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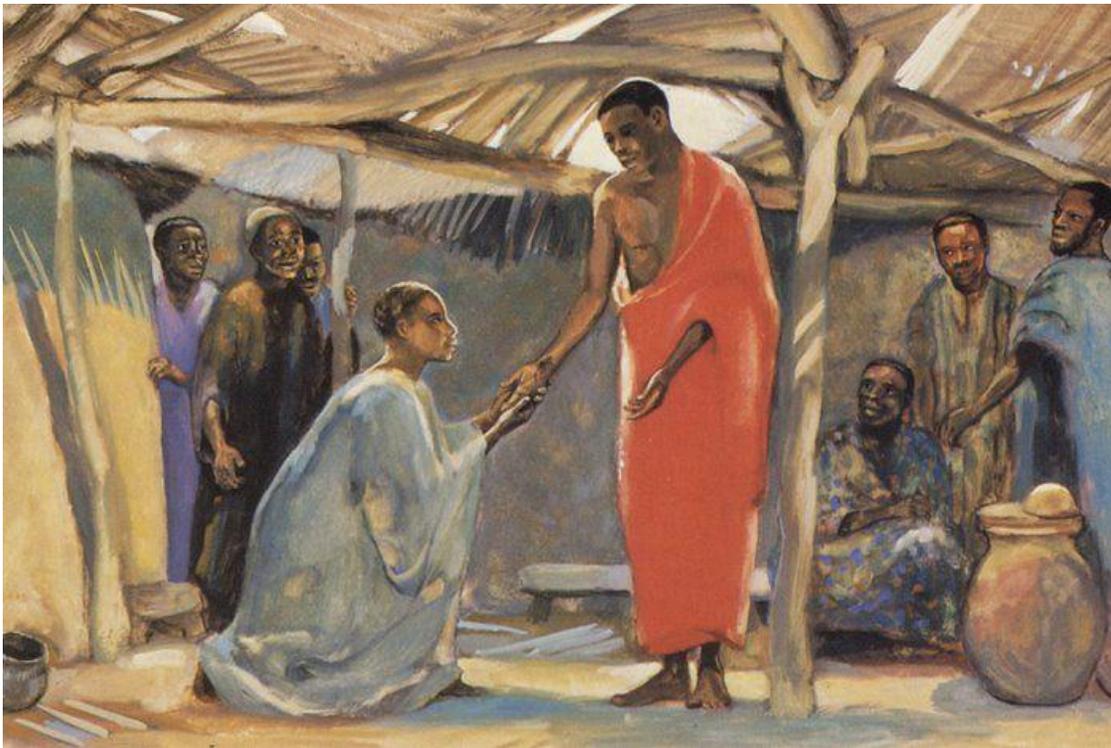
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***“Together in Christ
we seek to love God and
to love and serve all others”***

April 19, 2020

Easter 2 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, and Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher 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: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Opening Hymn: Easter Alleluia (*Marty Haugen, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God who does wondrous things,
Let all the people God's praises now sing,
All of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
See how salvation for all has been won,
Up from the grave our new life has begun,
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now in our presence the Lord will appear,
Shine in the faces of all of us here,
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,
Wanting to see you in all that we do,
We would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, we are open to all that you say,
Ready to listen and follow your way,
You are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord,
God will protect us from fire and sword,
Fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia!

Greeting:

Come! Bring your doubts, your hopes, your faith.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Come! Bring your questions, your wonderings, your misgivings.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Come! Bring your fear, your sorrow, your joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Come, let us worship God.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Canticle – You Are God

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father: all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Hymn: VU 585 Jesus Bids Us Shine (*Susan Warner, 1868, Public Domain*)

Jesus bids us shine with a clear, pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him;
Well He sees and knows it if our light grows dim;
Jesus walks beside us, to help us shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around
Many kinds of darkness in this world are found:
Sin, and want, and sorrow so we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

First Reading: *Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

Kathy Middleton

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.

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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: 16

Kathy Middleton

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Peter Hounsell-Drover

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Canticle: – Venite (Psalm 95.1–7)

John Hounsell-Drover

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today
you would hearken to his voice!

Gospel: *John 20:19-31*

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Affirmation of Faith:

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 have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.***

For a new birth of peace on the earth among all human families and nations, that hatred and violence and war may cease, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For the whole body of Christ and all who bear his holy name, and for bishops, clergy, and all who offer ministries, that we may serve Christ with glad and generous hearts, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For this nation and all nations of the world, that those who lead may know truth and practice integrity, that all peoples may grow together in concord, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all in mental anguish and whose faith is racked by doubt, that they may be led with Thomas the apostle to cry out, "My Lord and my God," we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those imprisoned unjustly by force, that they may be liberated and not be abandoned to the dominion of death, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For all gathered here out of love for Christ, that we may know the gospel as an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those having died in faith [especially N.] and for all the dying [especially N.], that they may know the love of God who has raised Christ up, having loosed the pangs of death, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

For those times when we have not lived lives recognising your light, your truth and your love. We turn to you with repentant hearts and seek your forgiveness, we pray: **Lord, hear us in your mercy.**

*Bind us in love for those for whom we pray this day, and to one another in genuineness of faith, more precious than gold, that Christ may be present in all we do and say. So may your life be praised, today and all days. **Amen.***

Collect of the Day: Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, so that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God, the Source of all 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: Great is Thy Faithfulness

(Thomas O. Chisholm; copyright © 1923; Hope Publishing Company)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God our Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

Commissioning: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.