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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*

**July 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**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.*

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

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

*Genesis 25:19-34*

*Psalms 119:105-112 p. 492*

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

*Administrator*

***Suzanne Bullen***

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***Joy Flath***

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

*Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley  
Sidespeople are Lydia French & Joan Hoffman*

**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:** The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. Deuteronomy 30.14

**Opening Hymn:** CP 9 Today I Awake

**The Greeting:**

Come and worship, everyone on earth, everywhere the sun shines,  
**let's praise God together!**

For listening when we call, answering our prayers, forgiving our mistakes,  
and providing what we need:

**let's praise God together!**

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**let's praise God together!**

CP 647 Spirit of the Living God (2x) Italic or Text 2 vs.

**Collect of the Day:**

God of the earth,  
all creation awaits your gift of new life. Prepare our hearts to receive  
your Word so that it may grow within us and yield a hundredfold  
harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Sower. Amen

### **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**Childrens Ministry Time:**

**Reading:** *Genesis 25:19-34*

Bill Van Sickle  
p. 762

**Psalm:** *119: 105-112*

**Gospel Hymn:** CP 502 You Are Salt for the Earth

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

**Gospel:** Matthew *13:1-9, 18-23*

Linda Van Sickle

**The Sermon**

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

**Apostles Creed**

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**Prayers of the People**

Neil Mikkonen

**Confession & Absolution**

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## The Peace

### THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

#### Offertory Hymn: We Come to Your Feast

by Michael Joncas

We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white: the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives; the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries, the promise of our future: our needing and our nurture lie here before our eyes.

#### **Refrain:**

**We come to your feast, we come to your feast: the young and the old, the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least. We come to your feast, we come to your feast with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.**

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread: the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed, to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us, to love in word and deed. **Refrain:**

We place upon your table a simple cup of wine: the fruit of human labour, the gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord, his dying and his living, his leading and his giving, his love in cup outpoured. **Refrain:**

We gather round your table, we pause within our quest,  
we stand beside our neighbors, we name the stranger "guest."  
The feast is spread before us; you bid us come and dine:  
in blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover your substance and  
your sign. **Refrain:** © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net  
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**Prayer over the Gifts: Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer #4**

**p. 201**

#### **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord CP 719**

Land of Rest

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Gordon Light

#### **Fraction #3**

**p. 212**

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: Ann Andrews & Lorne Dearsley**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Living God,

**in this sacrament, we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Announcements:**

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**Blessing:**

**Commissioning Hymn CP 600 You Call Us Out to Praise You**

**Commissioning:**

God has placed the seed of love and compassion in your heart. Go into God's world with joy, telling of the good news of God's abundant, lavish love for all creation.

**We go to be a witness to all the miraculous possibilities for hope and peace. AMEN. Alleluia!**

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

**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Okinawa - (Japan) The Rt Revd David Eisho  
For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, and  
Sandra our Rector.*

*Diocese of Kootenay - Archbishop John Privett.  
S. Matthias, Oak Bay - Meagan Crosby-Shearer.  
St. David-by-the Sea (Cordova Bay)*

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

*Barb & Doug, Val, Maureen, Brad and Tytti, Brenda, Elmer, Peter, Ellen,  
Dave, Mollie, Jack, Mary Ellen & Neil.*

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Genesis 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.