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

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Maundy Thursday

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. Dr. Paul Schumacher presides.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome: This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him. This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room. This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us. This is the day that Christ our God gave us the holy feast, that we who eat the bread and drink the cup so we may proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

As we meet this evening, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and the water, the plants, and the animals, through the many generations.

We remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us share our hope, our faith, and our joy, together, in signs of welcome.

Come, come with your doubts, your strengths, your weaknesses, and your fears, for God loves us all and all are welcome in this space.

Scripture Sentence of the Day: Scripture shares with us, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Collect of the Day: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service to others. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Psalm: 116:1, 10-17

1 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.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, * **in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

Gospel: John 13: 1-7, 31b-35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

We will not observe the washing of feet ceremony due to COVID restrictions and our service being virtual on ZOOM.

Reflection: Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Stripping of the Altar: *Our service will now continue with a video of the stripping of the altar in our church sanctuary. When the video has finished, we will depart from this ZOOM gathering, in silence and without any goodbyes.*

Matthew 26:30-46

Psalm 22

We depart in silence. There is no blessing or dismissal given.