

Church of the

Advent

Anglican Christian Witness on Victoria's Westshore

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

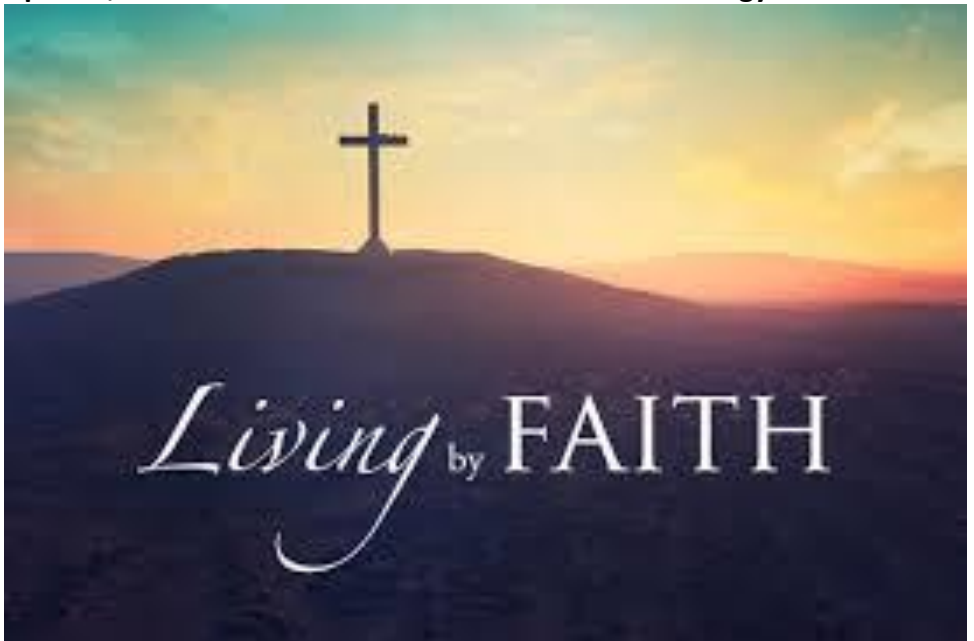
The Right Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop

The Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher, Associate Priest

April 28, 2019

Island Liturgy – 2nd of Easter



Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Mon to Thurs, 9:00-Noon; **Closed Friday.**

Celtic Eucharist and Gospel Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO 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.

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches & presides today.

<p>8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67</p>
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Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 150 Pg. 521

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Administrator

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Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Bill Bull

<p>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</p>

Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley

Sidesperson is Liz Garland

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen 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: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Opening Hymn: CP 231 That Eastertide With Joy was Bright

Gathering:

In this time and place we are not alone, for we meet in the presence of the living God.

For we meet in the presence of the living God.

In this time and place we are not alone, for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

In this time and space we are not alone, for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

In this time and in this space we are not alone, for we gather with the whole company of heaven. In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place together, one people in Jesus Christ.

In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: CP 376 Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo

(Latin words only and we will sing it twice.)

Centering Stillness: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

(silence)

Collect of the Day:

Almighty and eternal God,

the strength of those who believe

and the hope of those who doubt,

may we, who have not seen, have faith

and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED



Chat @ the Chancel:

Children's Hymn: Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

*Hey now! Singing Hallelujah!
Hey now! The morning has come. Hey now!
Singing Hallelujah!
The tomb was empty at the rising sun.*

Jesus loved people and he made them friends.
Hey now the tomb was empty.
He called all the children and the women and men.
Hey now the tomb was empty.

(Refrain)

Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.
Hey now the tomb was empty.
He taught about God with the stories he'd tell.
Hey now the tomb was empty.

(Refrain)

Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Helen Thomas

Psalm: 150

Pg. 909

Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Linda Van Sickle

Gospel Hymn: CP 649 Breathe on me, Breath of God
(Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel; verses 3 & 4 following.)

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Lydia French

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Homily:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Affirming the Christian Narrative:

All: We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty. We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son. We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit. We believe and trust in the Three in One.

Prayers of the People:

Sue Hamblin

Confession & Absolution: When we keep our faults and failures locked safely away, we have no need to confess. But God comes into our hearts when we least expect, so we can be filled with forgiveness, with hope, with peace. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

God of empty tombs and emptier people:

**when we hesitate to speak of your hope,
forgive us, and give us a voice.**

**When we find it difficult to love one another,
forgive us, and give us fresh compassion.**

**When we want to stand with the high and mighty,
forgive us, and seat us next to the poor and oppressed.**

**When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts,
forgive us, and send us out to share you grace.**

**When we cannot believe your Word of new life,
forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**

(Silence)

Assurance of Pardon: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults and gifts us with grace and hope.

Christ comes to fill us with peace, so we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness for all. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace:

God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

The peace of God is here... to stay.

Thanks be to God.

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: CP 232 Jesus is Risen From the Grave

Prayer over the Gifts: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer:

God is here.

The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we say:

Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God,
Holy, holy God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Alleluia
Blessed is Christ, who rises from the dead!
Hosanna in the highest, Alleluia

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus. Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death. On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: (David Haas)

Breaking of the Bread: The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread. The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

Breaking into our lives and community, we ask God for new life in Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.*

Music During Communion: Alleluia, He is Coming

By Martha Butler. Arranged by Mimi Farra. Additional words by Neil Mikkonen.

Communion Distributors: Ann Andrews, Linda Cue, & Lorne Dearsley

Prayer after Communion: Holy God, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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:

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God.

Walk in the light;

testify to the resurrection of Christ;

forgive the sins of all,

and live at peace with one another.

And may God bless you with life forever;
May Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God.
Now and forever.

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 545 We Will Lay Our Burden Down

Commissioning: Let the trumpet sound! Let the voices be raised in celebration! Go into God's world with joy, knowing that God's love goes with you. Be at peace!

We go in peace to love and serve all of God's creation. Alleluia!

Coffee, tea, and juice are served in the Main Hall after the service.



TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan).

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

For S. John the Baptist, Duncan (Rectors Brian Evans & Heather Cutten).

For the Diocese of Kootenay (Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, Bishop-elect).

*In the Selkirk Region for Regional chaplaincies in Hospital
(Rectors Peter Shurvin, Karen Wilson).*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Joan, Maureen, Brad & Aila, Elmer & Alice, Joan & Don,
Ben & Sarah, Shaun, Rodger, Ariana & Dane, Bill, Sharon, Peggy & Bob,
Doug & Renee, & Olivia.*

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Monday, Apr. 29 – Garage Sale Prep Week begins.

Tuesday, Apr. 30 – Whatsewewe, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 1 - Mid-week Eucharist, 10 a.m.; Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3 - Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off.

Saturday, May 4 – GARAGE SALE DAY

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Apr. 28: Jazz Vespers at 7 p.m.

Apr. 29: Garage Sale week begins!

May 3: Garage Sale Prep – Final Day

May 4: GARAGE SALE, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

May 8: Ladies Guild Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

May 15: Yes, We Can! at 1 p.m.

May 20: Victoria Day; office is closed.

May 21: Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

May 22: Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon to 1 p.m.

May 25: Messy Church, 4 – 6 p.m.

Jun. 8: Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair

Jun. 19: Yes, We Can! At 1 p.m.

Jul. 5-12: Church Camp at Parry's, Parksville

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRAPBOOKING SCRAPPERS – Beginning on Friday, May 17th at 9:30 in the Main Hall, a new scrapbooking group will be meeting. This is brand new and welcome to everyone. If you love being crafty and creative with your scrapbooks, come and join us! Any questions? See Joan Hoffman.

JAZZ VESPERS – The next Jazz Vespers service will be held this evening featuring **Kathryn Le Gros** with **5 Shadez of Blue**.

BATTLE OF ATLANTIC – Sunday, May 5th is the Battle of Atlantic service. Those currently serving are invited to attend in uniform (1As).

STRAWBERRY TEA – It's time to mark your calendars for our upcoming annual **Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair!** June 8th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BOTTLE RECYCLING - Remember to save your bottles and cans for our church recycling program. Drop off bins are located in the closet area of the Narthex. Thank you!

SERVICE FOR SUZANNE STEPHEN – There will be a funeral service for Suzanne on May 11th at 2 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church in Sardis. An interment of ashes will follow at a later date in Colwood. If you wish to send a card to Doug and Renee, please mail to:
#5 44862 Keith Wilson Rd., Chilliwack, V2R 3J9

CHURCH CAMP – Our 39th Annual Church Camp is scheduled for July 5th to 12th at Parry's in Parksville. Please confirm with Liz Garland if you plan on attending.

Email: adventvolunteer@shaw.ca or bobandlizgarland@gmail.com

GARAGE SALE - Our 27th annual **Church Garage Sale** is on **Saturday, May 4th from 9 am to 2 p.m.** Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. We are currently accepting gently used items that include *linens, household items, sporting goods, small appliances (in good working condition), games, toys, outdoor items, etc.* Items we **ARE NOT** accepting include *clothing, T.V.'s (of any kind!), mattresses, large pieces of furniture, books of any kind, records & movies.* In addition to donated items, we also welcome home baked goods, re-potted plants and special items for our Vintage & Boutique section (jewelry, belts, hats, scarves, shoes, etc.). If you need items to be picked up, please contact the office. *Any leftover items must be disposed of at OUR EXPENSE. No junk please.*

Drop off times: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 29, 30, May 1, 3 (Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri) & 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 2 (Thursday).

Questions? Contact the Church Office (250-474-3031)

Spread the news to your neighbours, relatives & friends! There will also be a BBQ lunch (Cheeseburger \$5, hot dogs \$3, pie & ice cream \$3, tea/coffee \$2).

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WE WANT TO KNOW YOU ... but we need to be able to contact you, so ...
 If you are a newcomer, or if we can help in any way, please let us know. Please fill in the relevant information and give it to a Sidesperson or place it on the collection plate. **Completion of the following information indicates your consent for this parish to gather this information and to use it for reasonable purposes of the church under The Privacy of Information Act.**

NEWCOMER	CHANGE OF ADDRESS	COURSE INFORMATION
HELP	SETUP CONTRIBUTIONS	YOUTH CONNECTION

Name	
Address	Postal Code
Email	Phone

We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.
THANK YOU!