

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 28th 2017

Ascension & Jerusalem Sunday



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.

Flowers on the Altar are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Marian Tallman who would have been 100 years old Monday May 30th. Ann Andrews

The Reverend Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today.

<p>8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67</p>
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Acts 1:1-11

Psalms 47 pg 389

Ephesians 1:15-23;

Luke 24:44-53

Administrator

Sheila Bull

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Lenn Enns

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Joy Flath

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

*Liturgical Assistant is **Mike Armstrong***

*Crucifer & Acolyte is **Sera Lowry***

*Sidespeople are **Liz Garland & t.b.a.***

*Choir Prelude: **The Holy City** Music by Michael Maybrick Words by Frederick E. Weatherly*

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.

Sentences of the day:

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age. (Matthew 28.19, 20)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you! (Psalm 122.6)

Opening Hymn: CP 375 At the Name of Jesus

The Greeting:

Come and worship, people of God!

Let's celebrate with songs of praise!

Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.

The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!

Come, let's sing praise to God together,

for our God is sovereign over all the earth! Amen.

Hymn of Praise CP 312 Sing a New Song

Centering Stillness

Presider: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. (silence)

Collect of the Day

Holy God,

send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom, so that, in the blessed freedom of hope, we may witness to the grace of forgiveness and sing with joy to the One who makes us one. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Childrens Ministry Time:

Childrens Hymn: Halle, Hallelujah x2

Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah,

Halle, halle, hallelujah,



Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Reading: *Acts 1:1-11*

Psalm: 47

Reading: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

Grant Crowell
p. 764

Colleen Lissamer

Gospel Hymn: He Came Singing Love

Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel & Verses 3 & 4 following the Gospel

He came singing love
and he lived singing love;
he died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
he died singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the Faith to go on.
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

Gospel: *Luke 24:44-53*

Mary Wills

He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died singing peace.
He arose in silence.

For the peace to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

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The Sermon

The Reverend Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Affirming our Christian Narrative (Creedal Statement)

Presider: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

People: Though he was divine he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even death on the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sheila Dearsley

The Peace

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 404 The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ

has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer #1

Island Liturgy

Presider: God is here.

People: The Spirit is with us.

Presider: Lift up your hearts and minds.

People: We lift them to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

by Rupert Lang

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you have formed the universe. Your Spirit brooded over all in expectation, midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas and the lands and all life came to be. The winds and breezes, waters, fresh and salt, calm or gale swept, beaches and tides, mountains, rain and snow, are the setting of life and teach respect for the forces of nature.

In this land the people learned to depend upon the plants, the cedars, the sea creatures, the deer, the wolves, the bears of the forest, the sea birds, ravens and eagles for daily needs and signs of what is to come. In ceremony and song, in dance and art, these relationships are portrayed and honored.

All created things shared life with one another, sensing connection with one other. When connections were dishonored and broken, creation suffered. Creation continues and brings light from night, freedom from slavery and life from death. The living Word was sent to freely share sorrow and joy, pain and healing, life and death in Jesus our brother and friend.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He taught them to remember how they are loved and to know his presence with them and in them always. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you". Later he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for the world for forgiveness and healing.

Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me”.

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

Come, Creator. Come, transforming Word. Come, Breath of Life.

We recall the offering of Jesus, guardian of your people: a birth in poverty, growing as a child, work with his hands, the gathering of disciples and teaching and healing the people, his power over sin and triumph over death and his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, and we offer to God this bread and cup.

Send the Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May the Breath brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

Bless and unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus that we may celebrate with all creation. Sing, mountains and valleys, fields and seas, creatures of the rivers, oceans and forests!

May all who share this poor pilgrim’s portion from bread and cup be incorporated as one body and one holy people, God’s priesthood joined in the offering of Jesus’ birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church, the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and all yet to be born. By our mother Mary, Michael and all the holy angels, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul; apostles, prophets, ministers and martyrs, may we be encouraged in faith and in walking the earth gently.

In good time, we will walk straight on, not looking back, not turning our head, to enter the presence of God and all the saints.

Glory and honor to God Triune, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, in one holy church, now and in all ages. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

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Fraction

Presider: The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread. The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

People: Breaking into our lives and community We ask God for new life in Christ.

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: **Colleen Lissamer, Grant Crowell, & Lorne Dearsley**

Parish Choir sings at Communion: **Go** by Leon Patillo

Prayer after Communion:

God of love, **you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 278 Jerusalem the Golden

Commissioning:

In the presence of Christ, we have gathered.

In the grace of Christ, we depart.

May God clothe you with power on high.

May God put this power to work in each of us. Amen. Alleluia!

Congratulations and our very best wishes to Bob and Peggy Flint, celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary, May 23, 2017.

Please join them for cake and coffee after the service.

TODAY WE PRAY

*For the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome
Nike - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Evans Jonathan Ibeagha.
For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, and
Sandra our Rector.
For the Anglican Parishes of the Diocese of Caledonia.
S. Peter, Quamichan - Mary-Jane Leewis-Kirk.
In the Selkirk Region for our Ecumenical and Inter-faith partners.*

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

Tuesday, May 30 - Whatsewaver 10:00;
Wednesday, May 31 - Mid-week Eucharist; Choir 7:30 pm.
Friday, June 2 - Office closed, Rev. Sandra's day off.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

June 4: Pentecost Sunday & Intergenerational Service; wear Red, Yellow or Orange to celebrate the Holy Spirit! **AND THEN WE PICNIC!!** With hotdogs, chips, ice cream. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair! Come and play...

June 9: Set up and getting ready for THE STRAWBERRY TEA!

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 2:1-21; Ps 104:25-35,37; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; John: 20:19-23

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. They are asking for anything canned. Soup, beans, juice, vegetables, well you get the picture. Thank you all for whatever you can do. See Mike Armstrong for further info.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU - to everyone who contributed in any way to “*A Festive Evening*” on May 13th. It was a wonderful evening of fun and friendship as well as a very successful fundraiser. From the net proceeds of \$4800, Church of the Advent has turned over \$2000 to the Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group. This gift has taken WRSG “over the top” in meeting its financial goal to support a refugee family, expected to arrive this fall. So thanks to all who gave items for the silent and live auctions, to those who prepared food for the evening, to those who served in a variety of roles at the event and to everyone who came to enjoy the festivities and bid generously on an amazing array of items. Thanks especially to the organizing committee of Lydia French, Joan Hoffman, Mary Wills, Bev Somers, and Linda Van Sickle and to Kathy Middleton for her office support.

SIGN UP, SIGN UP, EVERYBODY SIGN UP

Yes, it’s that time of year again! Get out your calendars, the sign-up board for readings, prayers, and administering (distributing) the chalice are in the Narthex ready for you to volunteer for the summer. Please remember that if you don’t usually take part during the rest of the year, this a great time for you to try your voice. Not too sure what you want to try, talk to Rev. Sandra or Kathy.

LETTERS FROM CHILDREN TO GOD

Dear God: In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on vacation? *Jane*

Dear God: Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house? *Anita*

Dear God: Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? *Norma*

Dear God: I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay? *Neil*

Dear God: Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. *Joyce*

Dear God: If You give me a genie lamp like Aladdin, I will give you anything you want, except my money or my chess set. *Raphael*

Dear God: Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. *Larry*

Dear God: You don't have to worry about me. I always look both ways. *Dean*

Dear God: I think about You sometimes even when I'm not praying. *Elliott*

Dear God: I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. *Nan*

Dear God: If You watch me in church Sunday, I'll show You my new shoes. *Mickey D.*

Dear God: We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said You did it. So I bet he stole your idea. *Sincerely, Donna*

Dear God: I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool! *Eugene*



34th Annual Strawberry Tea & Craft Fair

Saturday June 10th—10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HELP IS NEEDED:

With serving, set-up, clean-up

SIGN-UP –the sheets are in the Narthex

Baking & Jams –all donations gratefully received for the BAKE TABLE.

Posters –help yourself to 1 or 2 for posting!

Buy a gift for Dad (Father’s Day –June 18th)

Bring your friends and family to sample our yummy Strawberry Shortcake (\$6.50 each) and browse through the many craft tables. This event is always lots of fun! More info needed? Contact the church office, Mary Wills (250-474-4909) or Donna Brandle (250-478-0264).

WE WANT TO KNOW YOU but we need to be able to contact you, so

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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!