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

**October 24th, 2021 – 22nd 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. Colleen Lissamer presides & Lisa Brodersen preaches.
Organ prelude - Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome: Good morning, and welcome to this service of worship on this Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. My name is Colleen Lissamer, and I am priest-in-training and deacon 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, “Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

Opening Hymn: G 680 “We Walk by Faith”

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We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none'er spoke;
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice and cry,
“My Lord and God!”

Help then O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound, to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light, we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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*)

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy upon us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day: Almighty and ever living God, **you heard the cries of your people enslaved in Egypt and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death. By your Holy Spirit, bring us to knowledge of your love and goodness toward us; 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: Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Song: MV #87 “Water Flowing from the Mountain”

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Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o'er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

Refrain:

***Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
And living water brings the love
that makes our spirit grow.***

Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free. ***Refrain***

Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water come to us, so precious.
Living water for each one. ***Refrain***

First Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Then Job answered the LORD:
'I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
"Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"
I have been holding forth on matters I cannot understand, on marvels beyond me and my
knowledge
"Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me."
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.'

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job because he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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.

Psalm: 34:1-8 (BAS Pg. 744)

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:22-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

For the Word of God is scripture,
For the Word of God is among us,
For the Word of God is within us,
All: Thanks Be to God

Hymn of the Day: CP #445 "God the Creator"

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God the Creator, you in love made me
Who once from nothing but now have grown,
I bring the best of all my life offers,
For you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
Who once was no one lost and alone,
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
Making your will and purpose my own.

O God the Spirit, you in love move me
Who once was no where and felt unknown,
I know my need of you for companion,
All things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together
To be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
And let the world know all are his own.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark**.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Lisa Brodersen

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 October 24, 2021

Our faith is centered on Christ, who revealed to us the healing touch of God's justice and mercy.
We call upon God to continue healing and justice in our lives and in our world.

I will end each petition with "For this we pray."

Please respond with "***Lord, have mercy.***"

May leaders of government see the needs of the oppressed and respond with justice.

For this we pray: ***Lord, have mercy.***

May your church continue Christ's mission of healing and offer all communities your blessings
so all might see and know your saving power. May those in need of healing find in Christ a
source of strength in their struggles.

We pray for Cynthia, Irene, Travis, Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Kian, the staff and
residents of Westshore Care and any others you wish to name out loud or silently in your
hearts.

For this we pray: ***Lord, have mercy.***

May those who have not discovered ways to be of service, be challenged to seek justice and
healing in their lives of faith.

For this we pray: ***Lord, have mercy.***

Loving Creator, we pray for all who mourn. We ask that they find comfort in You. We ask for
your strength for them, in their time of need. Let them know they are loved and wrap them in
Your love and warmth. We pray for the family and friends of Bob Flint, especially his wife Peggy,
and their children Darlene, Heather, Dave, and Russ.

For this we pray: ***Lord, have mercy.***

We ask blessings on all hospital workers, all members of our Military, police, firefighters and
first responders. Please watch over those here at home and those deployed throughout the
world and return them safely to their families.

Almighty God, we seek your face in our lives. Touch us with your Spirit of justice and healing,
through Christ your Son, in whom we pray. **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 Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm
and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, 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: CP 450 "You Call Us Lord, to Be"

(Text: Jane Manton Marshall {1924-} © 1982 Hope Publishing Company. Music: John David Edwards {1806-1885}.)

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
To feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.

Refrain:

*Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your
Unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.*

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
To take the risk and dare to show what love can do. ***Refrain***

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth,
To trend it as a place of blessedness and worth. ***Refrain***

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
To know we best receive when joyfully we give. ***Refrain***

Commissioning: O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith, love, and sharing of our gifts with all peoples. Make this congregation an example of your love for all peoples, through the power of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches.

*Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,
Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge, & Colleen our Deacon.*

Pray for S. Peter, Campbell River & S. Saviour by-the-Sea, Cortes Island.

Pray for the Diocese of Kootenay.

In the Selkirk Region for S. David-by-the-Sea, Cordova Bay.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Carol Ann, Bill, Kian, Travis, Bob, Irene, & Cynthia.

The staff and residents of Westshore Care.

The family and friends of Bob Flint, wife Peggy, and children Darleen, Heather, Dave and Russ.

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