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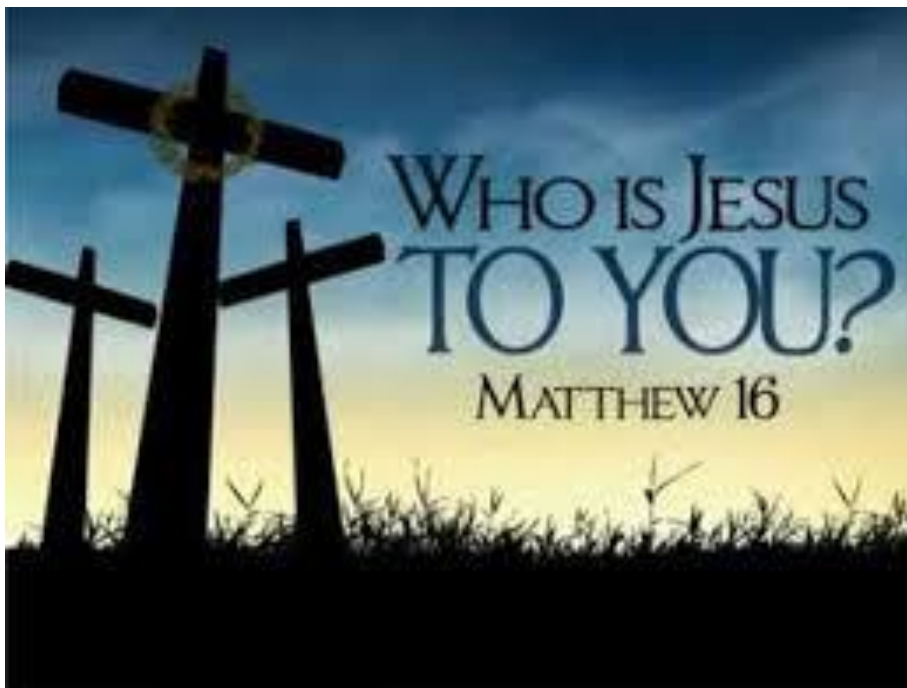
The Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher, Interim Priest

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

August 30, 2020

Pentecost 13

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.

Welcome: Good morning and welcome to this service of worship on the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. 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.

Now, 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, **“May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us.”**

Opening Hymn: The Power of Love

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Universal Music Publishing Group, MUSIC SERVICES, INC.)

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I've found in You
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love

Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
By the power of Your love

Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
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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 Green Prayerbook)*

Please join me in the spirit of this prayer:

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we do what is pleasing to You and share the good news of the kingdom with all creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, we pray. Amen

Collect of the Day:

Author and giver of all good things,
Graft into our hearts the love of your name,
Increase in us true religion,
Nourish us in all goodness,
And of your great mercy keep us in the same;
Through 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: "Shine, Jesus, Shine" CP 460

Graham Kendrick (© 1987 Make Way Music Ltd.)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shining on us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

***Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me.

(Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness;
Ever-changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

(Refrain)

Psalm: 105 (BAS Pg. 845)

Sue Hamblin

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.
Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;
Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.
He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 12: 9-21

Mike Armstrong

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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: We Are Called

(David Haas © 1988, GIA Publications Inc.)

Come, live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

***We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.***

Come, open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

(Refrain)

Sing, sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

(Refrain)

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13 -20

Mike Armstrong

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.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and

those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

Rev. 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

Let us pray together to the Lord, saying, "**Lord, hear our prayer.**"

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for the love which brings us together, for the earth which provides for our needs, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ,

We pray together, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our Christian family and for grace to grow in your love. We pray for the united Church of South India The Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam - Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala; For Ansley, our diocesan administrator and Barry our executive officer. We pray for S. Philip, Cedar - Susan Hermanson & Cindy Corrigan and for the Diocese of New Westminster - Archbishop Melissa Skelton. And we pray for St. David-by-the Sea (Cordova Bay)

We pray together, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our world, for all its cares and needs, and for all who lead us and care for us,

We pray together, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope. We pray especially for Dianne, Rick & Barb, Sheila, Alice, Maureen, Melissa.

We pray together, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love (especially . . .).

We pray together, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for one another, asking you to bless us, our friends, and relatives. Bless the places where we work and bless our homes and our life together.

We pray together, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. 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 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

(Harry Emerson Fosdick © Ms. C. A. Webb)

God of grace and god of glory,
On you people pour your power;
Now fulfill your church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armoured with all Christ-like graces
in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we fail ourselves and thee,
Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

Commissioning: God, with all your faithful followers in every age, we praise you, the rock of our
life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister
to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the United Church of South India.

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

For S. Philip, Cedar, & Diocese of New Westminster.

In the Selkirk Region for St. David-by-the Sea, Cordova Bay.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Today, we remember Dianne, Rick & Barb, Sheila, Kian, Alice, Carol Ann, Joan, Maureen,
Melissa.*

We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.