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

**Easter 5 & Battle of the Atlantic Sunday**

**10:00 Service**

**May 7, 2023**



**Sunday Services** are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

**Office Hours** are Tues. to Thurs. 9:00-Noon; **Closed Friday.**

**Celtic Eucharistic Service** Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

**Online Bible Study** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

## **WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT**

*If you are a newcomer, please identify yourself to the Sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.*

*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.*

*Reverend Ingrid Andersen preaches and presides.*

<p><b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</b></p>
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*Lay Eucharistic Minister is Mike Armstrong*

*Sidespeople are Marlyn Butler and Sharon Crews*

*Director of Music is Nell Howard*

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, 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 today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

### **Opening Hymn: CP 418 Draw the Circle Wide**

**Sentence of the Day:** I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

**Collect of the Day** Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### Chat @ the Chancel:

#### **MV 121 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah**

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**Refrain:** Hey now! Singing Hallelujah! Hey now! The morning has come!  
Hey now! Singing Hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun.

Jesus loves people and he lives again! Hey now, the tomb was empty.  
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends. Hey now, the tomb was empty.

**Refrain**

## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

**First Reading:** Acts 7:55-60

Linda Van Sickle

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
**deliver me in your righteousness.**

2 Incline your ear to me; \* **make haste to deliver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \* **for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
**for you are my tower of strength.**

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
**for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

15 My times are in your hand; \* **rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

Bill Van Sickle

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn)*

**Gospel Hymn: CP 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

*(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14**

Reverend Ingrid Andersen

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*(Please be seated after the reading)*

**Sermon:** Reverend Ingrid Andersen

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**The Creed:** *(Adapted from Shore to Shore)*

We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant, so we commit ourselves to serve others.

We believe that God is love, so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit, so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.

We believe that God is the light of life, so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light to this world.

We believe that the Holy Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of God's gift of abundant life for all, in the world that God loves. Amen.

**ACT OF REMEMBRANCE FOR BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC SUNDAY**

**A Brief History**

CP 659 O Canada (first verse)

**Prayer for the Canadian Armed Forces**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Canadian armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ship Names and Tolling of the Bell - Al Wills & Mike Armstrong

**A Prayer for Peace**

Almighty God from whom true peace comes, open our minds and hearts to a true love of peace. Guide those who are in authority to listen well to your wisdom, to work only for justice and charity, which is the only true path to peace in the world. May your kingdom come so that the earth will be filled with your knowledge and your love and your peace. Amen.

## A Prayer for the Air Force

Almighty God, whose loving care encompasses even the sparrow in its flight, guide and protect, we pray, all those who fly the uncharted spaces of the sky. Bless those who, through service in the Air Force, stand guard over the sacred trust of home and country. Endow them with wisdom and understanding that they may clearly see the path of duty and courageously devote themselves in service to the nation they love. In the solitude of flight, may the beauty of your greatness be revealed to them, that they may pattern their lives in accordance with your will. Extend your strengthening presence to those who wait at home, and may they ever know your watchful care will keep safe their absent ones. Let your blessing be upon us, O God, we pray. Lead us to carry on the trust left to us by those who have given with honour their lives in service of their country. May we find peace in the knowledge of our mission accomplished and their task completed, united forever in faithful service. Amen.

## The Naval Prayer

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the seas; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us Thy servants, and the fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and from the violence of the enemy, that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and her dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of the commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve Thee our God, and that we may return safely to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Hymn of Honour: CP 567 Eternal Father Strong to Save

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Prayers of the People:

*(Please be seated for the prayers)*

Each petition will end with – **For This we pray**

Please respond with - **Lord hear our prayer**

### **Confession & Absolution:**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Holy and gracious One, **forgive our sins. The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided. Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love. Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others. Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.**

*Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95)*

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(from New Patterns for Worship Church of England)*

(Please stand as you are able for The Peace)

### **The Peace:**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you!**

### **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

### **Offertory Hymn: MV 161 I Have Called You by Your Name**

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I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow.



Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation's ebb  
and flow.

Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Gracious God, **you show us your way and give us  
your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of  
your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you gracious God.

For you created all things. You formed us in your own image: all genders  
you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease  
to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a  
covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses, you led  
your people from bondage into freedom: through the prophets you  
renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all  
your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise  
our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**MV 203 O Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space,  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in  
the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise. And blessed is the One who  
comes and bears your name always!**

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, " Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death: by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**VU 960 Lord's Prayer:**

As Christ teaches us, we sing

**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 them that 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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread:**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.

Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;

we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.

But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,

and share your bread with sinners.

So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son,

that he may live in us and we in him;

and that we, with the whole company of Christ,

may sit and eat in your kingdom. **Amen.**

### **The Communion:**

**Communion Anthem:** **Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me** (*Sung by Choir*)

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*(Please stand as you are able for the Prayer after Communion)*

**Prayer after Communion:** God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Doxology:** Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **SENDING FORTH**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**Blessing:** (*Please stand as you are able*)

**Commissioning Hymn:** CP 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**Dismissal:** Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks Be To God Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **TODAY WE PRAY**

*We pray for all leaders of all churches around the world, around our country, and in our diocese. We pray for The Church in Wales. Here in the Western, Peninsula & Gulf Islands we pray for the people of the Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island, The Rev. Sarah Tweedale and the people of the parish and neighborhood. Be with them as they spread the*

*Gospel to the folk on the Island and around it. We pray for our spiritual leaders, especially Linda our Primate, Lynne our Metropolitan, Anna our Bishop, Ingrid our Priest, and all those who minister in and through our church.*

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

*We pray for all here gathered and our specific needs, that we may come to receive abundant life at God's hand, and at the last, to rest in Christ's love. We pray for all those who have asked us to pray for them and for those who have no one to pray for them. We pray for Peggy, Lydia, Mona, Maurita, Cameron, Kayla, Nancy, Ann, Peter, Gary & Dayle, Sharon, Kate, Cheryl, Greg, Christopher, Neil, Dianne, Caleb, Jim, Brandon, Jo,  
the residents and staff of Sunset Lodge.*

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Celtic Eucharist** – A new Celtic Eucharist service is now held on Wednesdays at 10 A.M. All are Welcome!

May 24 - Community Lunch 12 pm. Last one of the season.

May 28 - Jazz Vespers 7 pm. Last one of the season.

June 3 - Taize Service 5 pm.

June 24 - Strawberry Tea

June 25 - Sunday School Picnic

July 7 - 14 Parish Camp Out

## **SHARED MINISTRY**

**Garage Sale** - Thanks to everyone who helped make the Garage Sale on Saturday such a success! So many people helped with contributing items, putting up posters, setting up during the week prior to the sale, and working on sale day. We will have preliminary financial results available at the end of the Sunday service.

**Reminder-** Items for the Newsletter and Bulletin need to be in by Wednesday at 9 am. Requests for posting on the sign need to be in a month in advance to allow for coordination of all messages. Thank you from your Wardens.

## THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC SUNDAY

On September 3rd, 1939, the German Navy received a signal to open hostilities with England at once. Seven hours later, the passenger liner SS Athenia was sunk by submarine U-30. Thus began a running battle that lasted until the final day of the Second World War in the European theatre. Canada declared war against Germany on September 10th, 1939 and the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force, and the Merchant Navy joined the battle.

The Battle of the Atlantic pitted Allied naval and air forces against the notorious German submarine “wolf-packs”, whose prey were the convoys of merchant ships carrying valuable war material and personnel across the ocean. It was a bitter struggle. Although the Battle of the Atlantic was fought at sea, it touched the life of virtually every Canadian. Not only did men and women from across the country serve in the Navy, Air Force and Merchant Navy, but the overseas trade they were defending was vital to Canada. In order to preserve this critical trade and build up the supplies necessary for victory, it was essential that the convoys reach their destinations.

The Battle of the Atlantic ended with V-E Day on May 8th, 1945. During the long bitter struggle, the Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force had participated in the escort of at least 200 million tons of shipping and had sunk 52 U-boats. The battle however, had been costly to Canada. Merchant ship losses totalled over 70 and 24 Canadian warships were lost. Fatal casualties in the Merchant Navy amounted to over 1700, in the Navy to over 2000, and in the Air Force to more than 900. Canadian ships and seamen, and the naval and air forces used for the defence of shipping, may well have made the most important of all Canadian contributions in the Second World War. The Battle of the Atlantic is thus an important element in the nation’s history and is remembered with respect in the Canadian navy, air force and merchant marine. Let us remember...

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CHARLOTTETOWN	HMCS CLAYOQUOT	404 SQUADRON
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HMCS MARGAREE	HMCS SPIKENARD	422 SQUADRON
HMCS	HMCS ATHABASKAN	423 SQUADRON
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HMCS SKEENA	GUYSBOROUGH	8 SQUADRON
HMCS OTTER	HMCS RACON	10 SQUADRON
HMCS WEYBURN	HMCS VALLEYFIELD	11 SQUADRON
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		119 SQUADRON
		145 SQUADRON
		160 SQUADRON

**Battle of the Atlantic Sunday commemorates the sacrifices of sailors, merchant seaman, Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Army personnel who gave their lives in the North Atlantic.**

**Resources:** The Battle of the Atlantic Bulletin Insert from The Anglican Church of Canada ([www.anglican.ca](http://www.anglican.ca))