

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

August 25, 2019

Pentecost 11



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 and presides today.

<p>8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67</p>
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Hebrews 12:18-29

TBD

Psalms 71: 1-6 Pg. 416

TBD

Luke 13:10-17

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Administrator

TBD

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

Liturgical Assistant is Jim Hamar

Sidesperson is Liz Garland

Director of Music is Nell Howard

We kindly ask that parishioners silence or turn off cell phones and/or other devices during the service.

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 am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

Opening Hymn: CP 306 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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.

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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.

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

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

Hymn of Praise: CP 382 Praise to the Lord

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

Collect of the Day: Living God, you formed us in the womb and appointed us to be prophets to the nations: stretch out your hand to cure our infirmity and dispel our fear, so that we may know the freedom of serving you in Christ and proclaim the wonders you have done. Amen.



Chat @ the Chancel:

Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

Carolyn Hamar

Psalm: *71:1-6*

Pg. 795

Gospel Hymn: **I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry**

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well,
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on,
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

Gospel: *Luke 13:10-17*

Jose Perena Pratt

When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Affirming the Christian Narrative: We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son. We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit. We believe and trust in the Three in One.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People:

Cat Mason

Confession: We come before you, O God, to confess what you already know. We have allowed fear and selfishness to guide us rather than your holy and life-giving will. We have twisted your teachings to suit our preconceptions and interests. We have hardened our hearts to others and have added to their suffering. Merciful God, heal us, forgive us and renew us.

Words of Assurance: People of God, hear the good news! God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love for us all. Be at peace and accept the forgiveness that God offers.

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.

Thanks be to God.

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: CP 60 I Come With Joy

Prayer over the Gifts: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

God is here

The 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:

Sanctus: CP 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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: *(spoken)*

Breaking of the Bread: Present in this Bread is the fullness of God made vulnerable for the world. As the Spirit blows through our community here in this wine God is poured out for us.

Here and now in this bread and wine we taste and see God in us and in our community.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.*

Choir Anthem:

Communion Distributors: **Barb Gossman & TBD**

Communion Anthem: **Great is Thy Faithfulness**

Sung by Bill & Linda Van Sickle

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

Prayer after Communion: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

Blessing:

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths.
May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds.
And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full!

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 506 Lord of All Hopefulness

Commissioning: Beloved of God, go to be a blessing. Bring the good news of forgiveness and healing to this hurting, lonely world. Bring hope to all, for God's love is poured out for all God's people.

We go in peace to love and 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 South America & for The Most Revd Gregory James Venables (Presiding Bishop & Bishop of Argentina).

For Linda Nicholls our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan,

Logan our Bishop,

Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

For S. Columba, Tofino (Rector Jennifer Marlor)

& the Diocese of Yukon (Bishop-elect Leslie Wheeler Dame).

In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity, Sooke.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

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

Ben & Sarah, Bill, Patricia, Spencer, Barney, & Dode.

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Aug. 27 – Whatsewaver, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 28 – Midweek Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Friday, August 30 – Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off;

Scrapbooking Scappers, 9:30 a.m.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Hebrews 13:1-8; Ps 81:1, 10-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Aug. 25: Hymn Sing & Corn Roast - **CANCELLED**

Sept. 11: Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Sept. 15: Jazz Vespers, 7 pm

Sept. 17: Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm

Sept. 25: Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon – 1 pm

Sept. 27-28: “We Together” Conference in Nanaimo

Sept. 29: South Island Harmony Concert at 2 pm in the Sanctuary

Oct. 5: Book Sale

ARE YOU OPEN TO AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY? We openings for Sunday School teachers here at the Church of the Advent. This is a chance to get to know the terrific children we have in our church and interact with them. The rotation schedule is such that you would only teach once every 4 weeks and would have a teaching partner if you would like.

The only requirement is a love for children and a Police Check (no charge). If you would like to become part of this fun group or simply want more information, please call Barb Gossman at 250-478-4717.

UPCOMING CONCERT: Mark your calendars for September 29th at 2:00. We have invited the South Island Harmony Chorus to perform in our Sanctuary. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased through the office or by contacting Marlyn at 250-478-9396.

*South Island Harmony, formerly known as The Victoria Village Squires, was formed in 1968 as part of SPEBSQA Inc, now the **Barbershop Harmony Society**, an International singing movement some **30,000 strong**. Made up of men of good character from all over the Southern Vancouver Island region, South Island Harmony **perform regularly** in the community, offer school and public learning programs, and **entertain the public** with our great mix of old **classics and modern arrangements**. If you love a cappella singing, you will love South Island Harmony. We are carrying on the traditions of Barbershop four-part harmony, while growing into the new and exciting world of open a cappella performing.*

BOOK SALE – Please continue to keep in mind and consider how you can help us dispose of any leftover books from our book sale on October 5th. Discover Books is no longer able to take the surplus so we are now relying on volunteers to either arrange pick-ups or cart books off themselves to local charities, thrift stores, or any venue that will accept them. Please let Jose or the office know if you can assist, or have alternative solutions to share. Thank you!

GREAT CANADIAN HYMN SING - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 @ 3 PM. The Great Canadian Hymn Sing with orchestra, world class singers, and you joining together in songs of praise and inspiration. We would like to offer all church members the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for 25 dollars, while supplies last. We are having a week long event from August 26 through September 2, whereby church members can purchase their tickets for 25 dollars only!

Use the code: singuntothelord online at www.rmts.bc.ca/events, or by phone at 250-361-5402.

Would love to see you there!

God bless,

The Great Canadian Hymn Sing Dream Team

CORN ROAST – Please be advised that the Corn Roast for this evening has been **cancelled** due to low attendance.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE (SEPT 27-28, 2019) – “**We Together**” is our diocese’s biennial conference that gathers together everyone from our islands and inlets who wish to unite, pray, learn and share “what God is up to in our lives.” This year’s conference is at St. Paul in Nanaimo and will focus on “our role in building the peaceable kingdom imagined and longed for in scripture.” The event kicks off on Friday evening with a keynote address by Pádraig Ó Tuama who is a poet, theologian and conflict mediator from Ireland. Saturday offers a full day’s program of workshops following morning coffee/registration and the Bishop’s greeting. For more information about the conference and to register, please visit <https://bc.anglican.ca/events/we-together-conference/2019-09-27>.

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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!