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November 29, 2020
The First Sunday of Advent
Service by Zoom

The Diocese of British Columbia acknowledges that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, worship, and play. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Celebrating full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

A Service of the Word

This liturgy is based on the

Anglican Church of Canada Book of Alternative Services

The Gathering of the Community

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

People: **And also with you.**

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responses

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Will you not give us life again,

That your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

And grant us your salvation.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Lighting the first candle: As we light this first Advent candle, we hope for the fuller brightness that is to come. We want it to remind us to watch for what God will give us, and to see what he has already given.

A minute or two of silence – a time to think quietly as we watch the candle burning.

Prayer: O God, we want to thank you for your gift of Christ, not just with words, but also with deeds. Help us to be grateful every day. Help us to meet our friends with understanding, our work with willingness, our responsibilities with patience. You have given so much to us: help us to give even a little to those who need us and our gifts. especially at this season of giving. Amen.

The priest prays the Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: [Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

[Psalms 80:1-7](#)

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel: [Mark 13:24-37](#)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Georgia Smith

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free;
from our fear and sins release us,
Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
born salvation to impart;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born your people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever,
now your gracious kingdom bring.

By your own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.

Charles Wesley

The 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.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

On zoom, a way to offer peace is to look at each person who appears on your screen, and whether they are looking at you or not, pray for God's peace for them. A wave, a smile, a nod of the head are all fitting expressions of your intention.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

In thanksgiving for the gifts that we offer to the glory of God and for our ongoing ministry as a parish, let us pray:

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**People Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom,
 the power and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen**

Go from this place seeking Christ in all people,

We go to love and serve our neighbours as ourselves.

Participants in the Service

Lay Assistant:	Pauline Woods
Reader:	Eileen Klassen
Gospel:	the Rev. David Fitzsimmons
Advent Wreath:	The Altar Guild

Placing a list of participants in the leaflet helps us all to get to know one another better—especially when we are all wearing masks. This list also reminds us that it takes many people to make a worship service happen. Some of them are visible in the service, some of them are working quietly behind the scenes—like our Altar Guild members and our custodian. Please let Cathie or Annie know if there is a name or a role missing or entered in error.

Noisy offering

Worship Opportunities

At St. Peter's

Sunday 10:00 AM

On zoom

Services are from the
*Book of Alternative
Services.*

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Psalm 100

Drop your spare change in the jar

Or bills of any denomination,

Or cheques.

A benefit for

Grassroots Kind Hearts

Forthcoming Events

Coffee Monday Yes, on zoom! 10 AM to 11 AM watch your email for a zoom link. Come for a little, come for the whole time

Parish Council Sunday, Dec. 13 at noon on zoom. Brief meeting.

Cathie will be in the church office from 9:00 until 1:00 each Wednesday to respond to messages and concerns. Please call the parish office or Cathie's cell 250-668-3701.

The church will be open that morning for you to drop off food bank donations, Noisy Offering donations, or your offering envelope. Please remember COVID safety and sign the register, wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and maintain distance from others.

Our secretary Annie is no longer working for us, the wardens are seeking a replacement.

Every Week

All group activities are moved to zoom or suspended until Dec. 7

Let the Prayer Circle know if you have a confidential prayer concern.
Email stpeterCRprayerchain@gmail.com

Serving the Community

Sunday evening, (essential services)

AA, in the hall

Alanon in the library

Consecration of our new
Bishop

January 30, 11:00 AM

We can all watch on the
computer.

Look for the link on the
diocesan website

Liturgical Calendar

Nov. 29 by zoom

First Sunday of Advent

Dec 6 by zoom

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec, 13

Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 24

Christmas Eve services

December 24 at 3:00 PM;

5:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Registration Required

Dec. 27

Christmas Service

January 3

Baptism of the Lord

Christmas Lessons and Carols

January 6

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Christmas Lessons and Carols

(no singing permitted)

Why do we do That?

Advent is the beginning of the year. This Sunday we could begin by saying happy new year! We begin our year in a time of expectation.

What do we expect? Not a baby, that happened 2000 or so years ago. Now we expect Jesus to come again. When?, Where, How? And How will we know?

Remember that the last time Jesus came, as a vulnerable infant, he was greeted with scorn, disbelief and hostility—except for three Magi from foreign land, who recognized his divine nature.

Part of being expectant is to keep looking for Jesus in the people and places around you. Where do you think he would go first? Canterbury Cathedral? Or the food bank line-up?

We are invited to watch and welcome him when we see him.

Advent Study Series

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30, online

November 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23

We will spend time with the Advent people in the Bible: Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph, and the Angels

The study takes place on zoom. Watch your email for the link.

If you think you need help with Zoom ask your children or grandchildren to help you get set up on your computer or tablet.

Please Register!

Truckload Advent Out Reach

Lets work together , Sunday School and parish, to fill a truck with necessities for the Food Bank, things they will need in January when the shelves are bare after the Christmas needs are met.

What do they need?

Any non-perishable canned or packaged food items and especially:

Mr Noodles

Diapers size 5 and 6

Baby food—the kind in pouches

Baby formula up to 12 months

Sanitary napkins

Please bring your offerings to the church, there is a place marked off in the narthex to receive them.

Today we Pray

In the World-wide Anglican Communion

Pray for the Lusitanian Church The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church For Linda our Primate and Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop

In our Diocese and Province

For Bishop-elect Anna Greenwood-Lee & Diocesan Administrator Ansley Tucker. Church of the Advent - Paul Schumacher. Diocese of Yukon - Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

In Our Parish

We pray for those involved in outreach ministries serving those in need, we pray for Diana Hicks, Georgia Smith, and all those who contribute their time or their resources.

In our Community

We pray for refugee families and churches and agencies that support them. We pray for all who are waiting for sponsorship.

In the World

We pray for the people of the United States during this transition time.

Christmas Services

The plans for Christmas are taking shape now. We will do the best we can to include all the familiar stories and songs of Christmas in our services. There are 4 services planned—all identical—at 5, 7 and 9 on Christmas Eve and on December 27. please register to attend the service of your choice. There will also be a Lessons and Carols service. Sadly, no singing is permitted at any of the services.

WELCOME!

Parish Staff and Leaders

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Bishop-Elect: The Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

The Very Rev. Ansley Tucker,

Diocesan Administrator