

# Church of the

# Advent

Anglican Christian Witness on Victoria's Westshore

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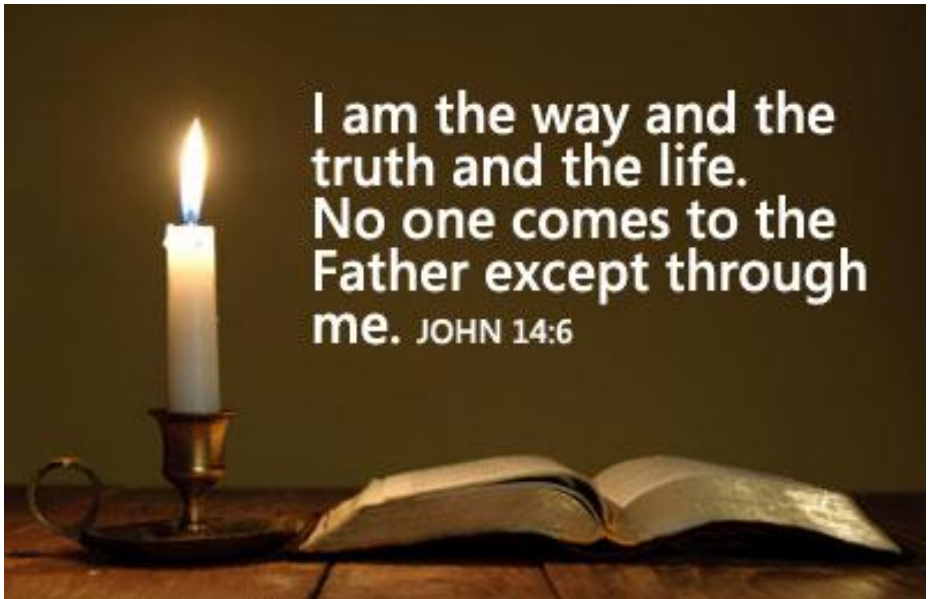
***Together in Christ we seek to love God  
and to love and serve all others***

*The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop*

*The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector*

May 14 2017

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



**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 Reverend Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today.*

*Diocesan Communication Officer Catherine Pate is with us.*

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

*Acts 7:55-60*

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

*John 14:1-14*

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*Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover*

*Rod Mitchell*

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

*Liturgical Assistant is Tim Hamblin*

*Crucifer & Acolyte is Sam Lowry*

*Sidespeople are Pat Graham & Betty Leech*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Coast and Straits Salish 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:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Opening Hymn: **CP 619 Fairest Lord Jesus**

The Greeting:

Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out, who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to God's unfailing love.

**You are our God; our lives are in your hands. Let's worship God together!**

**Loving Spirit**

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be-  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

Like a mother, you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.

Like a father, you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.

Friend and lover, in your closeness,  
I am known and held and blessed:  
In your promise is my comfort,  
In your presence I may rest.

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### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,

**your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

#### **Childrens Ministry Time:**

**Childrens Hymn:      Jesus Loves Me This I Know**



Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.

#### **Refrain:**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me he who died  
heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

**Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

**Donna Brandle**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

**Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

**Carolyn Hamar**

**Gospel Hymn: CP 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

Vss 1 to 3 before the Gospel and Vss 4 & 5 following the Gospel

**Gospel: John 14:1-14**

**Sue Hamblin**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Sandra Hounsell-Drover**

## Prayer Litany for Mother's Day

Midwifing God,  
the Prophet Isaiah declared that You are the one who delivers us.

**We remember that You are Mother and Father to all of us,  
all of us are Your children.**

Mothering God, You bring forth new life in our midst.

**We honor the mothers around us,  
and all who care and love children.**

Grandmother God,  
You comfort us in our time of grieving and sorrow.

**We remember our mothers and grandmothers who have passed on,  
for all those we miss on this day.**

Teaching God,  
You have taught us to honor our mothers and fathers  
and have taught us the ways of love.

**We remember those who have been like mothers to us,  
giving wisdom and guidance in our lives.**

Creator God,  
we remember that we are all created in Your image  
We honor and respect all women in our midst,  
mothers and aunts and sisters and friends.

**We honor and remember these great women, loving God,  
whom You have sent into our lives.**

Mothering God,  
guide us into ways of honoring and respecting women around our world,  
working towards justice and liberation, health and safety  
for all women and girls.

**In the name of Christ,  
who like a mother hen desires to gather us together, we pray. Amen**

**Special guest Catherine Pate Communications Officer of the Diocese of  
British Columbia.**

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Hymn:** CP 56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

**Prayer over the Gifts**

Gracious God, **you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer 1**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

by Rupert Lang

**Lord's Prayer**

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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:* **Rose Chandler, Kerry Blain, & Mike Armstrong**

*Parish Choir sings at Communion:* ***We Hold the Death of the Lord***

*by David Haas*

**Prayer after Communion:**

God of love,  
**in this eucharist we have heard your truth  
and shared in your life.  
May we always walk in your way,  
in the name of 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.

### ***Commissioning Of Acolytes***

*(Acolytes to stand in front of the altar)*

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into the one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm the ministries for which these people have offered themselves. Is it your will that these people fulfil the ministry of Acolyte.

**People:**           **It is.**

*(Rev'd Sandra will now address each of those to be commissioned)*

**Leader:**           \_\_\_\_\_, you have been called to this ministry. will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

**Response:**       **I will.**

*(After each person has been questioned*

*Rev'd Sandra will address the congregation)*

**Leader:**           Will you uphold these people in this service?

**People:**           **We will.**

**Leader:**           Let us pray:

Blessed are you, gracious God, our creator and redeemer. In every age you call people to minister in your name. May the work of these your servants so build up your Church, that we may faithfully serve you and show your love in all the world. Blessed are you, O God, now and for ever. Amen.

*(The Servers will now be presented with their Certificates & Crosses)*

**Leader:**           \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord enable and uphold you in this ministry.  
*(Please greet and thank the newly commissioned Acolytes!)*

## SENDING FORTH

### Blessing:

### Announcements:

### Commissioning Hymn: We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

Tune: LONDONDERRY AIR

#### **Vs 1...**

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of a new life in Christ.

#### **Vs 2...**

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.

### Commissioning:

As you leave this place, remember this: You are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others what God has done for you.

**We go into the world; to live as God's people. Amen. Alleluia.**



Please join us today for coffee, tea, or juice after the service, maybe even a cookie or two!

### **TODAY WE PRAY**

*New Jersey - (II, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Stokes.  
For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, and  
Sandra our Rector.*

*For the Diocese of Yukon - Bishop Larry Robertson.*

*For the Parish of Salt Spring Island - Richard Stetson.*

*In the Selkirk Region for Corrections (Kevin Arndt & Ed Chell).*

### **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM**

*Barb & Doug, Val, Maureen, Brad and Tytti, Brenda, Elmer, Peter, Kiera,  
Ellen, Dave, Emily & Sean.*

### **SHARED MINISTRY**

#### **THIS WEEK**

Reverend Sandra at Clergy Conference for the week.

Tuesday, May 16 - Whatsoever 10:00; Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 17 - Mid-week Eucharist cancelled; Yes We Can cope with depression 1:00 pm; Choir 7:30 pm

Friday, May 19 Office closed, Rev. Sandra's day off.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

May 24: Guild Community Lunch 12:00 – 1:00; Regional meeting for Synod at St Peter & St Paul Esquimalt 5:00 pm.

May 27: Messy Church 10:30 – 12:30. All Children Welcome

June 4: Pentecost Sunday & Intergenerational Service; wear Red, Yellow or Orange to celebrate the Holy Spirit!

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

July 7 to 14: Parish Camp Out – Parksville

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:7-18; 1 Peter: 3:13-22; John: 14:15-21

**FROM THE RECTORS DESK:     John 14:1-14**

How do we feel when we say farewell to a friend, or when he or she says farewell to us? Someone with whom you have been living in close community for say, two or three years? How do you feel with the realization that you will not hear this person's voice on a daily basis any longer, nor will his or her simple physical presence have a place in your daily routine? Is this not what the disciples felt? Can't you hear it as the disciples ask their questions? "What will we do without you here?"

"Serve God, love me, and mend,  
This is not the end,  
Live un-bruised, we are friends"

These are lyrics from a popular Mumford & Sons song, "Sigh No More," which embodies well today's gospel lesson, echoing Jesus' response to the anguish of his disciples.

Today we experience part of Jesus' farewell to the disciples; all that it means for Peter, Philip, Thomas and the others – and for Christians today. Scholars and theologians have long debated the meaning of Jesus' words, such as "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," and whether John's work teaches "realized eschatology" (the end has come in the person of Jesus) or "future eschatology" (the end will come at a future time). Both are important theological concepts; however, it is the saying of farewell between teacher and disciples, between friends, that calls out to me from this reading. The end is now and not now, as we all move into the future.

What calls out to you in today's gospel? How do you, as a Christian, find hope and celebration in endings?

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## **CONFIRMATION!!!**

In September we will start our Confirmation preparation time with Diocesan Bishop Logan McMenemy coming for Confirmation Sunday on December 3. Before we get to the Confirmation preparation time we need a pre-preparation meeting. If you will be 11 years or older by December 31, 2017 and are interested in the Sacrament of Confirmation you are invited to our pre meeting on May 28 following our worship time. This meeting will allow me to identify interest and to discuss the parameters of Confirmation, timings etc... Bring your questions and interest to the pre-meeting. See you then.

**FOOD BANK** – THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE! – Please support the Goldstream food bank however you can. There are three ways: 1. Through the offering plate; 2. The brown “Food” box in the Narthex; or, 3. There is a white “foodbank” money box on the table in the Narthex. It just so happens that this week, Thrifty Foods is having a case lot sale. They did mention that pet food is often asked for. Thank you all for whatever you can do. See Mike Armstrong for further info.



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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

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YOUTH CONNECTION

Name	
Address	Postal Code
Email	Phone

*We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.*

**THANK YOU!**