

# THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Anglican Parish of Colwood and Langford

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Year Ministering From Our Mt. View Building

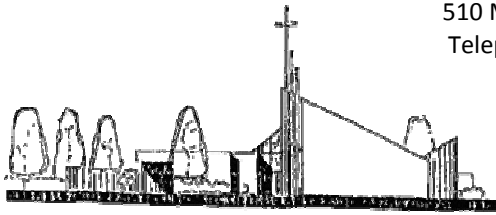
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**The Right Reverend James A. J. Cowan, Bishop**

**The Reverend Kenneth J. Gray, Priest and Rector**

*In the Name of God. Amen.*

*Whereas a Church has been erected in the Municipality of Colwood within our Diocese and jurisdiction, upon a piece of land described as Lot A, Sections 70 and 71, Esquimalt District, Plan 42416, and duly registered according to law in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C., and,*

*Whereas the said building is now completed and furnished with all things requisite for the due performance of public worship, and free from all legal liability for debt, and is now ready for Consecration; and whereas a Petition has been presented to us by the Incumbent, the Wardens, and congregation, praying that we would be pleased to consecrate the said building:*

*Now therefore, we Ronald, by Divine permission Bishop of British Columbia, do by virtue of the authority ordinary and Episcopal to us committed, consecrate the said building and do set it apart from all profane and common uses, and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the ministration of His Holy Word and Sacraments, and for public worship, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Anglican Church of Canada, by the name of CHURCH OF THE ADVENT.*

**TOGETHER IN MINISTRY, OUTREACH AND PRESENCE**

*We at the Church of the Advent strive to be an open and affirming community of Christians welcoming anyone seeking companionship, spiritual nourishment, opportunity for worship and, as Christ directs us, to engage with and provide for the poor and vulnerable in local and global communities.*

**TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

*We offer these intercessions to God at our Sunday worship services and in our home devotions daily during the week for the church in the world; in our diocese; and in our local community.*

**Today we pray**

With thanksgiving for our past, present and future ministry. As well we pray for those who specially seek our prayers at this time including:

Holly; Duncan & Celina; Nicole; Audrey; Mollie; Jim; Esme; Alice Clarke (Terry and Neil Mikkonen's mother); Hugh (Donna Brandle's Father)

We also remember with affection Sy Blair who died this past week

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

*Rev. Ken Gray presides and preaches today - Liturgical assistant is Garry Brewer*

*Unless you are on call for emergency purposes or require special equipment for hearing or seeing, please turn off all electronic communication devices until the conclusion of the service.*

*Hard-of-hearing equipment is available - enquire at the door*

***Flowers in the church today are given by Bob & Donna Brandle to the Glory of God and with Thanksgiving***

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

*As we gather, music is played by Mary Rogers*

Opening praise medley

**Led by Quartetto**

♪ They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up with wings like an eagle,  
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.  
Teach me Lord, teach me Lord, to wait.

♪ Here in this place new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in--the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in--the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young--our lives are a mystery;  
we are the old--who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in--the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in--the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in--all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

♪ **When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary;  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence,  
Until you come and sit awhile with me.  
You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;  
You raise me up... To more than I can be.**

**There is no life - no life without its hunger;  
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly;  
But when you come and I am filled with wonder,  
Sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity.  
You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;  
You raise me up... To more than I can be.**

*Interlude*

**You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;  
You raise me up... To more than I can be.**

Our daily prayer

Anthem **Awake, O Sleeper** (F. P. O'Brien)

*Maureen Garry, trumpet - Katherine Rogers, flute*

**Rev. Ken Gray**

**Parish Choir**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

**Michelle and Taylor Gossman**

Make a Joyful Noise (with our youngest members) **Rev. Ken Gray**

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

**Betty Ruff**

Song

♪ **He came singing love  
and he lived singing love;  
he died singing love.  
He arose in silence.  
For the love to go on  
we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.**

**He came singing faith  
and he lived singing faith;  
he died singing faith.  
He arose in silence.  
For the Faith to go on.  
we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.**

He came singing hope  
and he lived singing hope;  
he died singing hope.  
He arose in silence.  
For the hope to go on  
we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace  
and he lived singing peace;  
he died singing peace.  
He arose in silence.  
For the peace to go on  
we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

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Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Donna Brandle**

*We stand to acclaim the Gospel singing: Hallelujah*

Gospel Mark 13:24-37

**Janice Goldade**

Sermon

**Rev. Ken Gray**

The Prayers

**Graham Terlson**

Reading of the Sentence of Consecration

**Bob Brandle**

The Peace

**The Congregation**

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn *This hymn was sung at the service of consecration  
25 years ago*

Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page.  
Our forebears owned your goodness  
and we their deeds record,  
and both of this bear witness:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows, thickly falling,  
engulfed the world in night,  
you summoned forth your servants,  
your messengers of light.  
On them and on your people  
your plenteous grace was poured,  
and this was still their message:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the royal feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless,  
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the struggle  
and cast away the crown?  
Not so; in God's deep counsels  
some better gift is stored:  
the covenant of promise--  
one church, one faith, one Lord

Your mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us,

**your people shall be one;  
and then, by all creation,  
your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one church, one faith, one Lord.** PD

*Sidespersons: Jose Pereña Pratt & Barney Pratt*

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*Distributors: Linda Cue, Duncan Forbes, Val Hala, and the Rector will administer at the main altar - Garry Olmstead and Mike Armstrong will administer at the chapel altar*

*Parish Choir sings during Communion: **Magnificat** (R. E. Schram)*

Hymn after Communion

♪ **More than we can ask or imagine,  
more than we can ever dare to dream,  
we are the children of heaven's creation,  
God's own beloved, each called by name.  
AND WE CRY, GLORY! GLORY!  
GLORY TO GOD WHO CALLS US BY NAME!  
GLORY! GLORY! GLORY TO GOD! GLORY WE SING!**

**More than we will ever imagine,  
more than we will ever understand;  
we are sent to walk with compassion,  
to live out God's love by heart and by hand. And we cry,**

**More than we can ask or imagine,  
more than we could ever desire;  
out of the dust God's building a kingdom, like wine from the press,  
like bread from the fire. And we cry,**

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Closing Hymn

♪ **You are salt for the earth, O people:  
salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
life in the kingdom of God!**

**BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF MERCY,  
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF PEACE;  
BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM OF JUSTICE,  
BRING FORTH THE CITY OF GOD!**

**You are a light on the hill, O people:  
light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
shine for the kingdom of God! Refrain**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice  
grow in the kingdom of God! Refrain**

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people  
bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
love is the kingdom of God! Refrain**

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**♪ When you walk from here  
When you walk from here  
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy  
And with God's humble care**

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*A short programme commences in the hall in fifteen minutes time. Please  
come in, grab some food, find a place of comfort and ENJOY*

<b><i>THIS WEEK at the Church of the Advent:</i></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 a.m.	WHATSEWEVER sewing ministry
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Morning service of HOLY COMMUNION
	<b>No evening ministry this week</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 p.m.	PARISH CHOIR
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 a.m.	CENTERING PRAYER
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION in the chapel
	10:00 a.m.	HOLY EUCHARIST in the Church White Ribbon Sunday

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Dec 18 Every-member CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
- Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
- Dec 25 Single service on CHRISTMAS DAY at 10:30 a.m.

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- Jan 1, 2012 Usual service pattern of 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- Jan 8 GETTING ON BOARD (info soon)
- Jan 15 Next JAZZ VESPERs (rumours of a 15 piece big-band)
- Jan 21 BARN DANCE

**ANAWIM HOUSE - the need continues**

We are still collecting items on an ongoing basis. For a list of items, please see our Welcome Desk.

**TODAY - ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at the Cathedral**

Christ Church Cathedral invites you to join us on Sunday afternoon, November 27 at 4:30pm, as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent with our ADVENT CAROL SERVICE. This special service is one of our most beautiful and moving liturgies. The readings, hymns and carols of Advent are sung in the form of a Candlelight Procession around the cathedral which grows from quiet darkness to a celebration of Christ’s light coming into our world. The lessons will be read by local civic leaders. Please come and help us celebrate Advent... the liturgical New Year!

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**WE WANT TO KNOW YOU ... but we need to be able to contact you, so ...**

If you are a newcomer, or if we can help in any way, please let us know. Please fill in the relevant information and give it to a Sidesperson or place it on the collection plate. **Completion of the following information indicates your consent for this parish to gather this information and to use it for reasonable purposes of the church under The Privacy of Information Act.**

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