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The Right Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop

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The Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher, Associate Priest

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

February 23, 2020

Transfiguration Sunday



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 and presides today.

<p>9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</p>
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*Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley
Sidespeople are Liz Garland & Linda Cue
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen speaking 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: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Opening Hymn: CP 465 Here in this Place New Light is Streaming

Greeting:

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.

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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: MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

My love colours outside the lines,
Exploring paths that few could ever find;
And takes me into places where I've never been before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
And takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
If we're not prepared to drown,
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time;
And we'll never move the gravestones
If we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
Tear back the curtains, sun come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water
If we're not prepared to drown,
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time;
And we'll never move the gravestones
If we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

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

Collect of the Day: Holy God, mighty and immortal, **you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transfigure us into his likeness, so that, as a people changed and changing, we may illumine the world with your compassion. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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:



Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

First Reading: *Exodus 24:12-18*

William Dolan

Psalm: 2

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Second Reading: *2 Peter 1:16-21*

Jill Dolan

Gospel Hymn: **CP 630** You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
(Verses 1-2 prior and verses 3-4 following the Gospel.)

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 17:1-9*

Mike Armstrong

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

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:

Kathy Middleton

Confession & Absolution:

God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:

Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

You give us the ministry of reconciliation:

Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.

You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration:

Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives.

You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:

Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.

You bless our lives with boundless love:

Yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you.

Forgive our selfishness, we pray.

Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance: The good news is that all who trust in Christ will have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life. As you hold this faith, I declare that you are set free from all your sins in the name of the Creator, Redeemer and Life Sustainer, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace:

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 86 More Than We Can Ask or Imagine

Prayer over the Gifts: Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face 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 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:

Breaking of the Bread #1:

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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.*

Communion Distributors: **David Gregory, Donna & Bob Brandle**

Choir Anthem: **Here I Am Lord**

Words & Music by Daniel Schutte. Arranged by J. Schrader.

Prayer after Communion: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

Doxology:

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SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: G 878 Transform Us

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation—time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

Commissioning:

Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith. Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights. Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love. Go into the world transformed and renewed!

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen. Alleluia!



***Our AGM will proceed shortly, after which you are invited to a
“Bunwich Lunch” in the Main Hall.***

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

S. John the Baptist, Duncan, & the Diocese of Caledonia.

In the Selkirk Region for S. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Joan, Maureen, Elmer & Alice, Lucy, Barb, Sarah, Kim, Peter,
Mike, Barbara, & Peggy.*

*We pray for the family and friends of Scott Manning. May they be comforted
and may he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Feb. 25– Pancake Lunch 12 – 1 pm

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26 – Services at 10 am & 6:30 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday, Feb. 28 – Parish office is closed. Rev. Sandra's day off.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Gen 2:15-17; Ps 32; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Feb. 23: One service at 9:30 am; AGM "Bunwich Lunch"

Feb. 25: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch, 12 – 1 pm

Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday services at 10 am & 6:30 pm

Feb. 29: Messy Church, 3:30-5:30 pm

Mar. 1: Newcomers Lunch after 10 am service in Room C

Mar. 3: Priory, 10:30 am; Lenten Bible Study; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Mar. 5: Book Club, 10 am in the Main Hall

Mar. 6: World Day of Prayer

Mar. 8: Greater Victoria Police Chorus Concert, 2 pm

Mar. 10: What-Sew-Ever plus Scrap & Chat; Lenten Bible Study

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

Mar. 14: Dessert & Silent Auction, 7 pm

Mar. 15: Jazz Vespers with Kathryn Le Gros, 7 pm

Mar. 17: Lenten Bible Study, 7 pm

Mar. 23: Blood Services Clinic, 12 - 6 pm

Mar. 24: What-Sew-Ever plus Scrap & Chat; Lenten Bible Study, 7 pm

Mar. 25: Ladies Guild Luncheon, 12 pm

Mar. 31: What-Sew-Ever, 10 am; Lenten Bible Study, 7 pm

Future important dates to note:

May 2: Church Garage Sale, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Jun. 14: Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair, 10 am - 3 pm

Jul. 3-10: 40th Annual Church Camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY – Join us this Tuesday, February 25th from 12 to 1 pm for our annual pancake lunch. Admission is \$6 per person. Donations of baked goods for our Baking Table are gratefully received. We also welcome volunteers to give us a helping hand!

MESSY CHURCH – The next Messy Church event will take place here at Church of the Advent on Saturday, February 29th from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. This is a fun evening out for families to enjoy games, crafts, worship time and a free dinner! *We are currently looking for volunteers to help. Please let Joan Hoffman know if you are able. Thanks!*

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – To all those who have registered for our 5-week interactive Lenten Bible Study group, please note that you will be receiving further email communications soon. If there is anyone who still wishes to participate but has not yet signed up, you may contact Bill Geimer at tarheel@shaw.ca or call 250-642-0185.

POLICE CHORUS CONCERT – The Greater Victoria Police Chorus is back again, in concert, on March 8th at 2 pm! Tickets are now available for purchase in the office from Monday to Thursday, 9 am until noon. You may also contact Jose for tickets at 250-744-3025 or 250-857-3025. They are \$15 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door.

NEWCOMERS LUNCH – We are pleased to invite you to our annual Newcomers Lunch, hosted by Bob and Donna Brandle, on Sunday, March 1st, after coffee time in the Main Hall. We will assemble in Room C at 11:45 am. Lunch will be provided and there is no need for you to bring anything. After lunch you will be provided with a short history of the parish, and tour around some significant elements of the facility. The lunch and tour will conclude by 1:30 pm. Please note that even if you have attended the church for several years but have not yet had the opportunity to attend a Newcomers Lunch, we invite you to join in anyway. It is fun, informative and gives us an opportunity to get to know you better!

For more information please contact Bob Brandle at 250-478-0264 or email bobbbrandle@shaw.ca.

DESSERT & SILENT AUCTION - Mark your calendars for our Dessert & Silent Auction, scheduled to take place on Saturday March 14th at 7pm in the Main Hall. This provides a fun evening out for you and your friends to come and bid on decadent treats and an assortment of other unique treasures! Tickets are \$5 each which also includes your first glass of wine! They can be purchased in the parish office or through Joan Hoffman.

***Regarding Donations:** If you have any items at home that you would like considered for the silent auction, please call Joan at 250-474-5446. Also, we are planning to create beautiful **theme baskets** to auction off. We welcome any donated items to contribute to the baskets, or you can create an entire theme basket on your own. Empty baskets will be available in the Narthex if you need them. Some basket theme ideas are: Wine, Spa, Coffee/Tea, Garden, Movie Night, Sports, and Candy.*

CAKES FOR CARING - If you have signed up for the Cakes for Caring program but have not yet selected your month and First Responder/Charity, kindly please do so on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

JOIN OUR NEW BOOK CLUB! Do you find yourself shying away from most book clubs because you don't always care for the chosen literature, and would end up having to force yourself to finish it on time (or perhaps look online for the Coles notes version)? Well, this book club is entirely different. You get to read whatever you want, gather with the group, and share your thoughts on the book while enjoying coffee/tea and social time. You can even exchange books with other group members. This is intended to be light, fun and enjoyable for everyone. Even if you are not a big reader, this may be a great opportunity to dip your toe in and explore books that inspire you! Why not come out and give it a try? **We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 10 am in the Main Hall.**

DIRECTORY

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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!