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

**Pentecost 15
September 18, 2022**



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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

Midweek Prayer Service Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Online Bible Study & Discussion Thursdays 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 help you to enjoy the service.

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.

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

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Mike Armstrong

Scripture readings led by Mary Wills

Psalm & Prayers led by Mike Armstrong

Gospel led by Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Sidespeople are Lydia French & Betty Leech

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.

Sentence of the Day: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Opening Hymn: CP 322 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs 1-2, 5-6)

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through

**Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Hymn: MV 191 What Can I Do?

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What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share!

First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her? ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

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: 79:1-9 (BAS Pg. 811)

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; *

they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *

and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbours, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O Lord? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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: VU 402 We Are One

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We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share, as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.

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 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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 the Spirit, so we commit ourselves to her 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)*

Each petition will end with **Holy and compassionate Lord.**

Please respond with **Hear our prayer.**

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. Amen.

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 438 O Jesus I Have Promised

Prayer over the Gifts: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2: BAS Pg. 196

Lord's Prayer: *(sung)*

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

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive communion but prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: "Plenty Good Room" *(Sung by Choir)*

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

Prayer after Communion: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Shared Ministry:

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Commissioning Hymn: MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky

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Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again. **Refrain**

Precious this gift. the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.

Refrain

Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong, creation's faithful song. **Refrain**

Precious the fire that lights the way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified,
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.

Commissioning:

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

Thanks be to God!

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

*Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,
& Ingrid our Priest.*

*Pray for S. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin, & Diocese of Yukon
In the Western, Peninsula & Gulf Islands Region for
S. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Christopher, Dianne, Bill, Bob & Donna, Greg, Barbra, Sarah, Charlotte,
Bernie, Colleen, Neil, Aila, Ben, Donnie, Jim, & Linda.*

The patients & staff of Broadmead Lodge.

We pray for all those mourning the loss of loved ones.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 20 – What-Sew-Ever, 10 am, Main Hall

Sept 20 – Parish Council, 7 pm (Hybrid)

Sept 21 – Midweek Prayer Service, 10 am, Chapel

Sept 21 – Choir Practice

Sept 22 – Online Bible Study, 10 am, Zoom

Sept 22 – Christmas Craft Fair Committee Meeting, 10 am, St. John's Rm

Sept 28 – LADIES GUILD LUNCHEON

Oct 7 – Community Election Listening Event, 7 pm, Main Hall

Oct 17-21 – Book Sale Prep Week

Oct 22 – BOOK SALE

SHARED MINISTRY

Season of Creation Sunday & Welcome Back Sunday – September 25th

On Sunday, September 25th, we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Remember to wear green to church!

Ladies Guild Luncheon – September 28th

We are kicking off the fall season with the first of many more Ladies Guild Luncheons on Wednesday, September 28th. Doors open at noon and it's \$10 per person. The meal includes soup, sandwiches, dessert, coffee and tea.

Community Election Event – October 7th

One of the biggest reasons people give for not participating in democracy is that “politicians don’t listen to us anyway”. We’d like to help change that perception!

A team of churches in Langford, Colwood and Metchosin are offering the opportunity to members of the public to come and speak their concerns directly to their candidates for mayor and council. All candidates on the roster have been invited, and those present will be given time to respond to any questions or concerns raised. Comments will be time-limited and moderated to create an equitable and respectful experience.

2022 Municipal Election Listening Forum for Colwood

- your chance to speak and candidates to listen
- a non-partisan, adapted “listening circle” format
- in person, masks strongly encouraged

Where: Church of the Advent

When: Friday, October 7th at 7 p.m.