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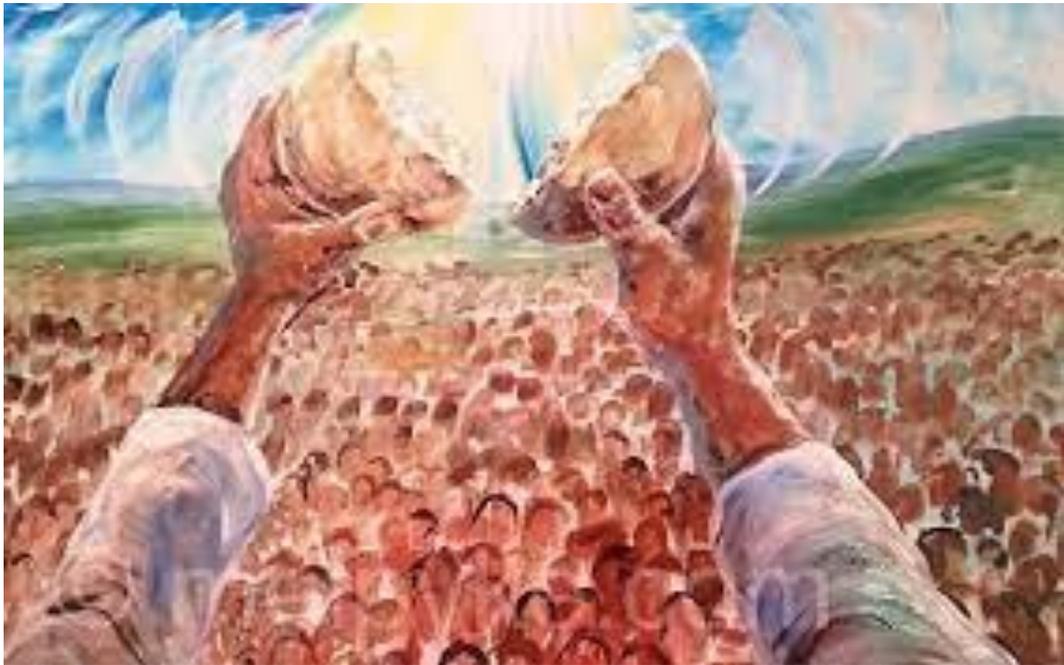
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***“Together in Christ  
we seek to love God and  
to love and serve all others”***

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
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 welcome to this service of worship on this Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. My name is Paul Schumacher, and I am the interim priest-in-charge at the Church of The Advent during this time of transition.

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 living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live forever.”

### **Opening Hymn: CP #373 “This is the Day”**

(Text: Isaac Watts {1647-1748}, alt. Music: Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749.)

This is the day the Lord hath made,  
Its hours to God are known,  
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,  
And praise surround the throne.

Today Christ rose and left the dead,  
And Satan’s empire fell,  
Today the saints his triumph spread,  
And all his wonders tell.

Hosanna to the anointed King,  
To David’s holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord, descend and bring  
Salvation from the throne.

Hosanna in the highest strains  
The church on earth can raise,  
The highest heavens in which He reigns  
Shall give him nobler praise.

**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:** *(From the Lutheran Book of Worship)*

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that He may live in us and we in Him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as His body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of your Spirit in love, joy, and peace, through Jesus Christ our 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 # 92 "Like a Rock"**

(Text: Keri K. Wehlander; Music: Linnea Good. Text and Music ©1999 Borealis Music.)

Like a rock, like a rock God is under our feet  
Like the starry night skies God is over our head  
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before  
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is with God evermore.

**Psalm:** 130 (BAS Pg. 887)

1 Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
Therefore, you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 #73 “One Bread, One Body”**

(Text and music: John B. Foley {1939-}. © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ, and New Dawn Music. Admin. By Oregon Catholic Press.)

***Refrain:***

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we though many throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.***

Gentile or Jew,  
servant or free,  
Women or man, no more. ***Refrain***

Many the gifts,  
Many the works,  
One in the Lord of all. ***Refrain***

Grain for the fields,  
Scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

**Gospel:** John 6: 35, 41-51

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.**

Jesus said . . . “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

**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 August 8, 2021

I will end each petition with: Lord in your mercy,  
Please respond with: **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for the gifts we have already been given, we now bring our hopes and needs into the presence of our provident God, saying:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our church. As Christians, may we all hunger for the bread of life that we may be transformed into the body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for bishops, all the clergy, deacons, and all who minister in the Church. May they break the bread of life and proclaim the living word for our world; may we all open our lives to receive the gifts they offer.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for government leaders. May they work for social justice rather than power; may we support them in their efforts.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are hungry in our world. May they have their needs satisfied; may we sacrifice some of what we have to feed the poor. We pray for Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Jamie, Kian, and Sierra. I invite you now to pray aloud or silently for any others you hold in your heart.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord we pray for Family and Friends mourning. May the God who listens to our hearts and enters into our pain bless us and all who are in need with the comfort and quiet of gentle presence.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for all our Military, fire fighters, police, and all who put their lives in jeopardy every day to protect us. Keep them safe and return them to their loving families.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All generous God, hear these prayers made in faith and hope. Bring us all one day to sit with you at the banquet you have prepared for those who love you. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus who reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **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.**

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will; working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. 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, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you  
this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Commissioning Hymn: G #940 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”**

(Text: Omer Westendorf {1916 - 1998}; Music: Bicentennial, CM with refrain: Robert E. Kuntz {1922 - 1996} © 1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Published by International Liturgy Publications.)

***Refrain:***

***You satisfy the hungry heart  
With gift of finest wheat,  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
The bread of life to eat.***

As when the shepherd calls his sheep  
They know and heed his voice,  
So, when you call your family, Lord,  
We follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heavenly food.

The mystery of your presence, Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell,  
Whom all the world can not contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us, O Lord,  
Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name  
In truth and charity.

**Commissioning:** Benevolent God, you are the source, the path upon which we travel, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you and all creation, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for The Church of South India (United).  
Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, Anna our Bishop,  
& Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge.  
Pray for S. Mark, Qualicum Beach & Diocese of Caledonia.  
In the Selkirk Region for S. Peter, Lakehill.*

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

*Christopher, Dianne, Rick & Barb, Sheila, Barb, Jaimie,  
Dimas, Joan, Barb, Carol Ann, Garry, Bill, Kian, Sierra, & Mona.  
We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*