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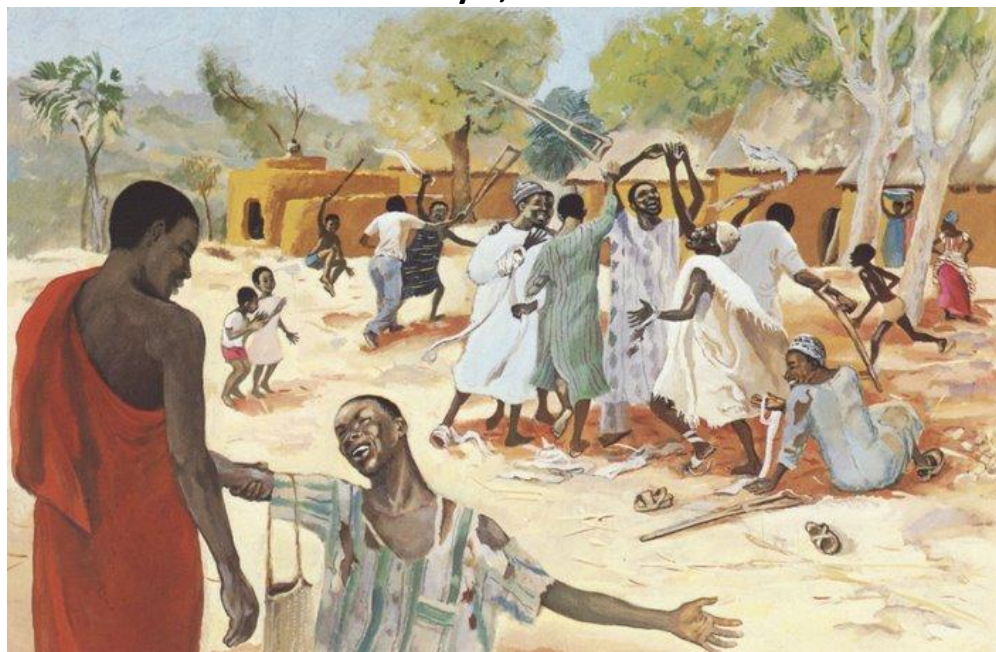
Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Service

July 6, 2025



JESUS MAFA. Healing of the ten lepers, from Art in the Christian Tradition.

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

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours Tues to Thurs 9:00-Noon (closed Monday & Friday)

Online Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are new to our parish, 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 presides and preaches.

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

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

*Lay Eucharistic Minister is Paul Francoeur
Sidespeople are Marilyn Butler & Sharon Crews
Ministry of the Chalice – Lydia French & Joan Hoffman
Director of Music is Nell Howard
Livestream – Shirley Robertson*

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: MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

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Like a healing stream in a barren desert, spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
Promising revival and rebirth...like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
Yearning for an end to want and need... like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current, spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
Calling for an end to hate and war... like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons, spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
Like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

Sentence of the Day: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but 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 at the Chancel:

Hymn: MV 156 MV 156 Dance with the Spirit

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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.

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Janelle Jenstad

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of

garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms: 30 (BAS Pg. 739)

Paul Francoeur

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *** and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *** and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *** you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *** give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *** his favour for a lifetime.**

Weeping may spend the night, *** but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *** You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains.**"

Then you hid your face, *** and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord; *** I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *** will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *** O Lord, be my helper."**

You have turned my wailing into dancing; *** you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *** O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

Shirley Robertson

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able for the Gradual Hymn.)

Gradual Hymn: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts (Come Touch and Bless)

Author: Gordon Light. © 2002 Common Cup Company; Arrangement © 2002 by Andrew Donaldson

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion, from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you, your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason, set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile, and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered, to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.

(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 Luke.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them,

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Rev. Ingrid Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Sue Hamblin

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – God of Grace.

Please respond with – **Hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution: God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Merciful God, **we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

-From A New Zealand Prayer Book

(Please stand as you are able for the Peace)

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you!**

All are warmly welcomed to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive communion but prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Please leave your communion glasses in the bowls on the left and right as you return to your seat.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 292 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

Prayer over the Gifts: God of heaven and earth, **receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer: #5 (BAS Pg. 204)

The Sanctus: VU 951 Santo, Santo, Santo (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!**

Lord's Prayer:

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Our Father in heaven, **hallow'd be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heav'n. 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. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

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

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: Spirit of the Living God

Author: Michael Baughen © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.

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

Prayer after Communion: O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, 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:

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

We being many, are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ!

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

We pray for the Church of Nigeria. We pray for our new Primate Shane, John our new Metropolitan, Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.

In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for the people of the parish and neighborhood of Pender and Saturna Islands.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers and for those we know and love, especially Beth, Mike, Dayle, Trevor, Barb, Larry, Lenn, Jim, Geoff & Kim, David, Cena, Kathy, Sherma, Peter, Susan, Nolan, Kathy, Ann, Graham, Jim, Wayne, Neil, Christopher, Dianne, Brandon, Jo, and the residents and staff of Broadmead Lodge.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

SHARED MINISTRY

Facility Support – Ken will be away the week of August 4th, and we are looking for a couple of volunteers who would be willing to look after the set-ups and possibly changing the outdoor sign if needed. There is very little scheduled so only 1 or 2 set-ups will be required. Please let the parish office know if you would like to help. Thank you!

Sr Ingrid's Holidays – Sr Ingrid is away on vacation from July 7th to 23rd. All pastoral related concerns can be directed to Terry Mikkonen at 250-216-3801. You can also contact the Parish Office Tuesday to Thursday, 9 to noon.

Upcoming 8:30 Services....

Sunday, July 13th – services with Rev. Penelope Kingham

Sunday, July 20th – 10 am service only

Sunday, July 27th – service as usual with Sr Ingrid

From the Parish Library – The Top Shelf and the children's table continue to display books for Pride Week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jul 7-23 – Sr Ingrid away on vacation

Jul 9 Community Coffee Social, 9:30 am

Jul 11-18 Parish Camp

Jul 15 – no Parish Council meeting

Jul 20 Morning Prayer Service, 10 am (no 8:30)

Jul 26 Spanish Service & potluck, 6 pm

Aug 9 Games Night, 5 pm, Hall

Aug 13 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am

Aug 19 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

Aug 23 Spanish Service & potluck, 6 pm

Sept 6 Taize Service, 5 pm

Sept 10 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am

Sept 14 Welcome Back Sunday

Sept 16 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

Sept 21 Jazz Vespers, 7 pm

Sept 24 Ladies Guild Lunch, 12 pm

Sept 27 Spanish Service & potluck, 6 pm

Sept 28 Welcome Coffee Social

Sept 29 Book Sale Prep Week starts

Oct 4 BOOK SALE DAY

Taize Service, 5 pm

Oct 25 Order of the Diocese of B.C.

Visitor Bishop Anna & confirmations at Spanish Service, 6 pm