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

**April 4, 2021**

**Easter Sunday**

### **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. Dr. Paul Schumacher presides & preaches.*

*Organ prelude - Nell Howard*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Welcome:** Good morning and Happy Easter. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome: Welcome to this service of worship on Easter Sunday. My name is Paul Schumacher, and I am the interim priest-in-charge during this time of transition, here at the Church of The Advent.

As we meet today, 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 water, the plants, and animals, through the many generations.

As we meet today, 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 greet one another with words and 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. We invite you to come and join our readers, prayer leaders, music director and choir members, along with our technical team, as we offer prayer and praise to our Creator.

**Scripture Sentence of the Day:** Scripture shares with us, “Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.”

### **Opening Hymn: CP 203 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

(text: Lyra Davidica [1708-?], alt. Music Lyra Davidica[1708-?]; Desc. Derek Holman [1931-] ©)

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!  
Unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pain which he endured, alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, alleluia!  
Now above the sky he’s king, alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

### **Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Act of Praise:** A Prayer from the Lutheran prayer book

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us turn from our sinfulness, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Collect of the Day:** Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**Chat @ the Chancel:** Guest presenter from the U.K.

**Song: MV121 "Hey Now Singing Hallelujah"**

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***Refrain:***

***Hey now! Singing hallelujah! Hey now! The morning has come!***

***Hey now! Singing hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.***

Jesus loved the people and they said he was king,

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

He turned all the tables on everything.

Hey now, the tomb was empty. ***Refrain***

Jesus had power and they took him away.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.

Hey now, the tomb was empty. ***Refrain***

Jesus loves people and he lives again.

Hey now, the tomb was empty.

Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.

Hey now, the tomb was empty. ***Refrain***

**Psalms:** 118:1-2,14-24 (BAS Pg. 866)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \* "His mercy endures for ever.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \* and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \* in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \* the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \* and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \* but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \* he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \* and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \* has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, \* and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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 of the Day: CP 209 “Walk Softly in Springtime”**

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Walk softly in the springtime, to hear the grass sing  
Its whispering carols to Jesus our King;  
To see the new flowers bright colours display,  
To tell all the children of glad Easter day.

Sing gently in springtime, and join with the birds,  
Who warble their music, a song without words,  
That floats through the air and that reaches the sky,  
A message of love to the Father on high.

Praise gladly in springtime when earth seems to glow  
With new life and colour in all things that grow;  
For all nature’s children are happy to say,  
“Rejoice, for the Saviour is risen today.”

### **Gospel: Mark 16: 1-8**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Homily: Lisa Brodersen**

### **Anthem: “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”**

From the Messiah by George Frideric Handel

**Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Prayers of the People - April 4, 2021**

How blessed is this day, when earth and heaven are joined, and humankind is reconciled to God!

I will end each petition with: "Holy and Compassionate God."

Please respond with: "Hear our prayers."

Loving Lord, through your son Jesus, You have forgiven us our sins. We ask that you keep reminding us what it is to be truly Christian. Remind us that we are to forgive as we are forgiven. Remind us that we are to be open to you and to each other. Help us to be heard and teach us to listen. Help us to have patience with ourselves and to have patience with each other.

**"Holy and Compassionate God, hear our prayers."**

O God we pray this day for all who have a song they cannot sing for all who have a burden they cannot bear; for all who wander homeless and cannot return; for those who are sick and for those and for those who tend them; for those who live in hunger and for those who will not share their bread; for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts and for those who yearn to hear those words. We pray especially for Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Jamie and Dimas

**"Holy and Compassionate God, hear our prayers."**

We pray for all who mourn loved ones, remembering especially Lorraine Turner, her daughter Kara and son Adam, and their families, as they mourn Allen, husband and father and grandfather. Hold them in the warmth of your arms.  
May Allen rest in peace and raise with Christ in glory.

**“Holy and Compassionate God, hear our prayers.”**

Eternally creative God give us the faith and courage to recreate the world in your image. We ask this in the name of the risen one, Jesus our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them into his grace. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

And now, may Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal 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:**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding,  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, our Creator,  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, And the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.  
And may the blessing of the God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you  
this day and forever more. **Amen.**

## **Shared Ministry:**

### **Commissioning Hymn: CP218 “Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice”**

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Rejoice, angelic choirs, rejoice! Rejoice now all creation!  
Let trumpets loudly raise their voices to hail the Lord’s salvation,  
Let all Christ’s holy people sing the triumph of their mighty King  
In festive celebration!

O earth, exult in radiance bright, illuminated by Christ’s splendour!  
Your darkness now is put to flight, to him due praises render!  
Be glad, O church! Sing out your songs!  
Your temples fill with shouting throngs to hail the glorious victor!

Let all who gather round the flame, the sign of Christ’s arising,  
The deathless light of Christ acclaim, his saving mercy prizing,  
That all may live by faith in him who conquered death,  
Despair, and sin to make us his forever.

**Commissioning:** Almighty God, grant that your holy word which has been proclaimed this day, may enter our hearts through your grace, and produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for witness and service in the world, to the praise and honour of your name, through Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and King, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Alleluia. Amen.**

### **TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.*

*Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, Anna our Bishop,  
& Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge.*

*Pray for S. Mary of the Incarnation in Metchosin, & Diocese of New Westminster.  
In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity, Sooke.*

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

*Today, we remember Dianne, Rick & Barb, Sheila, Alice, Carol Ann,  
Joan, Barb, Azeita, Margaret, Dimas, Garry, Sharron, Steven, & Bill.  
We pray for Allen Turner, his wife Lorraine, daughter Kara, & son Adam.  
May Allen rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.  
We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*