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

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 Service

April 16, 2023



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

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

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

Celtic Eucharistic Service Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Online Bible Study 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 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 Larry Scyner preaches and presides.

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

*Lay Eucharistic Minister is Mike Armstrong
Sidespeople are Eva Morneau and 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.

Processional Hymn: CP 330 O Praise Ye the Lord

(Please stand as you are able)

Sentence: Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Collect of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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

MV 121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

Refrain: Hey now! Singing Hallelujah! Hey now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing Hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

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**

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Mary Wills

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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 16: pg 719

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * **shall have their troubles multiplied.**

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * **it is you who uphold my lot.**

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; * **in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Linda Van Sickle

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

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

Gospel Hymn: CP 228 Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters Vss 1, 5, 6, 7, 8

(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 20:19-31

Rev. Larry Scyner

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,

and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

(Please be seated after the reading)

Sermon: Reverend Larry Scyner

(Please stand as 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)*

Each petition will end with: **God of Love**

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.**

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:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

(Please stand as you are able for the Offertory Hymn)

Offertory Hymn: CP 244 We Walk By Faith

Prayer over the Gifts: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you gracious God.

For you created all things. You formed us in your own image: all genders you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses, you led you people from bondage into freedom: through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

MV 203 O Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space,

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise. And blessed in the One who comes and bears your name always!

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Whenever you drink it, Do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death:

by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

VU 960 Lord's Prayer:

As Christ teaches us, we sing

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 them that 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.

The Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom.

Amen.

The Communion:

Communion Hymn: MV 27 Creator God, You Gave us Life

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(Please stand as you are able for the prayer after communion)

Prayer after Communion: Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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

Shared Ministry:

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Blessing:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 231 That Easter Tide with Joy Was Bright

Dismissal: Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks Be To God Alleluia! Alleluia!

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INTERSESSIONS **TODAY WE PRAY**

We pray for all leaders of all churches around the world, around our country, and in our diocese. We pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania. We pray for the people of the Parish of St. Andrew, Sidney, The Rev Juli Mallett, The Ven. Penelope Kingham and the people of their Parish. Loving God be with the people of the parish as they discern with the bishop who

their next Incumbent will be. We pray for our spiritual leaders especially Linda our Primate, Lynne our Metropolitan, Anna our Bishop, Ingrid our Priest, and all those who minister in and through our church.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

We pray for Mona, Maurita, Cameron, Kayla, Nancy, Ann, Peter, Gary & Dayle, Sharon, Kate, Cheryl, Greg, Christopher, Neil, Dianne, Caleb, Jim, Brandon, Jo, the residents and staff of Westshore Lodge and any others you may wish to name either aloud or silently in your hearts..... Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Celtic Eucharist – A new Celtic Eucharist service is now held on Wednesdays at 10 A.M. All are Welcome!

Apr 22 - Spring Pot Luck 5 pm

Apr 26 - Guild Luncheon 12 pm

May 6 - Garage Sale 9 am - 3 pm

May 6 - Taize Service 5 pm

May 28 - Jazz Vespers 7 pm

Jun 24 - Strawberry Tea

SHARED MINISTRY

Garage Sale - Saturday May 6. The sign-up sheets for working at the Garage Sale are now out on the entranceway table. Please consider how and when you can help with the set-up, sale day and/or clean-up and add your name and phone number to the appropriate spaces on the sheets. You can contact Mary Wills or Linda Van Sickle if you have any questions. Posters for the sale are printed and on the narthex table. Please take as many as you need and indicate on the sheet beside the posters where you will be taking them. If you have items for the sale, please wait until the week before (Monday, May 1 to Friday, May 5) to bring them to the church. If you need to bring them in earlier, you can contact Mary Wills or Joan Hoffman to make drop-off arrangements. Please note that we are not accepting clothing, TVs, computers, large furniture, mattresses, or books, records and movies (you can save these last three for the Book Sale in October). Thank you for all the ways you're able to assist and contribute to make this event a success.