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

April 26, 2020

Easter 3 Morning Prayer

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 today.

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.

Sentence of the Day: Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak.

Opening Hymn: Alleluia No.1

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Refrain:

***Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.***

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. ***(Refrain)***

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen. ***(Refrain)***

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour. ***(Refrain)***

Greeting:

As you move with us, as we journey together,

Lord, your word fills our hearts!

As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!

As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!

Canticle of Praise: Jubilate – Sung by Kathy Middleton

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Song: Deep in our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision; Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose; Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message, justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing; Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current, flowing to freedom like a stream.

First Reading: *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

Barbara Gossman

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other

arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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.

Psalm: 116:1-3,10-17

Barbara Gossman

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Teagan Dillon

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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: On the Journey to Emmaus

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On the journey to Emmaus, with our hearts cold as stone,
the one who would save us had left us alone.
Then a stranger walks with us – and, to our surprise,
he opens our stories and he opens our eyes.

And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way,
how all that was promised was ours on that day.
So we begged him, “Stay with us, and grant us your word” –
we welcomed the stranger, and we welcomed the Lord.

On our journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast,
with Jesus we claim that the greatest is least.
And his words burn within us: “Let none be ignored;
who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.”

Gospel: *Luke 24:13-35*

Paul Schumacher

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he

was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Affirmation of Faith: Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Let us who journey on the way with Christ, risen and ever-present in mystery, pray for the world with all our heart and mind, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the church universal and for this community of faith, that we may wholeheartedly devote ourselves to the apostolic teaching, to common life, to the breaking of bread and the life of prayer, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all nations and people of this wide earth, that we may be delivered from human devices of oppression, and from false idols and futile ways, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all who grieve or who are desperate or haunted by violence may know the hidden strength of Christ present, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer..**

For the homeless, those without bread, those tempted by vengeance and driven to rage, that they may find refuge and strength in the one who walks with them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the children of tragedy, and for our own children, that they may come to know and to claim the promises of God to all generations, near and far off, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Preserve us all, O Lord, and take us home to your heart, so that all our lives may be woven together in prayer and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.***

Collect of the Day: Risen Christ, companion on the way: break through the disillusionment and despair which cloud our vision, so that we may find our way and journey on as messengers of your good news. 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: CP 232 Jesus is Risen From the Grave

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Jesus is risen from the grave;
Jesus is risen from the grave;
Jesus is risen from the grave.
Alleluia!

Thomas will stop his doubting;
Thomas will stop his doubting;
Thomas will stop his doubting.
Alleluia!

Jesus will meet his people;
Jesus will meet his people;
Jesus will meet his people.
Alleluia!

Jesus will live forever;
Jesus will live forever;
Jesus will live forever.
Alleluia!

Commissioning:

Christ has brought us together: together in faith, together in hope, together in love. We have gathered together to be sent out again: sent out with the welcome message of God's love! We go forth together, to be living testimonies of Christ's love!

Amen. Alleluia!

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Church of Ireland.

Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

S. Peter & S. Paul, Esquimalt & Diocese of Yukon.

In the Selkirk Region for Ecumenical and Inter-faith partners

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Joan, Maureen, Elmer & Alice, Lucy, Barb, Peter, Mike, Rob, Peggy,
Carol Ann, Rick & Barb, Brad, & Lorna.*