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

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 Service

May 28, 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 Monday & 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.

Flowers on the Altar are to the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Grant Croswell.

Love Kathy & Mike

<p>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</p>

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Mike Armstrong
Sidespeople are Pat Graham & Tony Quinton
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: PoP 100 The Whisper of a Distant Wind

Refrain: Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

Within the formless chaos where faith has been destroyed, the whisper of a distant wind speaks peace into the void. **Refrain**

Within a field of dry bones where nothing grows but death,
the whisper of a distant wind inspires the lifeless breath. **Refrain**

Among the scared disciples where love is choked by fear,
the whisper of a distant wind claims hope is drawing near. **Refrain**

In fear or death or chaos where all seems lost or wrong,
the whisper of a distant wind reminds us of our song: **Refrain**

Sentence of the Day:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, **who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 156 Dance with the Spirit X3

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Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.

Work and hope for the new life abornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Carolyn Hamar

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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: 104: 25-35, 37

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! * **in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * **creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * **which you have made for the sport of it.**

28 All of them look to you * **to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; * **you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * **you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * **and so you renew the face of the earth.**

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; * **may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * **he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; * **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; * **I will rejoice in the Lord.**

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. * **Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Lydia French

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord'

except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 649 Breathe on me Breath of God

(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: John 20:19-23

Reverend Ingrid Andersen

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As

the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

(Please be seated after the reading)

Meditation: Anthea Browne – Dancer Wade in the Water

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Sermon: Reverend Ingrid Andersen

(Please stand as you are able for the Creed)

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – **Let us pray to the Lord**

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 23 Come O Holy Spirit

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Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire; strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.

Burn away the structures and consume the shame of our holy systems:

Come, in Jesus' name!

Refrain: Come, come, come, in Jesus' name! Take our hearts by storm.

All the world lies open: Pentecost is now!

Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm.

Refrain: Come, come, come, in Jesus' name! Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open: Pentecost is now! I said Pentecost is now.

Free us from the babble of our Babel mind: spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how all the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!

Refrain: Come, come, come, in Jesus' name! Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open: Pentecost is now! I said Pentecost is now. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

VU 951 The Holy Holy Holy (Sanctus)

Anon., Argentina

**Santo, santo, santo. Mi Corazón te Adora! Mi Corazón te sabe decir;
Santo eres Dios!**

**Holy , holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say
the words. You are holy, God!**

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 959 Lord's Prayer:

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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 for ever.

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: MV 4 All Who Are Thirsty

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

Prayer after Communion: Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 656 She Comes Sailing on the Wind

Dismissal: Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Thanks Be To God.

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches. Here in the Western, Peninsula & Gulf Islands we pray for we pray for the Parish of the Church of the Advent, for Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen and the people of the parish and neighborhood.

O Lord, we pray for all ministers of the gospel, that they may preach the word boldly and without apology. We pray for 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 Rose, Maurita, Cameron, Kayla, Nancy, Ann, Peter, Gary & Dayle, Sharon, Kate, Cheryl, Greg, Christopher, Dianne, Caleb, Jim, Brandon, Jo, and any others you may wish to name. We pray for those without homes, those without bread, those living in despair. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

We pray for all those who mourn. We ask for your strength for them in their time of need. Let them know they are loved and wrap them in the love that is You.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Celtic Eucharist – A new Celtic Eucharist service is now held on Wednesday at 10:00 am. All are welcome!

May 28 - Jazz Vespers 7 pm.

June 3 - Taize Service 5 pm.

June 4 - Sunday School Picnic

June 10 – Messy Church 10-12:30 pm.

June 24 - Strawberry Tea 10- 3 pm.

July 2 – Pride Sunday

July 7 - 14 Parish Camp Out

SHARED MINISTRY

Sunday School Picnic - Please join us for the Sunday school wind up picnic June 4th right after church. Bring along your camping chairs and sun hats to join us for games outside and lunch. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex for volunteers to bring salads and desserts.

Messy Church- What is Messy Church? It's for ALL ages and abilities. It's a fun form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality. The time together includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are for, and should include people of all ages, adults and children. Come celebrate Spring, plants, and Life, with crafts, creativity, music, and fun! Then enjoy a light lunch together.

Strawberry Tea - June 24th 10-3pm. Helpers needed! Sign-up sheets are out, and posters are available for distribution. Please contact Barb G. or Bev S. with any questions.