

# Church of the Advent

Anglican Christian Witness on Victoria's Westshore

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

*The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop*

*The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector*

*The Rev Paul Schumacher, Deacon*

**June 17, 2018**

**National Indigenous Day  
Island Liturgy**



**Sunday Services** are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

**Office Hours** are Monday through Thursday from 9:00-Noon  
**Celtic Eucharist and Gospel Discussion** Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

## **WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT**

*If you are a newcomer, please identify yourself to the Sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.*

*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.*

***Flowers on the Altar today are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our fathers, G.G. and Ray - Mike & Kathy***

*Reverend John Hounsell-Drover presides  
& Reverend Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches today.*

### **8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67**

*1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

*Psalms 20 pg 352*

*2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17*

*Mark 4:26-34*

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***Joy Flath***

### **10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185**

*Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley  
Crucifer & Acolyte is Peter Hounsell-Drover  
Sidespersons are Joan Hoffman & Lydia French  
Guest Musician is Lawrence Surges*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Coast Salish 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:** The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Opening Hymn:** CP 408 Wind Upon the Waters

\*Verses 1 through 4 (omit verse 5).

**Greeting:**

In this time and place, we are not alone for we meet in the presence of the living God.

**For we meet in the presence of the living God.**

In this time and place, we are not alone for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst

**The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.**

In this time and space, we are not alone for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

**The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.**

In this time and in this space, we are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven. In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

**In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.**

In this time and place together, one people in Jesus Christ.

**In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** CP 407 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

**Centering Stillness:** Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

**Collect of the Day:** Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Chat @ the Chancel:



### Childrens Hymn: Like a Rock (2x)

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 ev-er-more.

Words by Keri Wehlander, Adapted to Music by Linnea Good

Reading: *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

**Gemma Hamblin**

Psalm: 20

Pg. 726

Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17*

**Joan Hoffman**

### Gospel Hymn: CP 414 God of the Sparrow

\*Verses 1, 2 & 3 before the Gospel; verses 4, 5 & 6 following the Gospel.

Gospel: *Mark 4:26-34*

**Rev Paul Schumacher**

Homily:

**Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover**

Affirming the Christian Narrative: **We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty. We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son. We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit. We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

### Prayers of the People:

**Neil Mikkonen**

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your community, the church, the body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

**In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.**

We call upon the earth, our mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

**Teach us and show us the way.**

Redeeming God, help us minister to those who need their health restored, their hope invigorated, their love rekindled. Bring us a joy greater than happiness, a love beyond imagination, and may our last illness bring us to your throne of grace. Hear us as we pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

**In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.**

Creator God, we acknowledge all of the gifts we have been given. We especially acknowledge the gifts of the women in our lives, our mothers, grandmothers, wives, aunties, sisters and nieces. We express our sorrow and hurt for those of our Indigenous sisters who have gone missing or have been murdered. At this time, we ask for blessings for all women, and especially for those who have experienced inexplicable violation and suffering. We ask for comfort, care, and consolation, for those family members left behind. We again acknowledge the gifts of the Spirit we

have been given and we ask for these blessings in Christ.

**In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.**

Creator God, this day we thank you for the blessing of fathers, for all our own fathers have done for us: to rear us to take care of ourselves and our world, to guide us into the paths of peace and righteousness, to show us how to be both strong and gentle. We pray for those men who are fathers who find themselves unable or unwilling to fulfill their roles as dad for their children.

We pray for new fathers, learning to care for and enjoy their little ones, experienced fathers who are learning to let go of their children, and for fathers whose unseen presence still guides their adult children.

Bless, we ask, the memory of fathers who have passed into your presence, guide and sustain those whose fatherly work is not yet done, and give us all the grace we need to build up the children of generations who will come after us.

**In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.**

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers.

**Amen.**

**Confession & Absolution:**

For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love...

*silence*

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf...

*silence*

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven...

*silence*

**Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew rights spirit within us.**

The Lord enrich you with grace and nourish you with many blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**The Peace:**

God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

*Let us greet another as a sign of God's peace.* The peace of God is here... to stay. **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

**Offertory Hymn: Prayer of Peace**

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.

Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.

Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.

Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Text: Based on a Navajo prayer Tune: David Haas

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**Prayer over the Gifts: Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the bread of life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer:**

God is here.

#### **The Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts and minds.

#### **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

#### **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe.

In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

### **Sanctus: CP 719**

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus. Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death. On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me." After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

#### **Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.**

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to



come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Invitation to Communion:** Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to commune at this table. And so, come: you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. Come, for this is a table where all are invited, and all are welcome.

**Breaking of the Bread:**

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger  
**and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Communion Distributors:* **Colleen Lissamer, Grant Croswell  
& Ann Andrews**

*Parish Choir sings at Communion:* **Will You Hide Me in Your Shelter**

By Hartley, Townend & Minter

**Prayer after Communion:** Great Creator, **you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Doxology:** Glory to God, **whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

**Blessing:**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Commissioning Hymn: CP 662 The Trees of the Field**

**Commissioning:**

In the name of the Light that came into the world go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us for coffee, tea, or juice after the service.*

### **TODAY WE PRAY**

*For The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). For The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon.*

*For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Melissa our Metropolitan Elect, Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector and Paul our Deacon.*

*For Ellen Willingham of the Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands. For the Diocese of Kootenay.*

*In the Selkirk Region for Ecumenical and Inter-faith partners.*

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

*Joan, Val, Maureen, Brad & Tytti, Teija, Dave, Jack, Jane,*

*Peter, Gord, Allen, Marie, Steve & Brenda, Jim, Elmer, Gord & Julie.*

*Pray for Bishop Barry Jenks & Bishop Don Philips.*

### **SHARED MINISTRY**

#### **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, June 19 – What-Sew-Ever at 10 a.m.; Parish Council at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20 - Mid-week Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 21 – National Aboriginal Day

Friday, June 22 - Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off.

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 85: 7-13; Acts 13:14b-26; Luke 1:57-80

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A BUSY LITURGICAL COUPLE OF MONTHS:**

**June 24:** Sunday School Closing with Dr. Seuss Eucharist followed by Sunday School party and lunch.

**July 1: Canada Day** with appropriate liturgical Celebration.

**July 2:** Office is closed.

**July 6 to 13:** Parish Camp Out – Parksville.

**CHURCH CAMP** – Our 38<sup>th</sup> annual Church Camp is fast approaching! Our camp is held at Parry's RV Park in Parksville. We have full hook-up sites, partial hook-up sites and tenting sites available. If you are not a camper, there are nearby motels to stay in! Be a day visitor, come for the weekend, or stay for the week.

- **Fri. July 6** – Campers arrive at Parry's.
- **Sat. July 7** – Our famous Sand Castle contest, held at Rathtrevor beach. Followed by the Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.
- **Sun. July 8** – 10:30 a.m. – Church service.

To book a site or for more info, contact the Camp Coordinator, Elizabeth Garland (250-478-5494) or [adventvolunteer@shaw.ca](mailto:adventvolunteer@shaw.ca).

**LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Plan to join us on June 24 for our Sunday School Closing. We will celebrate our children and their Christian Education leaders during our Dr. Seuss Eucharist. It will be followed by a small luncheon and games. The congregation is invited to come and tap into their inner child while we eat hotdogs, potato chips & ice cream cones; and play games like the 3-legged race, sac race, and water-balloon toss!! If you like, bring a lawn chair and sit outside or feel free to watch from the Hall. We are asking for a "Toonie" to help defray the cost of lunch.

**SIGN UP, SIGN UP, EVERYBODY SIGN UP** - Yes, it's that time of year again! Get out your calendars. The sign-up board for readings, prayers, and administering (distributing) the chalice are in the Narthex ready for you to volunteer for the summer. Not too sure what you want to try? Talk to Rev. Sandra, Rev. Paul or Kathy Middleton.

## DIRECTORY

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**WE WANT TO KNOW YOU ...** but we need to be able to contact you, so ...

If you are a newcomer, or if we can help in any way, please let us know. Please fill in the relevant information and give it to a Sidesperson or place it on the collection plate. **Completion of the following information indicates your consent for this parish to gather this information and to use it for reasonable purposes of the church under The Privacy of Information Act.**

NEWCOMER

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COURSE INFORMATION

HELP

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YOUTH CONNECTION

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| Name    |             |
| Address | Postal Code |
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*We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.*

**THANK YOU!**