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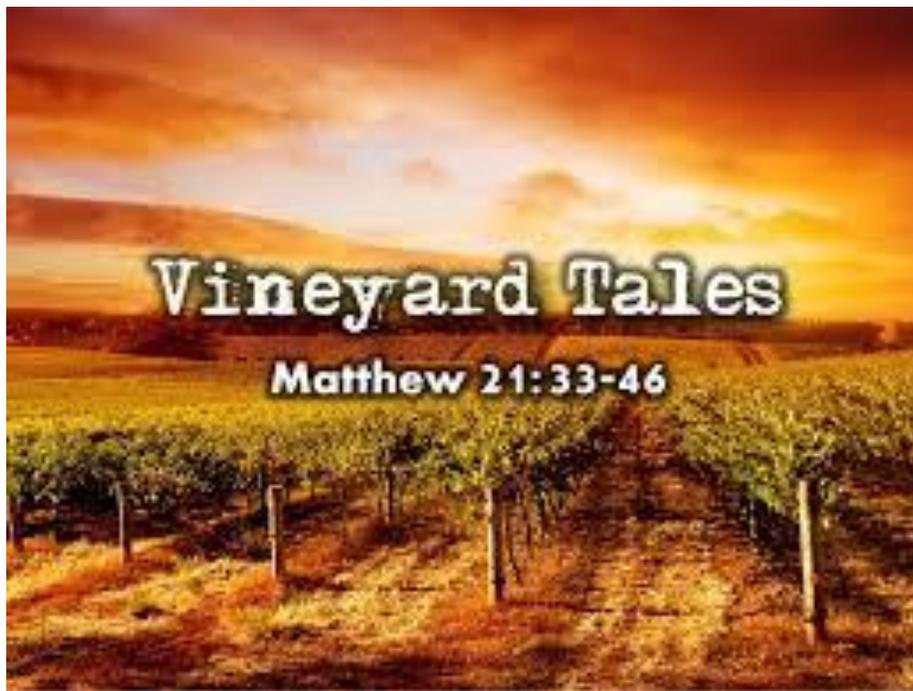
*The Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher, Interim Priest*

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

October 4, 2020

Pentecost 18

### 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. Dr. Paul Schumacher presides & preaches.*

*Organ prelude - Nell Howard*

## 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.

**Welcome:** Good morning and welcome to this service of worship on the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. My name is Paul Schumacher and I am the interim priest-in-charge during this time of transition, here at the Church of The Advent.

Now, we invite you to come, come with your doubts, your strengths, your weaknesses and your fears. Come and join our readers, prayer leaders, music director and choir members, along with our technical team, as we offer prayer and praise to our Creator. For God loves us all and all are welcome in this space.

**Scripture Sentence of the Day:** Scripture shares with us, “I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last”.

### **Opening Hymn: This Is God’s Wondrous World**

(Words by Maltbie Davenport Babcock 1901. Adapted by Stanley Oliver, 1929.)

This is God’s wondrous world, and to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is God’s wondrous world, I rest me in the thought of rocks  
And trees, of skies and seas, God’s hand the wonders wrought.

This is God’s wondrous; the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.  
This is God’s wondrous world: God shines in all that’s fair;  
In the rustling grass or the mountain pass, God’s voice is every-where.

This is God’s wondrous world: O let me ne’er forget that though the Wrong seems  
oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is God’s wondrous world: why should my heart be sad? Let voices  
Sing let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad.

### **Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Act of Praise:** A Prayer (*From the Lutheran prayer book*)

Please join me in the spirit of this prayer:

Most gracious God, according to your wisdom the deep waters are opened up, and the clouds drop gentle moisture. We praise you for the cycles of the seasons, for the fertility of the soil, for the planting of seed, for the harvesting of the crops, and for all other blessings that you in your generosity pour out on all people. Give us a fuller understanding of your mercy, that our lives may show respect and care for your creation, through Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, **You have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**Chat @ the Chancel:**

**Song: G 776 “This Little Light of Mine”**

(Henry Dixon Loes, Harmony Horace C. Boyer © 1992)

This little light of mine I'm gonna make it shine,  
This little light of mine I'm gonna make it shine;  
This little light of mine I'm gonna make it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Psalm: 19** (BAS Pg. 725)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \* and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, \* and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, \* and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \* and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \* it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \* nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \* the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:4b-14

...even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ,\* the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ\* and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;\* but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved,\* I do not consider that I have made it my own;\* but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly\* call of God in Christ Jesus.

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: She Comes Sailing on The Wind**

(Text & Melody by Gordon Light © 1987, Common Cup Company)

### ***Refrain:***

***She comes sailing on the wind  
Her wings flashing in the sun  
On a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight  
Her song rings out through the night  
Full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.***

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth  
Like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God  
The Spirit moved upon the earth,  
Like a mother breathing life into her child. ***(Refrain)***

To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,  
A whisper softly calling in the dark,  
The promise of a child of peace  
Whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart. ***(Refrain)***

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
After dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
The Spirit touched the earth again,  
Again her wings unfurled,  
Bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. ***(Refrain)***

### **Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

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.**

33 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." 38 But when the

tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' 41 They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

42 Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;\*

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.\* 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'\*

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon:**

**Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

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**

I will end each petition with "we bring our thanks good Lord":

Please respond with – Your mercy endures forever.

We bring our thanks good Lord: **Your mercy endures forever.**

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.  
For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it,

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us,

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability;  
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For new hope and strength in our communities, especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you,

we bring our thanks, good Lord; **your mercy endures for ever.**

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,  
and all the fruit of the Spirit, we pray for Dianne, Sheila, Alice, and Maureen.

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

Loving Father, we pray for all who mourn. We pray for the family and friends of Adrian Harding, especially his mother Azeita. We ask that they find comfort in You. We ask for your strength for them in their time of need. Let them know they are loved and wrap them in the love of You. Holy Father we ask that all people who mourn feel your warmth, your gentle hands upon them.

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it,

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

**Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to share in his forgiveness. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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**The Lord's Prayer:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing:**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding,  
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, our Creator,  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, And the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.  
And may the blessing of the God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and  
forever more. Amen.

**Shared Ministry:**

**Commissioning Hymn: We Are Many Parts**

(Marty Haugen ©2005, GIA Publications Inc.)

***Refrain:***

***We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have  
We are given to share. May the Spirit of love make us one in deed,  
One, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair, one the cross that we  
bear.***

God of all, we look to you,  
we would be your servants true,  
Let us be your love to all the world. ***(Refrain)***

So my pain is pain for you,  
In your joy is my joy too;  
All is brought together in the Lord. ***(Refrain)***

All you seekers, great and small,  
Seek the greatest gift of all;  
If you love, then you will know the Lord. ***(Refrain)***

**Commissioning:** Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.*

*Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, & Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge.*

*For S. John the Baptist, Duncan & Diocese of New Westminster.*

*In the Selkirk Region for Ecumenical & Inter-faith partners.*

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

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

*We pray for the family and friends of Adrian Harding, especially his mother Azeita.*

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