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

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Remembrance Day & 24<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 preaches & presides.*

*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, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**Opening Prayer:** O God, we thank you for those valiant hearts, who at the call of Sovereign and country laid down their lives in the cause of freedom. We pray that we might uphold the torch entrusted to us so that their sacrifice may not have been in vain. Unite all the peace-loving peoples of our world in one holy purpose to defend the principles of freedom and humanity for which these valiant hearts lived and died. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. In the name of the great prince of Peace. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: CP# 659 “O Canada”**

(Robert Stanley Weir 1856-1926 © Secretary of State for Canada)

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,  
The true north, strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Wreath Laying:** Mike Armstrong

**Reading of the Role:** Al Wills

**Act of Remembrance:**

They shall not grow old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
**We will remember them.**

*Two minutes of Silence*

**Lament:**

**Reveille:**

**Naval Hymn: CP #567 "Eternal Father Strong to Save**

(William Whiting 1825-1878 © 1982 Hope Publishing Company)

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.

Creator Spirit, by whose breath  
Were fashioned sea and sky and earth,  
Who made the stormy chaos crease,  
And gave us life and light and peace:  
We cry, O Spirit strong and free,  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,  
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.

**Collect (for our country):** Almighty God, **whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Collect (for the day):** Eternal God, **who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

**Chat @ the Chancel:** Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

**Song: VU#577 "I've Got Peace Like a River"**

(Words and Music: African-American spiritual.)

I got peace like a river,  
I got peace like a river,  
I got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in soul.  
I've got a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got an ocean in my soul.

**First Reading:** Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.  
For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.  
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.  
In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.  
They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.  
Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.

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.**

**Psalms:** 116 (BAS Pg. 864)

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.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: \* "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \* our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; \* I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \* for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, \* my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord \* in the land of the living.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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# 573 “O Day of Peace”

(Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. {1944–}, © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.; Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry {1848 – 1918}; arr. *The Church Hymnary*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Oxford, 1973, alt.)

O day of peace that dimly shines  
Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
Delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
Our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God’s grace our warring world  
Shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

Then Shall the wolf dwell with the Lamb,  
Nor shall the fierce devour the small,  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
A little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
All creatures find their true accord,  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
For all the earth shall know the Lord.

**Gospel:** John 6:37-40

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.**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’  
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**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

**Creed:** *(Adapted from Shore to Shore)*

**We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant, so we commit ourselves to serve others.**

**We believe that God is love, so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.**

**We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit, so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.**

**We believe that God is the light of life, so we commit ourselves to bearing God’s light to this world.**

**We believe that the Holy Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of God’s gift of abundant life for all, in the world that God loves. Amen.**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Prayers of the People      November 7, 2021

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our

hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

I will end each petition with "**Holy and Compassionate God**"

Please respond with "Hear Our Prayers"

Loving God, as we gather here today our hearts are full of memories of relatives, friends, comrades, and countrymen who served in wars and fought for freedom. We come to remember those who fell in battle and those who, while they did not die, offered their bodies, hearts, and energies fighting for a better world. We ask Lord that you would grace us with your presence, that you would help us in our pain, and that you would hear our prayers and have regard for our thoughts this day. Bless us and bless all those who gave the best of themselves for our country; we ask it in Jesus' name.

**Holy and Compassionate Lord**

**Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God, we commend into your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Military at home and abroad, for those serving on missions we know nothing about. We thank you for the veterans of our nations' wars. May the example of their valour move us to service for our neighbour.

**Holy and Compassionate Lord**

**Hear our Prayer**

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

We pray for the all the leaders of our church and ask that you give them the wisdom and the knowledge they require to do your work.

**Holy and Compassionate Lord**

**Hear our Prayer**

Loving Lord we pray for those who have asked us to pray for them, and we pray for those who need our prayers and have no one to pray for them. Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness. Be with those for whom we pray: We pray for Donna, Cynthia, Irene, Travis, Joan, Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Kian, John, the staff and residents of Sunset Lodge and any others you wish to name out loud or silently in your hearts.

**Holy and Compassionate Lord**

**Hear our Prayer**

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 Allan Cochrane, nephew of Bill & Linda Van Sickle. We pray especially for his mother Barbara Cochrane. We pray for the family & friends of Bob Flint, especially his wife Peggy, and their children.



Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

**Holy and Compassionate Lord  
Hear our Prayer**

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.

For those who were killed in battle,  
For those who gave up their lives to save others  
For those who fought because they were forced to,  
For those who died standing up for a just cause  
For those who said war was wrong,  
For those who tried to make the peace  
For those who prayed when others had no time to pray  
May God hold them in peace  
May Love flow over the Earth and cleanse us all  
May God Bless us.

Lest we forget

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#576 “For the Healing of the Nations”**

(Text: Fred Kaan {1929-}, alt. © 1988 Hope Publishing Co. Music: Henry Purcell {1659-1695}, *O God, thou art my God*; adapt. *The Psalmist*, 1842.)

For the healing of the nations, God we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom, from despair your world release,  
That redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind;  
That by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

**Commissioning:** God calls us to give the best we have. As we serve, let us dare to serve with all that we are.

As we love, let us dare to love with our whole being. As we care, let our caring be genuine.

**And now may the loving God surround and sustain us in all we say and do. Amen.**

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**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.*

*Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,*

*Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge, & Colleen our Deacon.*

*Pray The Parish of Salt Spring Island, & Diocese of Yukon.*

*In the Selkirk Region for Regional Chaplaincies in Hospital.*

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

*Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Bill, Kian, Travis,*

*Bob, Irene, Cynthia, Joan, John, & Donna.*

*The staff and residents of Sunset Lodge.*

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