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

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Easter 4

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.

The Sentence of the Day: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

Opening Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His,
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Greeting:

Can you hear the voice of God?

We hear God calling us by name.

Are you troubled or distressed?

We come here to find a place to rest for awhile.

Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.

Canticle of Praise: I Am the Door of The Sheepfold

Malcolm Guite, 2015

Not one that's gently hinged or deftly hung,
Not like the ones you planed at Joseph's place,
Not like the well-oiled openings that swung
So easily for Pilate's practiced pace,
Not like the ones that closed in Mary's face
From house to house in brimming Bethlehem,
Not like the one that no man may assail,
The dreadful curtain, The forbidding veil
That waits your breaking in Jerusalem.

Not one you made but one you have become:
Load-bearing, balancing, a weighted beam
To bridge the gap, to bring us within reach
Of your high pasture. Calling us by name,
You lay your body down across the breach,
Yourself the door that opens into home.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel

Song: Like a Rock

Keri K Wehlander & Linnea Good © 1999 Borealis Music

Like a rock, like a rock God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Al Wills

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and

generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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: 23 The Lord's My Shepherd

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The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

I will trust I will trust in You
I will trust I will trust in You
Endless mercy follows me
Goodness will lead me home

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Mike Armstrong

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been

healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Gospel: *John 10:1-10*

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

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

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Act of Remembrance for Battle of Atlantic Sunday

Prayer for the Canadian Armed Forces:

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Canadian armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ship Names and Tolling of the Bell:

Al Wills & Mike Armstrong

A Prayer for Peace:

Almighty God from whom true peace comes, open our minds and hearts to a true love of peace. Guide those who are in authority to listen well to your wisdom, to work only for justice and charity, which is the only true path to peace in the world. May your kingdom come so that the earth will be filled with your knowledge and your love and your peace. Amen.

A Prayer for the Air Force:

Almighty God, whose loving care encompasses even the sparrow in its flight, guide and protect, we pray, all those who fly the uncharted spaces of the sky. Bless those who, through service in the Air Force, stand guard over the sacred trust of home and country. Endow them with wisdom and understanding that they may clearly see the path of duty and courageously devote themselves in service to the nation they love. In the solitude of flight, may the beauty of your greatness be revealed to them, that they may pattern their lives in accordance with your will. Extend your strengthening presence to those who wait at home, and may they ever know your watchful care will keep safe their absent ones. Let your blessing be upon us, O God, we pray. Lead us to carry on the trust left to us by those who have given with honour their lives in service of their country. May we find peace in the knowledge of our mission accomplished and their task completed, united forever in faithful service. Amen.

The Naval Prayer:

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the seas; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy Almighty and Most Gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants, and the fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and from the violence of the enemy, that we may be a safeguard unto our most Gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of the commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve Thee our God, and that we may return safely to enjoy the Blessings of the Land, with the Fruits of our Labours, and with a Thankful Remembrance of Thy mercies to Praise and Glorify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Hymn: CP 659 Oh Canada

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

Holy and Gracious God, you call us by name, Beloved One, and beckon us to follow you. May we do so through your grace. In your Name we pray, **hear our prayer.**

Like a shepherd tending the flock you tend to our needs. Be present with those who struggle, suffer, are in pain or sorrow. Guide those who are lost or filled with worry and fear. Protect those who are in harm's way heal those who are ill, mend those who are broken, as only your love can. In your Name we pray, **hear our prayer**

God of peace, watch over those who lead us in our various governments and churches. Fill our leaders with wisdom, patience, insight, and mercy. Help them to lead with kindness and strength. In your Name we pray, **hear our prayer**

God of love, fill our hearts with the knowledge of You that we can turn from the distractions of life and be more like You. May we be agents of your compassion, offering kindness to those we meet this day. In your Name we pray, **hear our prayer**

God of all blessings, we thank you for all the gifts of life. For your Son, our Savior, our great Good Shepherd, the one who stands at the gate of all life's challenges and joys, calling out to us in love.

Naming us, Beloved. In your Name we pray, **hear our prayer**

For all this, and more we pray. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day: O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name. 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 (St. Columba):

My dearest Lord.
Be Thou a bright flame before us.
Be Thou a guiding star above us.
Be Thou a smooth path beneath us.
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind us.
Today and evermore. Amen.

Shared Ministry:

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Commissioning Hymn & Hymn of Honor: CP 567 Eternal Father Strong to Save

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Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm restrains the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed bounds to keep;
we cry, O God of majesty,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at your word,
Who walked across the surging deep,

And in the storm lay calm in sleep;
we cry, O Lord of Galilee,
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
preserve their lives in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, flood and flame,
Protect them by your holy name;
and to your glory let there be
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Commissioning: Come through the gate of joy and hope, moving into the world that needs to hear the words of peace. Go from this time of worship in peace, bringing good news of Christ's abundant love for all people. **Amen. Alleluia!**

TODAY WE PRAY

*Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan).
Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.
Parish of Central Saanich & Diocese of Caledonia.
In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity, Sooke.*

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.*