



510 Mt View Ave, Victoria V9B 2B1, 250-474-3031

www.colwoodanglican.ca | admin@colwoodanglican.ca

pschumacher@bc.anglican.ca

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"***

**November 14th, 2021 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Virtual Worship Service**



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 & Rev. Colleen Lissamer preaches

Organ prelude - Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome: Good morning, and welcome to this service of worship on this Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost. My name is Paul Schumacher, and I am interim priest-in-charge here at the Church of The Advent during this time of transition. I am joined today by the Rev. Colleen Lissamer who will be our preacher.

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, “Watch at all times, praying that you may stand before the Son of man.”

Opening Hymn: CP# 577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

(Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick {1878-1969}, alt. Music: John Hughes {1873-1932}. © *reprinted by permission of Ms. C. A. Webb*)

God of grace and god of glory,
On you people pour your power;
Now fulfill your church’s story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
Free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armoured with all Christ-like graces
in the fight for liberty.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we fail ourselves and thee,
Lest we fail ourselves and thee.

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: Creator God, dynamic of all that is good, you created all things, our planet home and all peoples, and give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom. Prepare for the joy when we will meet you in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us. Bring us to eternal joy, through the power of our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 Lissamer

Song: **Song: VU#577 – “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”**

(Words and Music: African-American spiritual.)

I got peace like a river,
I got peace like a river,
I got peace like a river in my soul.
I’ve got a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain in soul.
I’ve got a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got an ocean in my soul.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-10

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So, it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore, Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she was drunk. So, Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

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.

Psalm: 16 (BAS Pg. 719)

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.
4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.
6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
8 I have set the Lord always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.
10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.
11 You will show me the path of life; * in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering, he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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#520 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(Words: Henry Williams Baker {1821-1877}. Music: John Bacchus Dykes {1823-1876} © Oxford University Press)

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestowth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the lengths of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever!

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

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.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Colleen Lissamer

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant, so we commit ourselves to serve others.

We believe that God is love, so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit, so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.

We believe that God is the light of life, so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light to this world.

We believe that the Holy Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of God's gift of abundant life for all, in the world that God loves. Amen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People November 14, 2021

Gracious God, at the end of time as we know it, you will be there. Help us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to have no fear of that day or of that hour, for your Son, Jesus, our Savior, will be there for us.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Lord God Almighty, even as you listened to Hannah as she poured out her soul to you in despair, hear our prayers, and use us as you used her in your holy work.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Holy Spirit, keep us from making gods out of our needs and desires, and teach us to take refuge in your strength and counsel.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, high priest, by your Holy Spirit you remember our sins no more. May we worship with a clean heart full of faith and seek to do good works for and with one another, for the day of your return approaches.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for the church in the world, in our diocese and in our community.

We pray for the all the leaders of our church and ask that you give them the wisdom and the knowledge they require to do your work.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Come, Lord Jesus, into the lives of those whose need healing. We pray for Donna, Cynthia, Irene, Travis, Joan, Bill, Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Kian, John, the staff and residents of Broadmead Lodge and any others you wish to name out loud or silently in your hearts.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

Loving Creator, we pray for all who mourn. We ask that they find comfort in You. We ask for your strength for them, in their time of need. Let them know they are loved and wrap them in Your love and warmth.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

We ask blessings on all hospital workers, all members of our Military, 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.

Loving God, **Hear our Prayer.**

May the love of God watch over you, May the peace of Christ fill your heart,
May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill your sleep and speak to you in your dreams.
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#434 “The Love of Jesus Calls Us”

(Text: Herbert O’Driscoll {1928-}. Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley {1810-1876}. © 2005 Selah Publishing Company.)

The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing:
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
For all God’s many blessings, unasked yet still received,
And for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
Companions on a journey, where all the world may see
That serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy,
Where Christ’s command is duty, and every duty joy.
The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
To challenge all the limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
To know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more,
For those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
To be God’s co-creators in new and wondrous ways,
That God with men and women may so transform the earth,
That love and peace and justice may give God’s kingdom birth.

Commissioning: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,
nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our guide, we may live through
this temporal existence without losing sight of what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our
Saviour. **Amen.**

TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,

Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge, & Colleen our Deacon.

Pray for S. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus, & Territory of the People Anglican Church.

In the Selkirk Region for Regional Corrections.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Bill, Kian, Travis,

Bob, Irene, Cynthia, Joan, John, & Donna.

The staff and residents of Broadmead Lodge.

We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.