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Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Service

August 10, 2025



Cross, Henri Edmond, 1856-1910. Landscape with Stars, 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 Sue Hamblin
Sidespeople are Elaine & Art Youngson
Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Lydia French
Director of Music is Nell Howard
Livestream – Mike Armstrong*

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: G 855 Morning Has Broken

Author: Eleanor Farjeon. Text: © David Higham Assoc. Ltd. Tune: Acc. © 1999, GIA Publications, Inc.

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken
like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall
on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light
Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Sentence of the Day: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 92 Like a Rock

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Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God ev-er-more.

First Reading: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Kathy Middleton

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings

from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 50:1-8, 23-24 (BAS Pg. 768)

Sue Hamblin

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; * **he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * **God reveals himself in glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence; * **before him there is consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.**

He calls the heavens and the earth from above * **to witness the judgement of his people.**

“Gather before me my loyal followers, * **those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”**

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * **for God himself is judge.**

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you; * **for I am God, your God.**

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; * **your offerings are always before me.**

Consider this well, you who forget God, * **lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me; * **but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Carolyn Hamar

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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

Gradual Hymn: G 593 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Author: Kathleen Thomerson (1934)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

[R]

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. [R]

(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 12:32-40

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Ingrid Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Janet Denford

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – God of love, in your love.

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 welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive communion but 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 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Prayer over the Gifts: Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Where Your Treasure Is

Sung by Choir

© 2000, GIA Publications, Inc. Author: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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

Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this 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:

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: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Author: Gordon Light © 1994 Common Cup Company

Refrain: Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. [R]

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. [R]

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. [R]

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 L'Église Anglicane du Rwanda.

We pray for our new Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan,

Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.

*In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for The Reverend Suzana Bates and
the communities and neighbourhood of Christ Church, Gabriola Island.*

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 Jenny, Beth, Mike, Dayle, Trevor, Barb, Larry, Lenn, Jim, Geoff & Kim, David, Cena, Kathy, Sherma, Peter, Susan, Kathy, Ann, Graham, Jim, Wayne, Neil, Christopher, Dianne, Brandon, Jo, and the residents and staff of Westshore Lodge.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE MOURNING

We pray for God's comfort for Wanda Reekie, with the loss of her beloved son, Gordon Jr.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

SHARED MINISTRY

Community Coffee Social – Join us in the hall between 9:30 and 11 am on Wednesday, August 13th for our next monthly Community Coffee Social. Bring a friend and spread the word! All are welcome.

Outdoor Eucharist Service & BBQ - Let's take our worship outside for a day as we prepare for the Season of Creation in September. Join us on **Sunday August 24th at 10 am** on the church lawns (adjacent to Glencairn Rd.) for a **Eucharist service and barbecue** following the service. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Please indicate if you are bringing a side dish, salad or dessert. And don't forget to also bring lawn chairs and, if needed, umbrellas/awnings. It will be lots of fun! Please note that the 10 AM service on 24th August will not be livestreamed.

Compassion in Action Ministry – Please consider contributing to our Goldstream Food bank donation box if you don't already. Mid summer can be a difficult time for the food bank, as there are not as many campaigns aiding food banks at this time of year. Mid summer can also be a difficult time for families with children who rely on school meal programs. When giving, please also consider back to school items, as well as food and toiletries. - *With gratitude from the Compassion in Action Team.*

From the Parish Library: This week, the Top Shelf display features stories of faith. If you would like to know more about the Society of St John the Evangelist, the Anglican monastic order in Boston, check the library entry in last Thursday's newsletter, or go to www.ssje.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Aug 19 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

Aug 23 Spanish Service & potluck, 6 pm

Aug 24 Outdoor Eucharist and Barbecue, 10 AM, church lawns

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 Parish Coffee Welcome

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