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

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Pentecost 7

### 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. Sandra Hounsell-Drover presides & preaches.*

***Piano prelude: Let All Things Now Living***

## **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:** Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it. How awesome is this place.

### **Opening Hymn: “A Place at the Table”**

(Shirley Erena Murray, ©1998 Hope Publishing)

Sung by Kathy Middleton, Bev Somers, Cat Mason, William Hounsell-Drover

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,  
and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy,  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

**Greeting:**

In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.

**Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

**God is with us, here we find new life.**

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

**Act of Praise:** "A Joyful Assembly" (Canticle) – *New Zealand Prayer Book*

*Antiphon:* **All creation is a song of praise to God.**

We have come before God's holy mountain:  
the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God;

We have come before myriads of angels  
in festal gathering:  
before the assembly  
of the first-born citizens of heaven;

We have come before God the judge of all:  
before the spirits of the righteous made perfect,  
and Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.

We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken:  
let us therefore give thanks to God,

Thus offering acceptable worship with reverence and awe:  
for our God is a consuming fire.

*Antiphon: All creation is a song of praise to God.*

**Collect of the Day:** O God, **patient and forbearing**, strengthen our spirit when we are slow and temper our zeal when we are rash, so that in your own good time you may produce in us a rich harvest from the seed you have sown and tended; through Jesus Christ, the promise of a new creation. Amen.

### **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

#### **Chat @ the Chancel:**

#### **Song: "River Running in You and Me"**

(Ian MacDonald & Gordon Light; © 2003 Common Cup Company)

River running in you and me,  
Spirit of life, deep mystery.  
Dancing down to the holy seas,  
river run deep, river run free.

River laughed on my birthing day,  
wind and water joined in play.  
Soaked my soul in a shining spray  
river run deep, river run free.

River singing in you and me,  
Spirit of life, deep mystery.  
Catch us up in your melody,  
river run deep, river run free.

**Psalm:** 139:1-11,22-23 (BAS Pg. 896)

**Dayle Robertson**

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
and the light around me turn to night."

Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:1-11*

**Mike Armstrong**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind

that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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: "A Time For Everything"**

(Words from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Adapted by Mark Hayes; Music by Mark Hayes)

Sung by Kathy Middleton

There is a time for everything,  
A season for everything under heaven  
A time to be born and a time to die,  
A time to plan and a time to harvest.  
A time to kill and a time to heal  
A time to destroy and a time to rebuild  
A time to weep and a time to laugh  
A time to grieve and a time to dance  
A time to scatter stoned and a time to gather stones,  
A time to embrace and a time to turn away  
A time to search and a time to lose  
A time to keep and a time to throw away  
A time to tear and a time to mend,  
A time to be silent and a time to speak.  
A time to lover and time to hate  
A time for war and a time for peace  
There is a time for everything under heaven  
There is a time, there is a time, there is a time

**Gospel:** *Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

**Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher**

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.**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon:**

**Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer.")

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

On this 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, we pray for Rick and Barb, Dianne, Kian, Sheila, Maureen, Alice, Carol Ann, Joan, Ethan and Melissa. And today, we remember those we raise to God within the quiet of our own hearts.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

God of gracious love and compassion, hear the petitions of your people and send us your grace and peace. **Amen**

### **Confession and Absolution:**

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us pray our confession together:

**Holy God, hear our prayer:**

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;**



**For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;  
For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;  
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;  
We pray for the courage to admit our fault,  
The strength to amend our actions,  
And the hope that your grace awaits us.  
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of 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:**

**Shared Ministry:**

### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

**Commissioning Hymn: "And On this Path"**

(Words: © 2000 Lynn Bauman; Music: © 2003 Linnea Good, Borealis Music)

Sung by Mary Wills, Bill & Linda Van Sickle

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide.  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide.  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide.

Open wide, open wide, open wide, the gates are open wide.

So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide.

So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide.

So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide.

Open wide, open wide, open wide, the gates are open wide.

**Commissioning:**

As we leave this place, we know.

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

At work or play, at home or on vacation, we know.

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

Whether we're happy or sad,  
on our own, or with our friends, we know.

**God will be with us wherever we go.**

So let's go with joy,  
because God goes with us!

**Amen. Alleluia!**

**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

*Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.*

*For S. John the Divine, Victoria & the Diocese of Kootenay.*

*In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity, Sooke.*

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM**

*Today, we remember Ethan, 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.*