

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

May 19, 2019

Easter 5



A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU,
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER;
as I have loved you,
THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

— JOHN 13:34 —

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.**

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. Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches & presides today.

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

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148 Pg. 519

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Administrator

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

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

Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong

Sidespeople are Ed & Evelyn Robinson

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: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build A House

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasures, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Greeting:

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

Let praise to God fill the earth!

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

Open your hearts and spirits today.

Let us praise the Lord today and always!

Hymn of Praise: CP 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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: I'm Gonna Shout, Shout

I'm gonna shout, shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus!

I'm gonna shout, shout, shout out my love for God's most holy Child!

For whatever I might do today, at home, at school, at work, at play,

I've got Jesus' love deep down inside of me.

Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Cat Mason

Psalm: 148

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Reading: Revelations 21:1-6

Helen Thomas

Gospel Hymn: CP 589 Come O God of All the Earth

(Verses 1, 2 & 3 before the Gospel; verses 4 & 5 following.)

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Jose Perena Pratt

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Affirmation of Faith: "Apostles Creed"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People:

Joan Hoffman

Confession & Absolution:

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Peace:

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: Bread of Life

Bread of life, feed my soul,
As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
With the grace and mercy you impart.

Bridge:

***I have heard your voice calling,
"Come, my friend, and share
In the feast that is laid out for you
To show how much I care."***

Bread of life, help me live
A life as pure and true as Jesus did.
Bread of life, help me see
The boundless love of Christ for you and me.

(Bridge)

Bread of life, feed my soul,
As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
With the grace and mercy you impart.

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, **you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

Eucharistic Prayer #4:

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Sanctus: CP 735 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Lord's Prayer: (David Haas)

Fraction #8:

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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:

Communion Distributors: **Peter & William Hounsell-Drover,
& Rose Chandler**

Prayer after Communion: God of steadfast love, **watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

Doxology:

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SENDING FORTH

Commissioning Hymn: CP 418 Draw the Circle Wide

Commissioning: Christ has given us a new commandment: that we love one another, as Christ has loved us. By this, everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples, if we share that love with the world. And through this love, all things will be made new. Go now and do as Christ commands.

We go in peace and love to serve all of God's creation. Alleluia!

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



TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia

The Most Revd George Takeli - Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia.

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

For S. Philip, Oak Bay (Rector Christopher Page) & the Territory of the People Anglican Church (Bishop Barbara Andrews).

In the Selkirk Region for Ecumenical & Inter-faith partners.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Maureen, Brad & Aila, Elmer & Alice,

Ben & Sarah, Shaun, Rodger, Ariana & Dane, Bill, Sharon, Doug & Renee, Olivia, Marie, & Patricia.

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 20 – Victoria Day; Office is closed.

Tuesday, May 21 – Whatsewer, 10 a.m.; Parish Council Mtg, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 - Mid-week Eucharist, 10 a.m;

Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon – 1 p.m.; Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24 – Scrapbooking Scrappers, 9:30 a.m.; Office is closed;

Rev. Sandra's day off.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67; Rev 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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 24: Scrapbooking Scrappers, 9:30 a.m.

May 25: Messy Church, 4 – 6 p.m.

Jun. 8: Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE FROM WRSB: The Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group recently marked the one year anniversary of the Syrian family's arrival in Victoria. The settlement year is completed and they are officially on their own two feet now.

As a Core Team, one of our biggest impressions has been how quickly this year went by! After nearly 28 months of preparation and raising money, the 12 months of settlement seemed to fly by. What a joy it has been to see them move from uncertainty to confidence, to hear their English improve, and to see them relax in the freedom they now enjoy in Canada. As this sponsorship concludes, we want to express again our gratitude to each one of you who has been a part of this journey. Many of you have volunteered hours of your time to "do what you could" in an effort to help resettle a refugee family in our city. Some of you volunteered in numerous ways with the family, attended and helped at concerts or other fundraisers, donated household furnishings, or simply had a conversation with friends thereby raising awareness. And of course, all the money that was raised for their settlement support came from individuals who gave generously and even sacrificially to help. Thank you!

UPDATE FROM THE LADIES GUILD - At the May meeting of the Ladies Guild, members learned about and voted to send \$300 to the PWRDF Program called "All Mothers and Children Count". Currently, the federal government is matching all donations to this undertaking by 6 times their value, so the program will ultimately receive \$2100 from this gift. If you would like to learn more about this program, check it out at pwrdf.org/amcc. If you would like to make your own donation to this program, you may do so directly to PWRDF or through your church offering, identifying the gift for PWRDF – All Mothers and Children Count. The Ladies Guild sends donations to several local and international charities each year, to help meet important needs. Your attendance at the monthly Guild lunches is the primary source of funds for outreach for the Guild. The last lunch before the summer season is this Wednesday, May 22nd. For just \$8.00, you will enjoy a delicious homemade soup, a selection of freshly made sandwiches and an amazing dessert. We hope to see you there and please bring all your friends and neighbours. Thanks for your support!

SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP – Church of the Advent is hosting the next Safe Church Workshop on Saturday, May 25th at 9 a.m. in the Main Hall. Please let Caroline know if you are interested in registering.

DR. SEUSS SUNDAY & CHURCH PICNIC - Plan to join us on June 2nd for our Sunday School Closing. We will celebrate our children and their Christian Education leaders during our Dr. Seuss Eucharist. It will be followed by an outdoor picnic and games. The congregation is invited to come and tap into their inner child while we eat hamburgers, hotdogs, potato chips & ice cream cones; and play games like the 3-legged race, sac race, and water-balloon toss!! If you like, bring a lawn chair and sit outside or feel free to watch from the Hall. We are asking for a "Toonie" to help defray the cost of lunch.

MESSY CHURCH – The next Messy Church is Saturday, May 25th, 4 – 6 p.m. at Church of the Advent. The evening's theme is "Jesus Knocks." This is a free family event that includes crafts, games, dinner and worship. All are welcome.

THE GREAT CANADIAN HYMN SING – Message from Jill Ann Siemens,
Founder of the Canadian Tenors....

I have been given a vision to keep the great hymns of the church alive and have started a new project called The Great Canadian Hymn Sing. This will take place coast to coast, beginning on the west coast with Vancouver Island as a pilot launch. From there we will move across the country. In each area, it is intended as a community driven event that ties the church families together.

The first step in doing this is to have the public vote to determine the top 10 most popular hymns. Once decided, we will hold a spectacular concert with special guest artists to sing those top 10. The Victoria concert will be held at the Royal Theatre on September 8, 2019.

The website for Vancouver Island voters can be found at:

*www.thegreatcanadianhymnsing.com. Also, for those folks that do not have a computer, I can send ballots and a **ballot box** if a request is made in writing to: info@thegreatcanadianhymnsing.com or by phoning **250-361-5402**. Our team would then pick up ballot boxes on or after June 30th.*

I hope you can join us in bringing all this together. God willing I believe it will be an exciting project for your church family.

We will participate by having available a ballot box in our Narthex. Please feel free to cast your vote!

CHURCH CAMP – Our 39th Annual Church Camp is scheduled for July 5th to 12th at Parry's in Parksville. Please confirm with Liz Garland if you plan on attending.

Email: adventvolunteer@shaw.ca or bobandlizgarland@gmail.com

36th Annual Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair

Saturday, June 8th, 10 am to 3 pm

HELP IS NEEDED:

Come out on Friday evening (anytime after 6 p.m.) to enjoy the happy fellowship & prepare for the TEA!

SIGN-UP SHEETS – are in the Narthex. Sign-up today!

Baking & Jams – all donations gratefully received for the Bake Table.

Posters – help yourself to 1 or 2 for posting!

Buy a gift for Dad (Father's Day – June 16th)

Bring your friends and family to sample our yummy Strawberry Shortcake (\$8 each) and browse through the many craft tables. This event is always lots of fun! More info needed? Contact the church office, Mary Wills (250-474-4909) or Donna Brandle (250-478-0264).



DIRECTORY

<i>Church Office*</i>	<i>Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. till Noon</i>	<i>250-474-3031</i>
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****For pastoral emergencies outside of office hours, please call 506-461-4825.***

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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.***

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!