

## Anglican Christian Witness on Victoria's Westshore

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

The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector The Rev Paul Schumacher, Deacon

**JANUARY 7, 2018** 

**EPIPHANY** 



**Sunday Services** are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite) 10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00-Noon Celtic Eucharist and Gospel Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

#### WELCOME TO THE 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 Sandra Hounsell-Drover presides and Paul Schumacher preaches today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Isaiah 60:1-6 **Lenn Enns**Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 p. 418 **Lenn Enns** 

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12 Paul Schumacher

Administrator Joy Flath

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

Liturgical Assistant is **Jim Hamar**Crucifer is **William Hounsell-Drover**Sidespeople are **Joan Hoffman & Lydia French** 

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Coast Salish people, 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 together, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent, whose joyful spirit embraces us. Now let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

## The Sentence of the Day:

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.

## Opening Hymn: Lord, Today We Have Seen Your Glory

#### Refrain:

Lord, today we have seen your glory, dawn follows the night. We, your people who walked in darkness now have seen a great light.

A child is born, a Son given us, on him dominion shall rest. His name shall be Wonderful God, Counselor, Prince of Peace. **Refrain** 

The Lord is king, the nations rejoice, let all God's people be glad. The heavens proclaim justice for all. Glory has filled the land. **Refrain** 

O Bethlehem, you are from of old, too small among Judah's clans. From you shall come a ruler this day, shepherd to guide the land. **Refrain** 

New light has dawned upon all the just, gladness for upright of heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you faithful ones. Give thanks to God's great name. **Refrain:** 

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#### **Gathering:**

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!

Hymn of Praise: I am the Light of the World

Refrain: "I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of Christmas is begun: **Refrain:** 

To find the lost and lonely one, to heal that broken soul with love, to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below the sky above! **Refrain:** 

To free the prisoner from his chains, to make the powerful care, to rebuild the nations with strength of good will, to see God's children ev'rywhere! **Refrain:** 

To bring hope to ev'ry task you do, to dance at a baby's new birth, to make music in an old person's heart, and sing to the colours of the earth! **Refrain:** 

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## **Collect:**

Almighty and ever living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** 



## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**Children's Ministry Time:** 

CP 376 Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo (x2)

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Colleen Lissamer

p. 797 Grant Croswell

Gospel Hymn: CP 151 All Poor Folk and Humble

Vs 1 before the Gospel Verse 2 following the Gospel

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Paul Schumacher

The Sermon:

**Rev Paul Schumacher** 

**Apostles Creed:** 

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Prayers of the People:

Sue Hamblin

**Confession and Absolution:** 

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The Peace:

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 150 On This Day Earth Shall Ring

## Prayer over the gifts:

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** 

Eucharistic Prayer # 3:

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Sanctus (Sussex Carol):

Carol Mass arr. By Rupert Lang

**Lord's Prayer:** 

Gordon Light

**Breaking of the Bread #6:** 

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<u>Invitation to Communion:</u> Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to commune at this table. And so, come: you from the East, and you from the West, from the North, and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies, and with your strengths. Come, for this is a table where all are invited, and all are welcome.

Communion Distributors: Kerry Blain, Rose Chandler, & Linda Cue

<u>During Communion the Parish Choir sings:</u> Bright and Morning Star

By Ray Makeever

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Doxology: p. 214

## **Blessing:**

Go now as a light to the nations. Honour the Lord; preach what you know of the risen Christ, and fulfil all righteousness. And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace; May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you; And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved ones. **Amen.** 

#### **Shared Ministry:**

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**Commissioning Hymn:** CP 128 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

<u>Commissioning:</u> (Congregation, please turn toward the Deacon at the Narthex doors)

**Deacon:** Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.

We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your journey this week, this year, and forever.

As the Magi of old, we go forth in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of the child of light. Amen. Alleluia.

Please join us today for coffee, tea, or juice after the service.

#### **TODAY WE PRAY**

PRAY for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia
The Most Revd Winston Halapua, Bishop of Polynesia and Primate and
Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and
Polynesia, Bishop of Taranaki - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most Revd
Philip Richardson.

For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector and Paul our Deacon.

For the Diocese of Yukon - Bishop Larry Robertson.

For S. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island & S. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island - Blair Haggart & Thomi Glover.

In the Selkirk region for Military Chaplaincies, Lt Cdr (N) John Hounsell-Drover, Lt Cdr Jeannine Friesen, Lt (N) Rylan Montgomery.

#### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Val, Maureen, Brad and Tytti, Brenda, Elmer, Alan, Dave, Jack, Jane, Peter & Beverly, Allen & Lorraine, Marie, Faye and Peg.

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for the Thomas family, the Thomson family, the Titus family, the Turner family, the Turner/Pero family, and the Van Sickle family. May God bring peace and joy to them and their extended families.

## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps 139: 1-5, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

#### SHARED MINISTRY

#### THIS WEEK

Tues. Jan. 9, What-sew-ever 10:00. Catherine Pate, Graphic Design 6:00 Wed. Jan. 10, Holy Eucharist 10:00, Ladies Guild meeting 1:30, Choir 7:30 pm.

Sat. Jan 13, Mens' Breakfast 8:00

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday Jan 16, 7:00 pm Parish Council

Wednesday Jan 17, 1:30 pm Yes We Can Depression Group Monday Jan 22, Blood Services Clinic, Noon – 7:00 pm Wednesday Jan 24, Community Lunch Noon -1:00 pm Saturday Jan 27, Messy Church 4:00 – 6:30 pm. Note change of time!

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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 Sidespessor or place it on the collection place. Completion of the

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.

 NEWCOMER
 CHANGE OF ADDRESS
 COURSE INFORMATION

 HELP
 SETUP CONTRIBUTIONS
 YOUTH CONNECTION

Name	
Address	Postal Code
Email	Phone

We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.

THANK YOU!