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December 6, 2020 The Second Sunday of Advent Service by Zoom

The Diocese of British Columbia acknowledges that for thousands of years the Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth, and Kwakwaka'wakw peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now live, work, worship, and play. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Celebrating full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

A Service of the Word

This liturgy is based on the

Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Alternative Services**

The Gathering of the Community

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

People: And also with you.

Almighty God,

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.

My soul waits for the Lord; *

in his word is my hope.

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Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

In his word is my hope.

There is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

In his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.

In his word is my hope.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy.

In his word is my hope.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

My soul waits for the Lord; * in his word is my hope.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Please join in by lighting your own family Advent wreath.

Lighting the second candle: We light this candle to remind us of how the way was prepared for Jesus' coming. We hope that as Advent light increases, our own readiness may also increase.

Prayer: Christ Jesus, no one is a stranger to you. You prayed, but you also understood those who never prayed. You never hurt anyone, but you weren't ashamed to be crucified with common thieves. You make God known to us, and you make us known to God. You can make the darkness and the despair of our lives shine like day. You are the light of the world, the dawning of a new day. Live within us, we pray. Amen.

The priest prays the Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11. Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: <u>103 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</u> Georgia Smith

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within; prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward: without thy grace, we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

The 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.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

On zoom, a way to offer peace is to look at each person who appears on your screen, and whether they are looking at you or not, pray for God's peace for them. A wave, a smile, a nod of the head are all fitting expressions of your intention.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

In thanksgiving for the gifts that we offer to the glory of God and for our ongoing ministry as a parish, let us pray:

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

People Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as it is 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

Go from this place seeking Christ in all people,

We go to love and serve our neighbours as ourselves.

Participants in the Service

Lay Assistant: Jane Jennings

Reader: Sue Carew

Gospel: The Rev. David Fitzsimmons

Advent Wreath: Quentin Dodd

Musician: Georgia Smith

Call for Pictures!

Please take a photograph of your own Nativity in your own home and sent it to Cathie for inclusion in the Christmas and

Worship Opportunities

At St. Peter's

Sunday 10:00 AM on ZOOM

Noisy offering

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Psalm 100

Or bills of any denomination,

Grassroots Kind Hearts

<u>Update</u>

So far 40 boxes of socks and handwarmers have been distributed.

They need gloves and rain ponchos. The church is open for donations on Wednesday mornings.

Forthcoming Events

<u>Coffee Monday</u> Yes, on zoom! 10 AM to 11 AM watch your email for a zoom link. Come for a little, come for the whole time

Parish Council Sunday, Dec. 13 at noon on zoom. Brief meeting.

Cathie will be in the church office from 9:00 until 1:00 each Wednesday to respond to messages and concerns. Please call the parish office or Cathie's cell 250-668-3701.

The church will be open that morning for you to drop off food bank donations, Noisy Offering donations, or your offering envelope. Please remember COVID safety and sign the register, wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and maintain distance from others.

PWRDF Christmas cards are available from Barb Henshall, 250.923.6395 There are pictures in *Spirit Magazine*. "O come let us adore him" - Nativity. The inside message in several languages is "Christmas Peace."

Every Week

All group activities are moved to zoom or suspended until Dec. 7

Let the Prayer Circle know if you have a confidential prayer concern. Email stpeterCRprayerchain@gmail.com

Serving the Community

Sunday evening, (essential services)

AA, in the hall Alanon in the library

Consecration of our new Bishop

January 30, 11:00 AM

We can all watch on the computer.

<u>Link</u> on the diocesan website

Liturgical Calendar

Dec 6 by zoom

Second Sunday of Advent

<u>Dec, 13</u>

Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

<u>Dec 24</u>

Christmas Eve services

December 24 at 3:00 PM;

5:00 PM and 7:00 PM Registration Required

Dec. 27

Christmas Service

January 3

Baptism of the Lord

Christmas Lessons and Carols

January 6

The Epiphany of Our Lord
Christmas Lessons and Carols



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Why do we do That?

Have you noticed that some churches (none of them Anglican) are protesting the fact that public worship has been banned by the health authority and they are defying the order by gathering.

Public worship also stopped in Anglican churches a century ago during the Spanish flu pandemic, you can see this in vestry books of older churches.

We follow the directions of the health authorities in this province; we do this because we are responsible citizens, but there is another reason.

COVID 19 killed has thousands of people Canada and it is our duty to do all we can to keep one another safe. This is an act of charity—that old word in the King James Bible. Charity is an act of mercy, an act of caring. It is this same Christian virtue that motivates our giving to those in need.

Advent Study Series

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30, online

November Dec. 9, 16, and 23

We will spend time with the Advent people in the Bible: Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary and Joseph, and the Angels

The study takes place on zoom. Watch your email for the link.

If you think you need help with Zoom ask your children or grandchildren to help you get set up on your computer or tablet.

All are Welcome

Truckload Advent Out Reach

Lets work together, Sunday School and parish, to fill a truck with necessities for the Food Bank, things they will need in January when the shelves are bare after the Christmas needs are met.

What do they need?

Any non-perishable canned or packaged food items and especially:

Mr. Noodles

Diapers size 5 and 6

Baby food—the kind in pouches

Baby formula up to 12 months

Sanitary napkins



Please bring your offerings to the church, there is a place marked off in the narthex to receive them.

Today we Pray

In the World-wide Anglican Communion

For Linda our Primate and Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

In our Diocese and Province

Ansley, the diocesan administrator, and Anna, our bishop-elect. S. Mary, Nanoose Bay - Selinde Krayenhoff. Territory of the People Anglican Church - Bishop Lincoln McKoen.

In Our Parish

For those in our parish who live in assisted living and in care facilities.

In our Community

We pray for doctors and clinic staff in our community.

In the World

We pray for the people of the United States during this transition time.

Christmas Services

The plans for Christmas are taking shape now. We will do the best we can to include all the familiar stories and songs of Christmas in our services. With the rising incidence of COVID 19 in the province we should be prepared for the possibility of having Christmas services on zoom.

WELCOME!

Parish Staff and Leaders

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