

Church of the Advent

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. Dr. Paul Schumacher, Associate Priest

March 31, 2019

Lent 4



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 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.

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher preaches & presides today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67
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Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32 Pg. 366

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Administrator

Jill Dolan

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Elizabeth Bennett

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Eric Spurling

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

Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley

Sidesperson is Liz Garland

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen 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.

Sentence of the day: I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Opening Hymn: CP 354 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Gathering:

In this time and place, we are not alone for we meet in the presence of the living God.

For we meet in the presence of the living God.

In this time and place, we are not alone for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst

The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

In this time and space, we are not alone for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

In this time and in this space, we are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven. In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place together, one people in Jesus Christ.

In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.

LENTEN TENEBRAE

Meditation:

Gemma Hamblin

Prayer: Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.

Tenebrae Song: Love is Flowing By Marty Haugen

(Cantor): Mercy's streaming,

Mercy's streaming,

Mercy's streaming from the fountain of life;

Mercy's streaming, Mercy's streaming,

Mercy's streaming from the fountain of life.

Centering Stillness: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.
(silence)

Collect of the Day: Gracious God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:



Children's Hymn: Walk with Me

Walk with me for the journey is long.
Walk with me for the journey is long.
Walk with me for the journey is long.
Walk with me for the journey is long.

The journey, the journey, the journey is long,
The journey, the journey, the journey is long,
The journey, the journey, the journey is long,
The journey, the journey, the journey is long.

Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Cat Mason

Psalms: 32

Sung Refrain:

*How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose hearts are healed.*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

(Refrain)

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

(Refrain)

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

(Refrain)

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

(Refrain)

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Carolyn Hamar

Gospel Hymn: VU 112 O God, How we Have Wandered

1. God, how we have wandered
and hidden from your face'
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.
But how, in exile dwelling,
we turn with fear and shame,

as distant but compelling,
you call us each by name.

2. And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
by faith we are returning
with hope and trust in you.
In haste you come to meet us,
and home rejoice bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 5:1-3, 11b-32*

Sue Hamblin

Gospel Hymn Continued:

3. O God of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
our peace and hope assured.
Grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Reflective Anthem: By Your Love Words & Music by Jeanne Cotter

Affirmation of Faith: CP 44 I Believe in God Almighty

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Neil Mikkonen

Confession & Absolution:

For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love...

silence

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf...

silence

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven...

silence

Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew rights spirit within us.

The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace:

God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

The peace of God is here... to stay.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: CP 489 From the Falter of Breath

Prayer over the Gifts: God of mercy and compassion, **your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer:

Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Creator,

with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus

Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain.

In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying, “Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer:

God, who cares for us,

The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe. Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world. Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven. Give us the food and the hope we need for today. Forgive us our wrongdoing as we forgive the wrongs done to us. Protect us from pride and from despair and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up. In you is truth, meaning, glory and power, while worlds come and go.

Amen.

Fraction:

He whose cross is a sign of hope for many

Is now present in this bread.

He whose death brings healing to our world

Is now present in this wine.

Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

Invitation to Communion: *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.*

Music During Communion: It is Well With My Soul

By Philip Bliss 1876. Arranged by Mark Hayes.

***Communion Distributors: Lorne Dearsley, Dianne Langdon,
& Mike Armstrong***

Prayer after Communion: Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology:

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SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

The love of the faithful Creator,
the peace of the wounded Healer,
the joy of the challenging Spirit,
The hope of the three in One
surround and encourage you
on your sacred journey, today,
tonight and forevermore.

Choral Benediction: Be At Peace

Words by Barbara Furman & music by David Angerman.

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Commissioning: Forgiven and Beloved Ones of God, go now in peace, sharing with others the Good News of God's love. Help those in need. Give and receive from each other the joy of peace.

We go in peace to love and serve all of God's Creation. Amen.

Coffee, tea, and juice are served in the Main Hall after the service.



TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean & The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song (Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles).

For Fred our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

*For Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands (Rector Ellen Willingham) & The Diocese of New Westminster (Archbishop Melissa Skelton).
In the Selkirk Region S. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Maureen, Brad & Tytti, Elmer & Alice, Joan & Don, Ben & Sarah, Steve, Shaun, Haven & family, Rodger, Ariana & Dane, Bill, Sharon, Peggy & Bob, Doug & Renee, Olivia, Penny, Daphne.

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, Apr. 2 – Whatsewewe, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 3 - Mid-week Eucharist, 10 a.m.; Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 4 – Lenten Study, 7 p.m.

Friday, Apr. 5 - Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Apr. 4: Lenten Course at 7 p.m. in the Main Church.

Apr. 7: Tour of Christ Church Cathedral

Apr. 10: Ladies Guild Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Apr. 11: Lenten Course at 7 p.m. in the Main Church.

Apr. 16: Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

Apr. 17: Yes We Can! at 1 p.m. in the Chapel.

Apr. 19: Good Friday

Apr. 22: Easter Monday

Apr. 24: Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon – 1 p.m.

Apr. 26: KEN LAVIGNE CONCERT at 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 29: Garage Sale week begins!

May 4: GARAGE SALE

May 8: Ladies Guild Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

May 15: Yes, We Can! at 1 p.m.

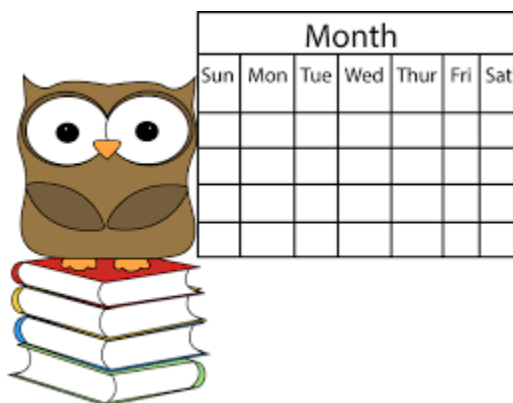
May 20: Victoria Day; office is closed.

May 21: Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

May 22: Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon to 1 p.m.

May 25: Messy Church, 4 – 6 p.m.

Jul. 5-12: Church Camp at Parry's, Parksville



ANNOUNCEMENTS

KEN LAVIGNE PRESENTS “LET ME BE FRANK” - We are thrilled to welcome back by popular demand Canadian Tenor, **Ken Lavigne**. Ken will be performing here at Church of the Advent the evening of Friday, April 26th. Tickets are now on sale in the office for \$30. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$35.

***Let Me Be Frank!** is a show that celebrates the music of the great crooners from yesteryear and today from Sinatra to Bublé. Featuring the smooth vocals of Vancouver Island’s celebrated singer, **Ken Lavigne**, accompanied by his 7-piece band, as he leads you through the classics of the Great American Song Book. All the music you know and loveperformed with style!*

LENTEN STUDY - Plan to join us throughout Lent as we explore “What Does It Mean To Be ‘Anglican’?” The Rev LCdr John Hounsell-Drover will lead us through a multimedia/interactive five-week course exploring our history, teachings, and our future. We will meet from 7-8:30 on Thursday nights starting on March 14th in the Main Sanctuary. You are invited to attend any and all sessions. Bring your curiosity!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ALTAR GUILD – Easter is just around the corner! As you have noticed, our little flower envelopes are out again. As you are aware, your Altar Guild receives no money for flowers except from YOU, our wonderful parishioners. We ask for your support in purchasing flowers for Easter. We are asking only for a small contribution of whatever you have in your pockets! Please help us with this special ministry. **Thank you so much. -Your Altar Guild.**

CATHEDRAL TOUR & EVENING PRAYER - We have been invited by the Dean of the Cathedral to assist our Cathedral in a soon-to-be-launched series of guided tours. Welcoming over 15,000 sightseers per year, the Cathedral has been working with Tourism to create a series of tours focused on story and themes, and less on historical data. They are training about 25 people to lead these tours. We have been invited to

help them hone their craft, by taking a tour with a “fledgling” guide and providing feedback.

Our parish is invited to join them for a tour and tea at **3.00 p.m. on April 7, followed by Evensong at 4.30 p.m.** Rev’d Sandra will be the Evensong guest preacher. If you plan on attending let Rev’d Sandra know. Car-pooling can be arranged.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE – Our 27th annual Church Garage Sale is on Saturday, May 4th from 9 am to 2 p.m. Only 5 weeks away!

Items we are currently accepting:

linens, household items, sporting goods, small appliances (in good working condition), games, toys, outdoor items, etc.

Items we DO NOT ACCEPT:

clothing, T.V.’s of any kind, mattresses, large pieces of furniture, books of any kind, records & movies.

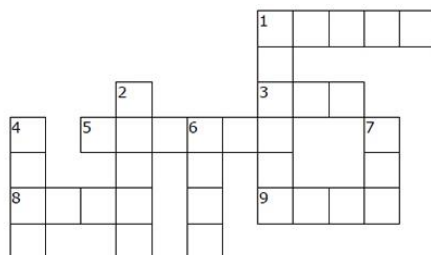
Sign-up sheets and posters will be available soon.

Time to re-pot some plants, think about the Bake Table, plus consider setting aside Vintage & Boutique items (jewelry, belts, hats, scarves, shoes, etc.).

Mark your calendars and spread the news to your neighbours, relatives and friends!

AUDITIONS FOR CINDERELLA - The St George’s Community Theatre is excited to announce the production of a classic pantomime: *Cinderella*. The panto will be performed in the nave of St. George’s Cadboro Bay on the first weekend of December 2019. We need performers for stage and choir, costume designers, make-up providers, stage crew and more! Auditions to be held Saturday April 6th. For info on roles to be cast and to get a copy of the audition form, please see our website: <https://www.stgeorgecadborobay.ca/events/auditions-for-cinderella>

ACTIVITIES



ACROSS

- When something which was lost has been relocated. (I _____ my dog).
- The number that is equal to one plus one.
- A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
- Your male children.
- A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.

DOWN

- A male parent.
- A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
- To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
- To not be able to be found. (I _____ my dog.)
- Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.

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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.**

NEWCOMER

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COURSE INFORMATION

HELP

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YOUTH CONNECTION

Name	
Address	Postal Code
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We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.

THANK YOU!