

Church of the Advent

Anglican Christian Witness on Victoria's Westshore

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

The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Lenten Reconciliation Journey



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Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00-Noon
Celtic Eucharist and Gospel Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO THE 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 and Straits Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth and reconciliation.

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalms 23 pg 356
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Administrator

Lenn Enns
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Garry Olmstead
Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover
t.b.a.

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

Liturgical Assistant is Jim Hamar
Crucifer & Acolyte Sam Lowry
Sidesperson is Jose Perena Pratt

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We begin our Lenten journey with a penitential tone. The Sanctuary party will enter with a silent procession, followed by Confession and Absolution.

Call to Confession

Dear Friends in Christ, we gather this day on the ancestral territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchahnulth and Coast Salish peoples with whom we are on a sacred journey of truth telling, reconciliation and healing. We gather 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.

Kyrie cantor: Kathy Middleton

Presider: Eternal Spirit, Living God, you know the secrets of our hearts.

Cantor: *Congregation:*

Ky - ri - e: ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Presider: We recognize our brokenness.

Cantor: *Congregation:*

Chri - ste: Chri - ste e - lei - i - son.

Presider: We trust in your merciful love.

Cantor: *Congregation:*

Ky - ri - e: ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

Music: Tricia Coldren © 2008

Confession and Absolution

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.

Absolution:

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. **Amen.**

Trisagion (CP 688)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us. (x3)

Collect for Reconciliation

O God, by your Word you marvellously carry out the work of reconciliation: **Grant that in our Lenten fast we may be devoted to you with all our hearts, and united with one another in prayer and holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.** - *Rivendell Community, Episcopal Church USA*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light.
May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Ministry Time

Children's Hymn: "Like a Rock"

Words: Keri Wehlander

Adapted to Music: Linnea Good



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 ev-er-more.

Psalm 23 The Lord's my Shepherd

by Stuart Townend

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

**Refrain: And I will trust in You alone,
 And I will trust in You alone,
 For Your endless mercy follows me,
 Your goodness will lead me home.**

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights. **Refrain**

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know. **Refrain**

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Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Carolyn Hamar

Gradual Hymn: CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel Verse 3 following the Gospel

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Bonnie Stuart

Guest Speaker

Geoff Strong

The Apostles Creed

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Prayers of the People

Graham Terlson

Peace

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: God of the Poor (Beauty for brokenness)

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
Lord, in your suff'ring world, this is our prayer
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman, trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause, of those who can't speak

**Refrain: God of the poor, friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray, melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain, come, change our love -
From a spark - to a flame.**

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed
Make us content with the things that we need **Refrain:**

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise. **Refrain:**

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Prayer over the Gifts

God of light,
**your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of
praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (*Liturgy for the Islands, Diocese of British Columbia*)

May God be with you.

God's 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.

It is right indeed that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

When the times at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister. Jesus revealed your care for all you have made, and showed us your way of reconciliation.

Looking forward to the joy of new life Jesus suffered the pangs of the cross and in rising again became the first-born of the renewed family. You sent your Holy Spirit and gave birth to us your church. Your Spirit says to nurture and to guide us. Now we join around your table, and with all creation we sing your praise for your unending love;

Sanctus CP689

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread, when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you: do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

And so in this great sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love and prayer, and be a voice for those who are not heard.

In union with your whole creation, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Read

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Fraction

He whose cross is a sign of hope for many is now present in this bread.
He whose death brings healing to our world us now present in this wine.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

*Communion Distributors: **Lydia French & t.b.a.***

*Parish Choir sings at Communion: **You Are Mine** by David Haas*

Prayer after Communion

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the 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

Announcements

Commissioning Hymn: CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

Commissioning:

Lord, give us such sight, that we may see the many ways of serving you by helping others. Help us bring sight to others who dwell in deep darkness.

**We go in God's peace and bring the good news to all whom we meet.
Amen.**

Please join us for coffee, tea, or juice after the service. Maybe we can even find a cookie or two!

TODAY WE PRAY

*Mexico - (Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter.
For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, and
Sandra our Rector.*

*Diocese of Kootenay - Archbishop John Privett.
S. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin - Philip Wadham.
In the Selkirk Region for Church of the Advent.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Val, Maureen, Brad and Tytti, Brenda, Elmer, Peter.

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Mar29: Mid-week Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

: Choir Practice at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar 17: Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off.

TRYING SOMETHING...

During the Season of Lent, we will enjoy a series of Sunday evening services.

TONIGHT Centering Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

April 2: Taize at 7:00 p.m.

April 9: Liturgical Labyrinth at 7:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 4: Induction of Revd Sandra Hounsell-Drover

April 9-16: Holy Week (See announcement)

May 6: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Annual Garage Sale

June 10: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair

July 7 to 14: Parish Camp Out - Parksville

NOTE FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK...

Our Guest Speaker today is Geoff Strong.

He holds MSc and PhD degrees in atmospheric science from the University of Alberta, where he developed a lifelong passion for severe thunderstorms. He is a Fellow of and a former national President of the Canadian Meteorological & Oceanographic Society & he has also received several CMOS awards for his work over many years. In retirement, Geoff devotes extensive volunteer time to environmental and church organizations, particularly on issues relating to climate change, and to emergency aid and development issues of the subtropics. Global warming has its most severe impacts in the subtropics where NGO aid agencies are hard-pressed to meet minimal demands caused by desertification and related water and food issues, sea level rise, ocean acidification, increased severity of tropical storms, and refugees resulting from global warming. He chairs or co-chairs several environmental groups on Vancouver Island, as well as an environmental committee called Creation Matters within the

Anglican Church. He is our Diocesan Co-ordinator of the Primates World Relief and Development Fund.

We welcome him and his wife Phyllis with us today.

LADIES GUILD

At the March 8th meeting of the Ladies Guild, members voted to send \$250 to the Vancouver School of Theology and \$150 to Operation Eyesight. Your support of the Guild lunches, marmalade sales, bake sales and other guild activities makes this kind of outreach in our local and wider community possible.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ps 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Palm/Passion Sunday, Apr 9 @ 7:00 - Liturgical Labyrinth

Holy Monday, Apr. 10 @ 7:00 - Tenebrae

Holy Tuesday, Apr. 11 @ 7:00 - Celtic Healing Eucharist

Holy Wednesday, Apr. 12 @ 7:00 - Spoken Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 13 @ 7:00 - Foot washing, Institution Narrative & Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday, Apr. 14, @ 10:00 a.m. - Good Friday observation

Holy Saturday, Apr 15 @ 8:00 p.m. - EASTER Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, Apr 16 @ 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALICE!!

We are celebrating today with cake after the service.

Please come and join her!

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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!