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

**May 2, 2021 - Easter 5 & Battle of the Atlantic 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: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Good morning, and welcome to this service of worship on the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Today, we will also be commemorating the Battle of the Atlantic with our customary observance of remembrance of the sacrifice of all who lived through this time of war and conflict.

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, “I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.”

Opening Hymn: CP #425 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

(Text: Henry Van Dyke{1852-1933}, alt. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven {1770-1827}; arrangement: Edward Hodges {1796-1867})

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love,
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou art Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine,
Teach us to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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.*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reign with you, our creator, and the Holy Spirit, our comforter, now and forever. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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

Chat @ the Chancel:

Song: MV 121 "Hey Now, Singing Hallelujah"

(Words and Music: Linnea Good 1998. Words and music © 1998 Borealis Music, used by permission.)

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**

Psalm: 22:24-30 (BAS Pg. 730)

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him,
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7–21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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: G #485 **"Turn to the Living God"** (Text: Lori True {b. 1961-}; Tune: Lori True {b. 1961 -}, © 2003, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.)

Refrain

***Turn, turn to the living God,
The God of healing and comfort,
And with delight, God will turn to you.
With delight God will turn to you.***

For now is the time of fulfillment.
The reign of God is at hand.
Reform your life, turn from sin
And believe the glorious news. ***Refrain***

Come, and return to the Lord.
All you weary, bring your grieving hearts.
With kindness and mercy God's compassion
Will fill your hearts with love. ***Refrain***

Have mercy, O Lord, on your people.
In your goodness wipe away our guilt.
Wash us clean, free us to become
Your living song of praise. ***Refrain***

Come, sing with joy to the Lord.
Listen with an open heart.
Hear God's voice and follow,
Our good shepherd is guiding the way. ***Refrain***

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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.

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes* to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed* by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become* my disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

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 O Canada

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 – May 2, 2021 Battle of the Atlantic Sunday

May all I say and all I think be in harmony with you precious Lord, God within me, God beyond me. Lord make us like crystal that Your light may shine through us.

I will end each petition with “Lord in your Mercy”

Please respond with **“Hear our prayer.”**

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.

“Lord in your Mercy”

“Hear our prayer.”

We pray for the church in the world, in our diocese and in our community.

“Lord in your Mercy”

“Hear our prayer.”

Lord we pray for all those that have asked us to pray for them, and we pray for those who need our prayers. For those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened and for those who live without hope. We pray for Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Jamie and Dimas and we pray for the souls lost in the submarine in Indonesia, this past week. Holy Father we ask they, and all people who are in need feel your warmth, your gentle hands upon them. Let them know they are loved and wrap them in the love of You.

“Lord in your Mercy”

“Hear our prayer.”

In prayer to you Lord, we remember this anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. We remember all those who dedicated themselves to the service of their country on the seas and in battle. We recall the courage of untold people to face up to the danger of this conflict, and of the seas, and the sacrifice of life by many, to make their home and native land secure. Let us pray for all who took part in the Battle of the Atlantic, that God may accept the gift of their lives and keep them in his heart. We pray for all members of our Military. Please keep them safe and return them to their families.

“Lord in your Mercy”

“Hear our prayer.”

May the love of God watch over you.

May the peace of Christ fill your heart.

May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill your sleep and speak in your dreams. **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: CP #567 “Eternal Father Strong to Save”

(Text: William Whiting {1825-1878}, rev. Hymns for Today’s Church, alt. © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. Music: John Bacchus Dykes {1823-1876}.)

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: God our Creator, your Son Jesus taught us that he is the vine, and we are the branches. Grant us grace to go into this troubled world, to offer your gift of love for all humankind. We ask this because you have promised to be always with us, your children who love you above all else in this world. We pray for your blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and King, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Alleluia. Amen.

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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

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

*Pray for S. Columba, Pt. Hardy, S. John, Pt. Alice & Diocese of Kootenay.
In the Selkirk Region for S. Peter & S. Paul, Esquimalt.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Christopher, Dianne, Rick & Barb, Sheila, Barb, Jaimie,
Dimas, Joan, Barb, Carol Ann, Garry, Bill, & Lorraine.*

We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.