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***“Together in Christ
we seek to love God and
to love and serve all others”***

September 29, 2019

Orange Shirt Day - Pentecost 16



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. Dr. Paul Schumacher preaches
& Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover presides today.*

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67
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Genesis 28:10-17

TBD

Psalms 103:19-22 Pg. 461

TBD

Revelation 12:7-12

TBD

John 1:47-51

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Administrator

TBD

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: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Opening Hymn: CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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.

Hymn of Praise: CP 407 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

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

Collect of the Day: Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Creation: God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:



Hymn: Like A Rock (*sung twice*)

Like a rock, like a rock God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

First Reading: *Genesis 28:10-17*

Helen Thomas

Psalm: *103:19-22*

Pg. 842

Second Reading: *Revelation 12:7-12*

Dayle Robertson

Gospel Hymn: CP 577 God of Grace and God of Glory
(*Verses 1 & 2 prior to the Gospel; verses 3 & 4 following.*)

Gospel: *John 1:47-51*

Mary Wills

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

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.

Prayers of the People:

Joan Hoffman

Confession & Absolution: Almighty God, we confess that we have sided with the rulers, with those in power, those who have wealth, those who have sway over the people. We confess that our ways are not Your ways. We followed false shepherds, leaders who promise the easy way, instead of seeking You. Forgive us. Call us into Your ways of love, justice, and mercy, even when it is difficult. Call us to bring in those from the margins. Remind us that our own redemption is bound in the liberation of others. It is in Christ' name that we pray, for Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Since Christ has promised to be with us always, Christ is always there, ready to receive us. Repent, and know Christ is with you. Know the forgiveness of Christ, the assurance of God's love, and follow the Spirit into the world for the work of God's love. **Amen.**

Peace:

God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

Let us greet another as a sign of God's peace. The peace of God is here... to stay.

Thanks be to God.

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: CP 812 A Place at the Table

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

**and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy.**

**Yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, **(Refrain)**

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, **(Refrain)**

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, **(Refrain)**

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, **(Refrain)**

Prayer over the Gifts: God of mercy and grace, **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and 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 sing:

**Holy, holy holy, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in God's name.
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: (Gordon Light)

Breaking of the Bread:

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger.

and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

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.*

Communion Anthem: In Beauty We Walk

Based on the Navajo night prayers. Words & music by Ian Callanan.

Communion Distributors: Mike Armstrong, Kerry Blain, & Linda Cue

Prayer after Communion: Never-ending God, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name 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:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: G 821 Prayer of Peace

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia.

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Commissioning:

May God walk with you this day,
as we seek to walk with the lonely and afraid.

May Jesus walk with you this day,
as we follow Jesus, leaving all our fears behind us.

May the Holy Spirit walk with you this day,
as we go to serve all who have been tossed aside by the world.

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

TODAY WE PRAY

*Pray for the Episcopal Church & The Most Revd Michael Curry
(Presiding Bishop of TEC).*

*For Linda our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan,
Logan our Bishop,*

Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

*For S. Peter, Campbell River, & S. Saviour-by-the-Sea, Cortes Island (Rector
Lincoln KcKoen). For the Diocese of Yukon (Bishop Larry Robertson).
In the Selkirk Region for S. David-by-the Sea (Cordova Bay).*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Joan, Maureen, Brad & Aila, Elmer & Alice,
Bill, Patricia, Spencer, Barney, Peter, Dode, Peter, Joan, Anthony, St. Peter
& St. Paul, & Rector Gail Rodger.*

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Monday, Sept. 30 – All day book sale prep

Tuesday, Oct. 1 – All day book sale prep

Wednesday, Oct. 2 – All day book sale prep; Midweek Eucharist, 10 am;
Choir, 7:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 3 – All day book sale prep.

Friday, Oct. 4 – All day book sale prep; Book pre-sale, 6-8 pm;
Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off.

Saturday, Oct. 5 – Book Sale, 9 am – 3 pm

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Galatians 6:14-18; Ps 148:7-14; Matthew 11:25-30

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sept. 30 – Oct. 5: Book Sale Week Prep

Oct. 1: Priory at 10:30 am

Oct. 4: Book Pre-Sale, 6-8 pm

Oct. 5: Book Sale, 9 am – 3 pm

Oct. 6: Blessings of the Animals Service (Main Hall)

Oct. 7: Blood Services Clinic, 12 to 6 pm
Oct. 9: Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm
Oct. 14: Thanksgiving Monday; office is closed.
Oct. 15: Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm
Oct. 20: Jazz Vespers with the Chris Millington Trio
Oct. 21: Election Day (Polling Station in the Main Hall)
Oct. 23: Ladies Guild Lunch, 12 to 1 pm
Oct. 27: Church Harvest Dinner (5 for 5:30 pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERT TODAY – Join us this afternoon at 2 pm for a spectacular barbershop concert performed by **South Island Harmony Chorus**. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 each.

BOOK SALE – Our annual book sale is almost here! This week we will begin the preparations of sorting and categorizing books. It's not too late to sign up and volunteer. You can choose any day and time next week that best suits your schedule. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. The **pre-sale** will be next **Friday, Oct. 4th from 6 to 8 pm**. **Book Sale day is Saturday, Oct. 5th from 9 am to 3 pm**. Come and browse among hundreds of fiction/non-fiction titles. Plus, there will be a plethora of DVDs, videos, CDs, audio tapes, records and sheet music. Bring your friends and neighbours and spread the word! Thank you for your support.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – We have a special service planned for **Oct. 6th at 10 am**. Instead of meeting in the Sanctuary, we will congregate in the Main Hall for a Blessing of the Animals service. We invite you to bring along your beloved pets, so that we can together honour the many ways in which their loving presence gifts our lives.

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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!