

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter, Quamichan

SEASON OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Officiant: People of God in this place and in all places, once again, we give thanks that you are worshipping with this community and we welcome you to the Anglican church of St. Peter, Quamichan as part of our virtual church family. Once again, today, with many churches across this country and around the world we will share our service of the Liturgy of the Word.

Opening Acknowledgement:

Officiant: In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral territories of the Coast Salish people and the Cowichan Tribes.

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.

In this time and place we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages

In this time and place we are not alone, but on in Christ

In this time and place Hallowed, expectant, one people in God

All: In this time and place heaven and earth are one. In the name of the Holy and Blessed one, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen

The First Sunday in Advent – Hope

Invitation:

Officiant: We come to this new season of Advent and gather around a wreath to light candles. The wreath reminds us of the circle of our human community and the lights illumine the many ways in which we bring ourselves to the Incarnation, God's longed-for presence among us – human and holy, Emmanuel – God with us and God coming to us.

Scripture: John 1: 1-4

Officiant: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. the Word was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Lighting the Candle

the first candle is lit

Officiant: We light this candle for the Christmas story that shines hope on our lives.

Officiant: Together let us pray:

All: Emmanuel, we find your story in the pages of scripture and the whispers of all our storytelling. Help us in this Advent season to become your storytellers of hope for our time. Amen.

We now raise our hearts and voices in song as Barry leads us in Hymn #114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Greeting:

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Collect of Purity

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day:

Officiant: Let us pray: Almighty God,

All: Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: I invite you to settle your hearts and minds and be attentive as we hear the words of Scripture for today.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Let us say together the appointed verses of Psalm 80 alternately by the Half Verse

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * **shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * **stir up your strength and come to help us.**

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; * **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

4 O Lord God of hosts, * **how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; * **you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, * **and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; * **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * **the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

17 And so will we never turn away from you; * **give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; * **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Homily

Music for reflection - Have Thine Own Way Lord (You are the Potter, I am the Clay)

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: As I offer this bidding, God hear our prayer, I invite you to respond,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

Confession and Absolution

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Silence is kept

Leader: Most Merciful God,

All: 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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

*We now raise our hearts and voices in song as Barry leads us in **Hymn #88** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

The Lords Prayer:

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant: Give thanks for all God's goodness

All: God's love shall last forever.

Officiant: Generous and faithful God,

All: May the nourishment we have received during our time together, enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares are light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

Blessing

Officiant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Leader: Alleluia - Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.