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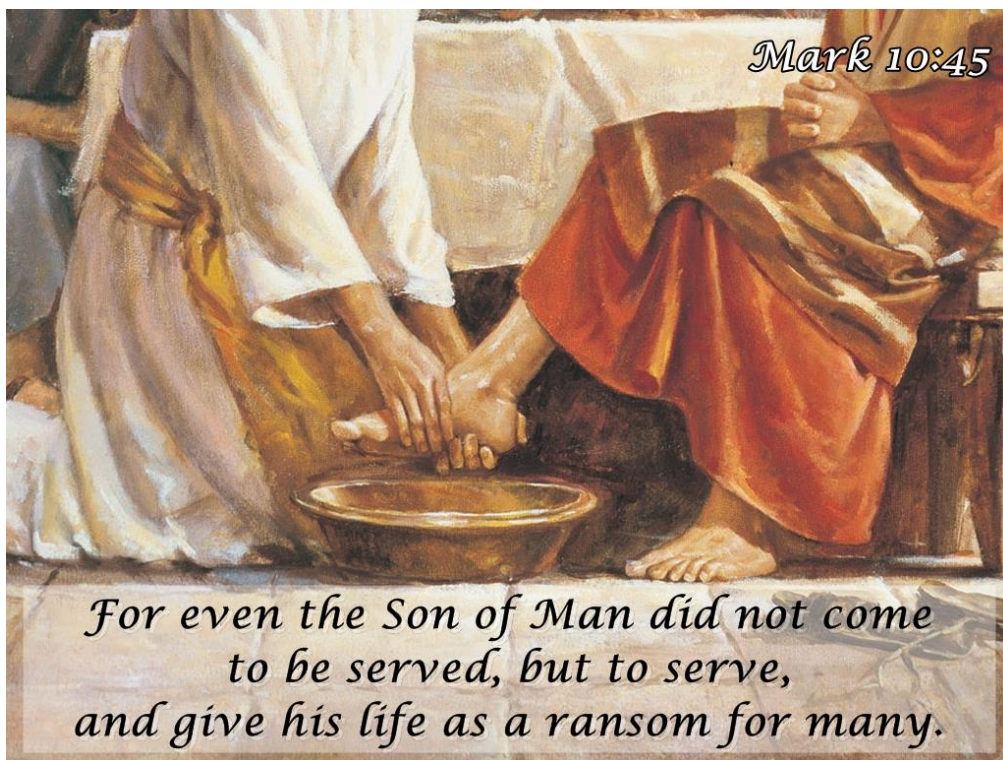
The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher, Interim Priest

The Rev. Colleen Lissamer, Deacon

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

**October 17th, 2021 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Virtual Worship Service**



*For even the Son of Man did not come
to be served, but to serve,
and give his life as a ransom for many.*

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

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 presides & Bill Geimer preaches.

Organ prelude - Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome: Good morning, and welcome to this service of worship on this Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost. My name is Paul Schumacher, and I am the interim priest-in-charge at the Church of The Advent during this time of transition.

As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, 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 today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Come, come with your doubts, your strengths, your weaknesses, and your fears, for God loves us all and all are welcome in this space. We invite you to come and join our readers, prayer leaders, music director and choir members, along with our technical team, as we offer prayer and praise to our Creator.

Scripture Sentence of the Day: Scripture shares with us, “The Son of man came also not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Opening Hymn: MV #106 “I am the Dream”

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I am the dream and you the dreamer.
I am the song, and you are the rhyme.
You are the tune sung in ev’ry silence.
You are the now in the endless stream of time.

I am the bell and you the silence.
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.
I am the blest and you the blessing.
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.

You are the word and I the echo.
You are the leader, and I am the led.
You are the joy and I the laughter.
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

And also with you.

Act of Praise: *(From the Lutheran Book of Worship)*

O great Creator, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples of the earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom and help us to always desire to follow your will, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day: Almighty and ever living God, **increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through 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: Rev. Colleen

Song: MV #87 “Water Flowing from the Mountain”

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Water flowing from the mountains.
Water flowing o’er the earth.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water gives us birth.

Refrain:

***Drink deep this source of life.
Drink deep and know.
For living water sings,
And living water brings the love
that makes our spirit grow.***

Water rushing down the rivers.
Water rushing to the sea.
Water comes to us, so precious.
Living water makes us free. ***Refrain***

Water springing from the dry place.
Water springing in the sun.
Water come to us, so precious.
Living water for each one. ***Refrain***

First Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Then Job answered the LORD:

‘I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?”

I have been holding forth on matters I cannot understand, on marvels beyond me and my knowledge

“Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.”

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.’

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job because he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

For the Word of God is scripture,
For the Word of God is among us,
For the Word of God is within us,

Thanks be to God.

Psalms: 104: 1-9, 25, 37b (BAS Pg. 843)

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *

**O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendour.**

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *

and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *

you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers *

and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder, they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also, Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,

today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

For the Word of God is scripture,
For the Word of God is among us,
For the Word of God is within us,

All: Thanks Be to God

Hymn of the Day: CP #585 “Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”

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Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread,
Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn the dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
In the height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark**.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Bill Geimer

Affirmation of Faith:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People October 17, 2021

I will end each petition with "Open our hearts, Lord."

Please respond with "**To serve with Joy.**"

We come to you today, O Lord, with hearts of joy, hearts of sorrow, hearts full of hope, hearts of jealousy. Hearts full of love, hearts of passion and hearts of cheer.

We pray as we turn to you God for guidance and direction, help us strive to serve one another and the Church with the gifts You have entrusted to our care.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

We pray we may more easily choose to serve rather than to be served, to give rather than to take, to contribute rather than to consume.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

We pray we may learn to more deeply trust God to provide us with all that we need.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

We pray we may learn to see the differences between the simple things we need and the many things we want.

Open our hearts, Lord,

To serve you with joy.

We pray through our good stewardship; we may build up God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

We pray we recognize the many blessings the poor and needy bring to us even as we seek to share our blessings with them. We pray for those who have asked us to pray for them and we pray for those who have no one to pray for them. We ask that you hold them in Your healing hands. You alone know their needs Lord. We pray for Cynthia, Irene, Travis, Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Kian, the staff and residents of Broadmead Lodge and any others you wish to name out loud or silently in your hearts.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

We pray we may come to fully realize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share these gifts with all who are in need. We ask blessings on all hospital workers, all members of our Military, all police, firefighters and first responders. Please watch over those here at home and those deployed throughout the world and return them safely to their families.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

As we look upon the world, we pray to see the unseen, love the unlovable, and bind up the broken-hearted wherever we find them.

Open our hearts, Lord,
To serve you with joy.

For these blessings and all gifts, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them into his grace. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing:

May the peace of God which passes all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, our Creator,
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, And the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.
And may the blessing of the God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you
this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP #592 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

(Text: Frank Mason North {1850-1935}, alt. © *The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine*. Music: William Gardiner {1770-1853}, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815.)

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where cries of tribe and race resound,
Amid the noise of selfish strife,
O Christ, your word of love is found.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of your tears.

O Jesus, from the mountainside
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain.
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again.

Till all the world shall learn your love,
And follow where your feet have trod,
Till glorious from your heaven above
Shall come the city of our God.

Commissioning: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may harm us. Keep us whole in mind, body, and spirit so that with grateful hearts we might accomplish all that you would have us do as stewards of your creation.
Amen.

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TODAY WE PRAY

*Pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.
Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,
Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge, & Colleen our Deacon.
Pray for Christ Church, Gabriola Island, & Diocese of Caledonia.
In the Selkirk Region for S. Peter & S. Paul, Esquimalt.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Carol Ann, Bill, Kian, Travis, Bob, Irene, & Cynthia.
The staff and residents of Broadmead Lodge.
The family and friends of Bob Flint, wife Peggy, and children Darleen, Heather, Dave and Russ.
We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*