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

March 8, 2020

Lent 2 & Birthday 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. Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67
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Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121 Pg. 497

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

Administrator

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Elizabeth Bennett

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Bill Bull

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

Flowers on the Altar today are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Tony Harding, loving husband of Azeita and father to Adrian.

Liturgical Assistant is Helen Thomas

Sidespeople are Pat Graham & Betty Leach

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: The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Opening Hymn: CP 9 Today I Awake

Greeting:

We can look to mountains and forests for our God.

The Creator of the universe can be found in such places.

Indeed – God is all around us.

In all times and places, our God is never far away.

Our loving God neither slumbers nor sleeps, but is always by our side.

Let us worship God.

Penitential Rite

Call to Confession:

We gather today recognizing that this sacred journey is one we live into as individuals and as communities. In love we are called to be co-creators with God, to be truth-tellers, reconcilers and healers, but our failures and shortcomings often leave us keenly aware of what seems an unbridgeable distance from the mystery and the promise of holy relationship.

In Christ, God bridges this distance and reaches out to us across time and space.

The season of Lent invites us to reflect on those places in us that are broken; places where we are in need of God's love poured out. We are called to reflect on those places in our relationships and our communities where there is brokenness and a need for God's reconciling love. And we are called to reflect on our world and the places where there is brokenness and a need for a new and right relationship. As we reflect, we do so with contrite but hopeful hearts, trusting in God's steadfast love and infinite mercy.

Confession:

Forgive us when we encounter ourselves,

With thoughts of worthlessness...

With feelings of anger...

Ignoring each other's needs, values, and dreams.

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison

All: Kyrie, eleison

Cantor: Christe, eleison.

All: Christe, eleison

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

All: Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

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Ignoring each other's needs, values, and dreams.

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Cantor: Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

All: Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Forgive us when we encounter you, O Lord,

With thoughts of worthlessness...

With feelings of anger...

Ignoring your needs, values, and dreams for us.

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison

All: Kyrie, eleison

Cantor: Christe, eleison.

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Cantor: Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

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Absolution: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The Word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The Peace:

Collect of the Day: Holy God, whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking: transform the night-time of our fear into a welcoming womb for us and all the world; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:



Hymn: And on this Path

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide. **(3x)**
Open wide, open wide, open wide, the gates are open wide.
So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide. **(3x)**
Open wide, open wide, open wide, the gates are open wide.

First Reading: *Genesis 12:1-4a*

Gemma Hamblin

Psalm: *121*

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Second Reading: *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

Jose Perena Pratt

Gospel Chorus: **Bambelela/Never Give Up (Traditional South African)**

Bambelela, bambelela,
O, bambelela, bambelela,
bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba,
O, bamba, bambelela.

Gospel Reading: *John 3:1-17*

Cat Mason

Gospel Chorus:

Never give up, never give up,
No never give up, never give up,
never, never, never, never, never,
No never, never give up.

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Affirmation of Faith: *(New Zealand Prayer Book)*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God. We worship you.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People:

Sheila Dearsley

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

Prayer over the Gifts: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2:

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Sanctus: G 263

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer: *(spoken)*

Fraction #7:

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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: Sheila & Lorne Dearsley, Linda Cue

Choir Anthem: I Wouldn't Take Nothin' For My Journey Now

African American Spiritual. Arranged by Tony Alonso.

Prayer after Communion: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology:

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Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

SENDING FORTH

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

Choral Benediction: Be at Peace

Words by Barbara Furman. Music by David Angerman.

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



TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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

For Christ Church, Alert Bay & Diocese of New Westminster.

In the Selkirk Region for S. Peter & S. Paul, Esquimalt.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Maureen, Elmer & Alice, Lucy, Barb, Peter,

Mike, Rob, Peggy, & Carol Ann.

The family & friends of Bert Birtwistle.

May Bert rest in peace & rise in glory.

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Mar. 10 – Scrap & Chat, 9:30 am; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am
Lenten Bible Study, 7 pm

Wednesday, Mar. 11 – Mid-week service, 10 am; Choir, 7:30 pm
Funeral & Reception for Bert Birtwistle, 1 pm

Thursday, Mar. 12 – Parish Council Retreat, 5:30 pm

Friday, Mar. 13 – Parish office is closed. Rev. Sandra's day off;
Silent Auction set-up

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Ex 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; Jn 4:5-42

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

Mar. 11: Funeral & Reception for Bert Birtwistle, 1 pm

Mar. 12: Parish Council Retreat, 5:30 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. 22: "Bunwich" Lunch

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:

Apr. 3: Youth Ministry gathering, 5:30 pm

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

May 30: Messy Church, 3:30 pm

Jun. 13: Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair, 10 am - 3 pm

Jul. 3-10: 40th Annual Church Camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DESSERT & SILENT AUCTION – Our Silent Auction is only a week away! You won't want to miss it. Come and browse among the numerous beautiful treasures and baskets up for silent bidding. Then we have our very fun dessert auction led by our own auctioneer, Gary Robertson. You can gather a group of friends at a table and bid together or come and bid on your own. Singles and groups are all welcome.

Tickets are \$5 each which also includes your first glass of wine. They can be purchased in the parish office or through Joan Hoffman.

This is a very special fundraiser to help raise money for our new accessible door. So, we hope to see lots of support on this very special evening.

JAZZ VESPERS – Join us for our next Jazz Vespers service on March 15th at 7 pm. We welcome back the very talented Kathryn Le Gros with her trio, Broke & Blue. They will be performing Claude Bolling's 2nd Suite for Flute and Jazz piano. If you would like to read the performer's bios, visit our website at www.colwoodangilcan.ca.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Calling all young people between the ages of 13 and 18 (and their families) to please join us on April 3rd at 5:30 pm for supper in the Main Hall as we kick off our new Youth Ministry. Please RSVP to Rev. Sandra by April 1st (shounseldrover@bc.anglican.ca).

PANCAKE LUNCH UPDATE – The 2020 Shrove Tuesday Lunch was a huge success. We had a record turnout of 127 adults and 2 children. The Bake Table sold out and raised \$426.00. Plus, the marmalade was all sold (total of \$270.00).

Special thanks to the Ladies Guild for all their dedication in the kitchen and all who helped in any way. Thank you to Rick for setting up, to Ed and Lorne for cleaning up, and a special big thanks to everyone who supported this wonderful day. Each and every one of you are a true blessing.

CLAY – Our diocese’s Tolmie region is beginning a new Youth Ministry Group. Together they will be attending an upcoming CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth) gathering. To any of our youth who may be interested in attending or would like more information, please see Rev. Sandra.

Word Search Puzzle

John 3:1-17

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BIRTH

PHARISEE

BORN

JESUS

TRUTH

AGAIN

WORLD

LOVED

SPIRIT

ETERNAL

KINGDOM

TEACHER

NIGHT

MAN

NICODEMUS

LIFE

JEWISH

RABBI

FLESH

WATER

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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!