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

October 11, 2020

Pentecost 19

### 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 nineteenth 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.

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, “May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us.”

### **Opening Hymn: CP 578 O Healing River**

(Text and music: Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff © Appleseed Music, Inc.)

O healing river, send down your waters,  
Send down your waters upon this land.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
And wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning,  
No seed is growing in barren ground.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
O healing river, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,  
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
O healing river, from out of the skies.

**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 green BAS book*)

Please join me in the spirit of this prayer:

Creator of the universe, we thank you for all your blessings, for life and health, for laughter and fun, for our powers of mind and body, for our homes and the love of those near and dear to us, and for everything that is beautiful, good and true. But above all, we thank you for giving your Son to be our Saviour and Friend. May we always find our true happiness in pleasing you and helping others to know and love you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, in our baptism, you made us your own. Grant that your Holy Spirit will move within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, might worship you with sincerity and truth; 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 597 "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:** 99 (BAS Pg. 837)

1 The Lord is king; let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; \* he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; \* he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \* he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, \* they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \* they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \* you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \* for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**Second Reading:** Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how

you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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: MV 108 “I Know Your Word”**

(Simeí Monteiro Text: © 2000, General Board of Global Ministries)

I Know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God  
I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God  
I know your Word is a lamp, O God  
To light my path forever,  
I know your word is a lamp, O God  
To light my path forever.

I Know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God  
I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God  
I know your Word is a lamp, O God  
To light my path forever,  
I know your word is a lamp, O God  
To light my path forever.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

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**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The Emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Prayers of the People Thanksgiving 2020

I will end each petition with God of love and mercy, please respond with **Hear our prayers.**

Lord, we give thanks for the love of our families, for our friends, and for all the prayers you have answered.

God of love and mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Let us pray for the world and the people of God. God of all graciousness, we give you thanks and praise for the bountiful world you have given us. We ask you shower your renewing love on our world, the soil, the plants, the animals, the seas and all within them, that they may flourish as you intended them. Make us grateful partners with them that all may live in harmony and balance within your creation.

God of love and mercy, **hear our prayers.**

God of all goodness, we give you thanks and praise for the diverse world you have given us. We ask that you lavish your wisdom and loving kindness on all nations and peoples of the world, all leaders in political power, all leaders of your church, all those governed so that all people are cared for, and all conflicts may be dealt with peacefully. Make us open hearted and generous participants in the life of the people of this world.

God of love and mercy, **hear our prayers.**

God of all faithfulness, we give you thanks and praise for the aid and strength you provide us.

We ask that you bestow your comfort and healing on all in need:

We pray for Dianne, Sheila, Alice, Maureen, and any others you wish to pray for either out loud or silently in you heart and mind.

God of love and mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Loving Father, we pray for all who mourn, especially 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 Your love.

God of love and mercy, **hear our prayers.**

May the love of God watch over you.

May the peace of Christ fill your heart.

May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill you and speak to you in your dreams.

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: G 812 "A Place at the Table"** (Text: Shirley Erena Murray © 1998 Hope  
Publishing Company Tune: Lori True, b. 1961 © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc)

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead.

***Refrain:***

***And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,  
Yes, God will delight, when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!***

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
Revisiting the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
For woman and man, a system that's fair. ***(Refrain)***

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
For young and for old, the right to belong. **(Refrain)**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free. **(Refrain)**

**Commissioning:** Creator God, guide this nation of Canada by the presence of your live-giving Spirit that we may go forward from this place in justice and freedom. Give to all people the blessings of well-being and harmony. But above all, give us faith in you, that our nation might bring the blessings we so enjoy, to all peoples of this planet, to the glory of your sacred name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda  
Pray for Ansley our Diocesan Administrator, & Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge.  
For S. Mark, Qualicum Beach & Diocese of Yukon.  
In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity Sooke.*

#### **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.*