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

**August 2, 2020**

**Pentecost 9**

### **Sunday Virtual Worship Service**



#### ***WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT***

*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.*

*Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover presides & preaches.*

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen speaking 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:** We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

### **Opening Hymn “Here I Am, Lord”**

Sung by John, William, & Peter Hounsell-Drover, & Kathy Middleton

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Who shall I send?

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Greeting:** We gather here in anticipation, seeking an encounter with our Holy God, who comes among us when we least expect it, who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts, who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.

**Come, let us worship God together!**

**Act of Praise: "Essence of Love"** by Joyce Rupp from *Prayer Seeds*

Evidence everywhere in my history,  
I have been inspired, drawn, carried,  
assured, enticed, comforted, nudged.  
Now in this stage of our relationship  
you move in the depths of my being,  
blend in with the thoughts of my mind,  
intermingle in my heart's every beat.  
Always you invite me to be true,  
to approach life with quiet integrity.

Essence of Love, Spirit, Encourager,  
I can name you in limitless ways;  
it makes no difference the title.  
What counts is my trust in your closeness,  
my response to your intrinsic request  
to be peace-bringer and holder-of-dreams.

Holy Wisdom, Breath of the Soul,  
you are my Pentecost, the winged one  
who rests in the hollow of my being,  
moving gracefully, faithfully, in the depths.

My Beloved Companion, Steadfast Guide,  
Eternal Beckoner, Restorer of Life,  
I am indebted forever to your presence.  
I place my trust in you once again  
as the breath of your love goes forth.

**Collect of the Day:**

God of compassion: **your heart goes out to the hungry and destitute; you take what we have and transform it into much; give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price, so that our lives may show forth your overflowing love; through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread. Amen.**

## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### Chat at the Chancel:

#### **Song: "River Running in You and Me"**

(Ian MacDonald & Gordon Light; © 2003 Common Cup Company)

River running in you and me,  
Spirit of life, deep mystery.  
Dancing down to the holy seas,  
river run deep, river run free.

River laughed on my birthing day,  
wind and water joined in play.  
Soaked my soul in a shining spray  
river run deep, river run free.

River singing in you and me,  
Spirit of life, deep mystery.  
Catch us up in your melody,  
river run deep, river run free.

#### **Psalm: 17:1-7, 16**

**John Hounsell-Drover**

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offence with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words. 7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

But at my vindication I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness

#### **Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5**

**Peter Hounsell-Drover**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

For the Word of God is scripture,  
For the Word of God is among us,  
For the Word of God is within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of the Day: CP 553 “Ubi Caritas et Amor”**

(Taize; G.I.A. Publications)

Sung by John, William, & Peter Hounsell-Drover, & Kathy Middleton

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.

**Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21**

**William Hounsell-Drover**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. O And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon:**

**Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover**

**Apostles Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Gracious and generous God, creator of all,  
Birth giver of summer, of sun and warmth  
Of the green earth and blue seas,  
We give thanks for the many blessings  
Flowing from you to us, like  
A basket of summer fruit.

*(Pause to silently pray for the blessings in life.)*

Gracious and generous God, creator of all,  
Pouring your love into Christ Jesus,  
Your steadfast promise of love, of  
Hope, to us, our faith.  
May we hear your words calling,  
us to be your Body.

*(Pause to silently pray for our faith journey.)*

Gracious and generous God, merciful lover  
Of souls, tend to those who grieve.

*(Pause to silently pray for those who grieve.)*

We pray for the suffering of this world  
Of body, mind, and spirit, may your  
Healing love embrace the pain  
Holding it with tender care.

*(Pause to silently pray for those who need to be held with tender care.)*

Gracious and generous God, merciful lover  
Of souls, take our worries and the  
Brokenness of the world and heal it  
As only you are able. Speak into  
Our lives and show us the way  
To be your love, healing.

*(Pause to silently pray for the brokenness of our world: lack of health care, joblessness, systemic racism.)*

As Martha offers hospitality to the stranger  
As Mary listens carefully to your word  
May we learn from our sisters to  
Be your hands and heart in the world.  
Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:** Sung by Kathy Middleton

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**Blessing:**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Commissioning Hymn: CP 73 "One Bread, One Body"**

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Sung by Kathy Middleton, Bev Sommers, & Cat Mason

**Commissioning:**

One: May the mystery of God enfold us,

**All: may the wisdom of God uphold us,**

One: may the fragrance of God be around us,

**All: may the brightness of God surround us,**

One: may the wonder of God renew us,

**All: may the loving of God flow through us,**

One: may the peace of God deeply move us,

**All:    may the moving of God bring us peace**

**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for the new Province of Alexandria.*

*Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.*

*For S. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Is., & S. Margaret, Galiano Is. For the Diocese of Yukon.*

*In the Selkirk Region for Church of the Advent.*

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

*Today, we remember Ethan, Dianne, Rick & Barb, Sheila, Kian, Alice, Carol Ann, Joan, Maureen,  
Melissa.*

*Please pray for the late Rev. Don Hatfield and his family.*

*May his soul Rest in Eternal Peace and Rise in Glory.*

*We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*