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

November 15, 2020

Pentecost 24

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 today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, 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-fourth 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 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. Come, come with your doubts, your strengths, your weaknesses, and your fears, for God loves us all and all are welcome in this space.

Scripture Sentence of the Day: Scripture shares with us, “I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.”

Opening Hymn: CP 465 “Here in this Place”

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Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken;
gather us in - the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery;
we are the old – who yearn for your face.
We have been sung through – out all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty;
gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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:

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.
Embrace us with your mercy, so we may live through these times of stress and turmoil in this
life, so that we will not lose site of what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen**

Collect of the Day:

**Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that
darkens and ensnares us; and bring us to eternal light and joy through the power of Him, 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: G 591 "This Little Light of Mine"

(Henry Dixon Loes, harmony Horace C. Boyer © 1992)

This little light of mine I'm gonna make it shine,
This little light of mine I'm gonna make it shine;
This little light of mine I'm gonna make it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Psalm: 123 (BAS Pg. 883)

1 To you I lift up my eyes, * **to you enthroned in the heavens.**

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * **and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, * **until he show us his mercy.**

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, * **for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * **and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading: Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep

sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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: CP 645 Come Down O Love Divine

(Text: Bianco de Siena {1350-1434}, Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams {1872-1958} © Oxford University)

Come Down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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.

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I

have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev’d Dr. Paul Schumacher

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

Prayers of the People Nov 15, 2020

I will end each petition with Lord in your mercy:

Please respond with: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious and loving God: you give to every person their years, days, and hours upon this earth. We thank you for the time you have given us, and we pray that you would teach us to use our time wisely. Help us to lead holy lives, and to trust in your infinite mercy in Christ.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless our Country that we may use the gifts and produce of this land wisely and justly. Help us to care for the environment, that resources may be conserved and fairly distributed, and that damage done may be healed.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on those who continue to suffer illness and hardship. We pray for Dianne, Sheila, Alice, Maureen, Barb, Mae, Dimas, and any others you wish to name now, either aloud or silently in your heart. Make them ever aware of your loving presence with them and comfort them with your Holy Spirit, that in their distress they may accept your will and rejoice in your saving help.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving Creator, we pray for all who mourn. 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.**

Creator God - we give you thanks for all your gifts to us – for daily food - for health - for each breath we take - for freedom to choose - and for the gifts of your word, your power, and your love. We thank you for our Faith family. Our hearts are truly overwhelmed, O God, when we consider all that you are and how you have entrusted so much to us. May we be worthy of that trust - may we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers we offer to you, and sustain us in faith until you finally receive us into life eternal with you. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: CP 494 Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels

(text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, music: Michael Joncas © 1988 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.)

Not for tongues of heaven's angels,
Not for wisdom to discern;
Not for faith that masters mountains,
For this better gift we yearn:

***Refrain: May love be ours, Lord;
 May Love be ours.
 May love be ours, O Lord.***

Love is humble, love is gentle,
Love is tender, true, and kind;
Love is gracious, ever patient,
Generous of heart and mind: **Refrain**

In the day this world is fading,
Faith and hope will play their part;
But when Christ is seen in glory,
Love shall reign in every heart: **Refrain**

Commissioning: Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and King. **Amen**

TODAY WE PRAY

*Pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, Anna our Bishop Elect,
& Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge.
Christ Church, Gabriola, & Diocese of Kootenay.
In the Selkirk Region for St. Peter & St. Paul, Esquimalt*

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, Mae, & Dimas.
We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*