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

**3rd Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022**



Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Mon to Thurs, 9:00-Noon; **Closed Friday.**

Virtual Bible Study & Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are a newcomer, please identify yourself to the Sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

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.

*The Venerable Penelope A. Kingham preaches,
& presides with The Reverend Colleen Lissamer.*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

*Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong
Scripture readings led by Kathy Middleton
Psalm & Prayers led by Mike Armstrong
Gospel led by Rev. Colleen Lissamer
Sidespeople are Betty Leach & Lydia French
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(Please remain in your appointed place during the entire service. It is required that you wear a face mask except to receive the blessed bread, at communion time. At communion time, please remain in your seat and the celebrant will bring communion to you, in a safe manner which conforms to the provincial and diocesan protocols.)

Leader: 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.

Opening Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

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Praise to the Lord! the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
All you who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning,
And, on wings of an eagle, uplifting sustaining.
Have you not seen all you have needed has been
Met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love does befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the “Amen” sound from His people again!
Gladly with praise we adore Him!

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sentence of the Day: Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Collect of the Day: Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; 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:

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-9*

Psalm: 63:1-8 (BAS Pg. 783)

Second Reading: *Corinthians 10:1-13*

Gospel Hymn: CP #606 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Reading: *Luke 13:1-9*

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: The Venerable Penelope A.Kingham

The 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:

Confession & Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. 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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you!

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP #404 “The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing”

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #4: BAS Pg. 201

Lord’s Prayer: (*sung*)

The Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread.

Communion in Christ’s body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears it fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion:

Prayer after Communion: God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Shared Ministry:

Presider: Will you continue to lift up the story of God's love and compassion, and, above all, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen. We have good news to share.

Presider: Will you continue to rejoice in and develop new and creative ways of expanding your baptismal ministries as the community of faith.

All: Amen. May we always be mindful to walk in Christ's ways.

Presider: Will you continue through the anointing of the Holy Spirit to be bridge-builders, reconcilers, peacemakers, and healers.

All: Amen. In forgiveness and healing we find new life.

Presider: Will you continue to be actively involved in the committees and organizations of our diocese and work together to build up Christ's church.

All: Amen. May we be ever mindful that we are Christ's heart, hands, and feet in our time.

Presider: Will you continue to gather in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving so that you may be nurtured in your life together as Christ's own in this place.

All: Amen. We gather in God's name. We claim Christ's promised presence.

Presider: Do you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, commit yourselves to support Ingrid and one another in the ministries of this parish and open your hearts in welcome to all who come through these doors?

All: We do. Amen and Amen!

Blessing:

Commissioning Hymn: CP #565 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Easter Flowers

Easter is just around the corner! As you have noticed, our little flower envelopes are out again. As you are aware, your Altar Guild receives no money for flowers except from YOU, our wonderful parishioners. We ask for your support in purchasing flowers for Easter. We are asking only for a small contribution of whatever you have in your pockets! Please help us with this special ministry. **Thank you so much. -Your Altar Guild.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar 22 – What-Sew-Ever @ 10 am

Mar 23 – Book Club @ 10 am in the Main Hall

Apr 8 – Craft Sale Set-up 6 – 8 pm

Apr 9 – Church Indoor Craft & Bake Sale, 10 am – 3 pm

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,

Ingrid our Priest, & Colleen our Deacon.

*Pray for the Congregation of S. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak
& Diocese of New Westminster*

In the Selkirk Region for S. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

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

Bob, Joan, Donna, Greg, Donnie, & Terry.

and all care residences in Victoria.

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