lord, all the earth,
Sing praises to the name of the Lord,
All nations sing with one accord.

Come, worship the Lord whom we bless
In the beauty of holiness!

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song,
Declare all God's glory and God's strength!
Bring offerings of praise to his courts,
Praise God, the great Lord of lords!
Come, worship the Lord whom we bless
In the beauty of holiness!

Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing a new song.
Let all on earth and all in heaven be glad!
Rejoice! Let the seas rejoice!
Rejoice! Oh, let the seas rejoice!
Give all in creation a voice.
Come worship, come worship the Lord
Whom we bless in the beauty of holiness!

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song.
The fields and the forests shall rejoice,
Our Lord is now coming, coming to judge,
To rule and reign over us.
Come, worship the Lord whom we bless
In the beauty of holiness.

Come, let us sing! Rejoice!

Gospel:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 11:21-27**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life.* Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,* the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Apostles Creed:

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

Prayers of the People:

I will end each petition with "Give us this day our daily bread". Please respond with "***Lord, hear our prayer.***"

Let us pray for all who suffer because of conflict and ask that God give us peace.

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered and known to God. Give us this day our daily bread; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all members of the armed & police forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return Give us this day our daily bread; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity. Give us this day our daily bread; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask that the leaders of this country will build for peace, not war, so that there can be a more equitable sharing of the world's resources. Give us this day our daily bread; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask that the church may continue to offer the bread of life to those who are hungry in spirit, that they may taste the richness of your consolation. Give us this day our daily bread; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask that this community of faith may be a sign of your loving generosity, always ready to give to those who have less and to welcome the strangers in our midst. Give us this day our daily bread; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask that you will hear the cries of the hungry, and that you will open our ears to their pleas. Give us this day our daily bread; ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Loving God, giver of life, nurture us in body and spirit so that, trusting in your mercy, we may generously respond to whatever you ask of us. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who gave his life for our salvation. 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.**

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.

Blessing

Shared Ministry

Commissioning Hymn: G 824 "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"
(Fred Kam 1929-2009 ©1989 Hope Publishing Company)

Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong yet tender hands,
Held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short, let hands speak out,
The heights of love expressing.

Reach out in friendship, stay with faith,
In touch with those around you,
Put peace into each other's hands:
The peace that sought and found you.

Commissioning: God calls us to give the best we have. As we serve, let us dare to serve with all that we are.

As we love, let us dare to love with our whole being. As we care, let our caring be genuine.

And now may the loving God surround and sustain us in all we say and do. Amen.

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, & Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge.

Pray for S. John the Divine, Courtenay & Diocese of Caledonia.

In the Selkirk Region for St. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak.

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.