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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. Isaiah 9:2 (ESV)

Dear Friends in Christ:

As I sit at my dad's hospital bedside, I am deeply aware that there is a darkness and heaviness to this Advent season. The prophet Isaiah reminds us there is a great light, and we know Him as Jesus our Saviour. We are called to walk in the light, even when the shadows are deep around us.

It does bring me great joy to announce that it is possible to have in-person worship this Advent and Christmas seasons. This is a measure of light in the shadows. Though there are some restrictions.

A faith community may use up to 50% of the seated capacity of a place for a worship service if,

- (a) The officiant and all participant over the age of 11 are vaccinated;
- (b) A CoVid-19 safety plan is available upon request by enforcement officers.

All participants must always be masked, save for when leading worship or receiving Holy Communion.

Prior to re-opening for in-person worship, each congregation must submit a copy of their CoVid-19 Safety Plan to the Diocese. The plan must include how vaccination records will be checked (manual would be acceptable) and how this information will be stored. Plus how the building will be adapted to limit 50% capacity.

While the rules for Northern Health differ from the rest of the province, it is a positive step forward that we may have in-person worship for Christmas this year.

These restrictions are in place until January 31st, or until Dr. Kim issues new ones.

My plan is to return to Prince Rupert in time for Christmas and to spend Christmas Eve on the road with people in Laxgalts'ap (Greenville) and Gitlaxt'aamiks (New Aiyansh).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.

Yours in Christ,

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