

# 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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24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# The Parable of the Talents

A stack of five gold coins, likely Canadian one-dollar coins, is positioned in the center of the page. The coins are stacked vertically, with the top coin showing its obverse side. The stack is slightly offset to the right, partially overlapping the word 'Talents'.

**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 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.  
The Seeley family*

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

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

*Judges 4:1-7*

*Psalms 123 p. 498*

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

*Matthew 25:14-30*

*Administrator*

***Suzanne Bullen***

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***Lenn Enns***

***Paul Schumacher***

***David Gregory***

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

*Liturgical Assistant is **Sheila Dearsley***

*Crucifer is **Maggie Weatherell***

*Sidespeople are **Pat Graham & Betty Leech***

## **THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD**

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Coast 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.

**The Sentence of the Day:** : I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

**Opening Hymn:** CP 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

**Greeting:**

Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

**Delight in God's goodness!**

Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

**Lord, we thank you for these gifts!**

Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

**Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us.**

**The Grace:**

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**Hymn of Praise:** Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before Him now with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight - our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace -  
no work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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**Collect:** O God,

**from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed:**

**give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

**Children's Ministry Time: Give Me Oil in My Lamp (2x)** led by Rev'd John

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.

Keep me burning till the break of day.

**Refrain...**

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

sing hosanna to the King!

**Repeat!**

**First Reading:** *Judges 4:1-7*

**Lydia French**

**Psalm:** *Psalm 123*

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**Second Reading:** *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

**Carolyn Hamar**

**Gospel Hymn: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory**

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

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.

God's truth is marching on.

**Refrain:**

**Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!**

**Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.**

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat

and is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat;

O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet!

Our God is marching on. **Refrain**

**Gospel:** *Matthew 25:14-30*

**Mollie Medcalf**

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy, let us live to make all free,  
while God is marching on.   **Refrain**

Words: Julia Ward Howe

**The Sermon:**

**Rev Sandra Hounsell Drover**

**Apostles Creed:**

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**Prayers of the People:**

**Graham Terlson**

**Confession and Absolution:**

**The Peace:**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 610 Before I Take the Body of My Lord**

**Prayer over the gifts: Holy God,  
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through  
our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.   **Amen.****

**Eucharistic Prayer # 1:**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy:**

Mass from Age to Age by Chris de Silva

**Lord's Prayer:**

Mass from Age to Age by Chris de Silva

**Breaking of the Bread #2:**

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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: Linda and Bill Van Sickle and Rose Chandler**

**During Communion The Parish Choir sings: May the Peace of God**

by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

**Prayer after Communion:** Gracious God,

in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ.

May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

**Doxology:**

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**Blessing:**

**Shared Ministry:**

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**Commissioning Hymn:** CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

**Commissioning:** *(Congregation, please turn toward the LA at the Narthex doors)*

One: Go forth into God's world as children of the light, offering ministries of hope and healing to a hurting world. Go forth filled with God's abundant love.

**We go forth in peace. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Please join us today for coffee, tea, or juice after the service.*

**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Uyo - (Niger Delta, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Prince Asukwo Antai.  
For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop,  
Sandra our Rector.*

*For the Diocese of Caledonia.*

*S. David-by-the-Sea, Cordova Bay & S. Peter, Lakehill - Matthew Brown.  
In the Selkirk region for St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin.*

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

*Val, Maureen, Brad and Tytti, Brenda, Elmer, Alan, Dave, Jack, Jane,  
Peter & Beverly, Allen & Loraine, Marie, Steven, Lily and Carrie.*

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

*We pray for the Johnson family, the Johnson family, the Kemmis family, the Knoll family, the Langdon family, and the Langrish family. May God bring peace and joy to them and their extended families.*

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE BEING CONFIRMED**

*William Hounsell-Drover, Peter Hounsell-Drover, Sera Lowry, Maggie Weatherell.*

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100: Eph 1:15-23; Mt 25:31-46

***SHARED MINISTRY***

**THIS WEEK**

Tues. Nov. 21, What-sew-ever 10:00

Wed. Nov. 22, Choir 7:30

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TONIGHT - JAZZ VESPERS 7:00 PM**

Wednesday November 29 - Community Lunch noon – 1:00 pm

Monday November 27 – Blood Services 12:00 – 7:00 pm.

Saturday Dec. 2 - Messy Church at Gordon United – 10:30-12:30

Thursday, Dec. 21 Caroling to our home bound parishioners. 6:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

From the Bishop's Office: God willing, I will ordain Paul Schumacher to the Diaconate on Tuesday, December 12, at 4:00 PM at St. Peter & St. Paul, 1379 Esquimalt Road, Victoria. As many of you know, Paul is the Postulant for ordination who has joined our parish and will minister amongst us.

### **MINISTRY MOMENT:**

A ministry position that is an "appointed position" is that of our Financial Gifts Coordinator. Currently being filled by Barb Gossman. The financial gifts coordinator is the person who issues tax receipts, keeps track of giving envelope numbers, issues boxes of giving envelopes, does the paperwork for Pre-authorized giving and ensures any changes to contributions and givings is tracked and accounted. The financial gifts coordinator is the **only** person in the parish who has knowledge of who contributes financially and what they contribute. The position is one that requires confidentiality, integrity and trust. We are very fortunate to have Barb fill this important ministry. Please continue to support her in prayer and encouraging words.

**A REQUEST FROM YOUR ALTAR GUILD –** Good day everyone. We have received new altar linens – THANK YOU. It is that time of year where our lips get chapped and dry and a lot of us use chapstick (of some sort) or lipstick. PLEASE remember, before you go up for communion, to blot your lips. There are lots of tissues around. The wax from the balm and lipstick are extremely difficult to remove when we do the laundry. Thank you so very much.