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

**6th Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022**



John 14:27

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.

Reverend Ingrid Andersen preaches & presides.

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

*Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong
Scripture readings led by Linda Van Sickle
Psalm & Prayers led by Mike Armstrong
Gospel led by Rev. Colleen Lissamer
Sidespeople are Scott & Tina Weatherell
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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: CP 502 You Are Salt for the Earth

Sentence of the Day: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

Collect of the Day Merciful God, **you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises,**

which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Hymn: MV 121 Hey Now! Singing Halleluja!

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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 people and he made them friends. Hey now, the tomb was empty.

He called to the children and the women and men. Hey now, the tomb was empty. **Refrain**

Jesus healed people and he helped them be well. Hey now, the tomb was empty.

He taught about God with the stories he'd tell. 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**

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city

for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 67 (BAS Pg. 788)

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand if you are able for the Gospel Hymn)

Gospel Hymn: CP 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading)

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.

Gospel Reading: John 14: 23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

(Please be seated after the reading)

Sermon: Rev. Ingrid Andersen

(Please stand if you are able)

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: *(Please be seated for the prayers)*

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.

Holy and gracious One, **forgive our sins. The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided. Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love. Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others. Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.**

Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95)

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(From New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

The Peace: *(Please stand if you are able for The Peace)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 578 O Healing River

Prayer over the Gifts: God of glory, **accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2: BAS Pg. 196

Lord's Prayer: *(sung)*

The Breaking of the Bread: BAS Pg. 212 (#2)

The Communion:

Communion Hymn: G 721 You Are Mine *Sung by Choir*

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(Please stand if you are able for the Prayer after Communion)

Prayer after Communion: Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Doxology: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Shared Ministry:

Blessing: *(Please stand if you are able)*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Commissioning Hymn: CP 460 Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining

Commissioning:

Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

*Pray for The Diocese of Calcutta – The (united) Church of North India
Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,
Ingrid our Priest, & Colleen our Deacon.
Pray for S. Peter and S. Paul, Esquimalt.
In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity, Sooke.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Christopher, Dianne, Bill, Travis,
Bob & Donna, Greg, Donnie, Barbra, Sarah, Charlotte, & Bernie.
The patients & staff of Sunset Lodge.
We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*

ANNOUCEMENTS

Strawberry Tea & Craft Sale

June 11, 2022 – 10-3 pm

If you are contributing baked goods to the Strawberry Tea & Bake Sale, feel free to pick up plates and Ziploc bags which will be provided every Sunday leading up to the Tea.

June 10th - Come out on Friday evening (any time after 6 p.m.) to enjoy the happy fellowship & prepare for the Tea

SIGN-UP SHEETS – are in the Narthex. Sign-up today!

Baking & Jams – all donations gratefully received for the Bake Table.

Posters – help yourself to 1 or 2 for posting!

Buy a gift for Dad (Father's Day – June 19th)

Bring your friends and family to sample our yummy Strawberry Shortcake (\$10 each, includes beverage) and browse through the many craft tables. This event is always lots of fun!

More info needed? Contact the church Office, Mary Wills (250-474-4909), or speak with any of the team members – Dayle Robertson, Mary-Ellen Skinner, Darleen Terlson, Barb Gossman, Bev Somers, or Liz Garland.

Our last Tea was held in June 2019. It was our 36 annual Tea. This year we are celebrating our 37th Strawberry Tea. The 1st Tea was held in June 1985, organized by Donna Brandle.

Ordination
Sunday, June 5, 4-6 pm

If you would like to attend the ordination ceremony for Rev. Colleen Lissamer and Rev. John Thatamanil at Church of the Advent in person, please RSVP through the link provided in the newsletter. If you are unable to use the link, please contact the parish office.

The service will be livestreamed on the diocesan website and also on Facebook and Vimeo.

Save the Date! July 9 Family Fun & Parish Picnic

We're planning a fun day for the whole family, with games, barbecue, and a potluck dinner.

Join us at the church on Saturday July 9th. Games start at 3 PM, dinner at 5:30 PM.

All are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbours for an old-fashioned picnic!

Your Ideas for a Multi-Purpose Meeting Space Today

Our parish is in *great* need of an additional, smaller meeting space. How can we repurpose the nursery to add extra meeting function to that space, while keeping its nursing/diaper changing role?

Meet Sr. Ingrid at the Nursery to chat and share ideas during coffee hour after the service today!

Rev. John Thatamanil's Sermon

So many of you thoroughly appreciated Rev. John's sermon last Sunday, and have requested a copy of it.

If you would like a copy of the sermon, please notify the parish office at admin@colwoodanglican.ca.

Nametags

Church of the Advent is in a Spring season, ready for new activity and new growth! Research on successfully growing congregations shows that the two main reasons that visitors return to a parish is 1) the preaching, and 2) if visitors feel welcome.

We are, indeed, blessed to be a welcoming parish. One way to show our welcome is to wear name tags, so that newcomers can address us by name and learn our names easily. Rev. Ingrid likes parishioners to wear name tags, so that she can address them by name at communion.

Please consider ordering a name tag. If cost is a concern, please speak to Rev Ingrid privately. Our thanks to Mike, who has taken on this project.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 22 – Share ideas about Nursery Multi-Purpose space – coffee hour

May 23 – Victoria Day (Parish office is closed)

May 24 – Parish Council Meeting @ 7 pm

May 25 – Stewardship Campaign Committee Meeting @ 2 pm via Zoom

May 26 – Book Club @ 10 am in the Nursery

June 5 – Ordination Ceremony for Rev. Colleen & Rev. John @ 4 pm

June 11 - STRAWBERRY TEA, 10 am – 3 pm

July 9 – FAMILY FUN DAY

Sept 10 – “TREASURES IN THE TRUNK” Fundraiser