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Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Service

August 17, 2025



Gogh, Vincent van, 1853-1890. Red Vineyards near Arles, 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 Gwen & Duog Doust

Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Lydia French

Director of Music – Nell Howard

Guest Musician – David Enns

Livestream – Deb Wastle

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and x^wsepsəm 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: VU 580 Faith of Our Fathers

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Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word:
faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole, making love known and freedom real:
faith of our mothers! holy faith! We will be true to you till death!

Faith of our sisters, brothers too, who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark, the cross of Christ still burning bright:
faith for today, O living faith! We will be true to you till death!

Faith born of God, O call us yet, bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew
Faith born of God! O living faith! We will be true to you till death!

Sentence of the Day: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 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 5:1-7

Janet Denford

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it

shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 80:1-2, 8-18 (BAS Pg. 812)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * **shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * **stir up your strength and come to help us.**

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * **you cast out the nations and planted it.**

You prepared the ground for it; * **it took root and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered by its shadow * **and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea * **and its branches to the River.**

Why have you broken down its wall, * **so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, * **and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;
* **preserve what your right hand has planted.**

They burn it with fire like rubbish; * **at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * **the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you; * **give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; * **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Keith Denford

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Gradual Hymn: CP 630 You, Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

(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 12:49-56

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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 – Holy and Compassionate God.

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: VU 343 I Love to Tell the Story

Author: Katherine Hankey (1866)

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. **[R]**

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **[R]**

Prayer over the Gifts: Loving God and Father, **you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. 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:

Music by Gordon Light © Common Cup Company

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 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Sung by Choir

Author: Gordon Light. © 1995 Common Cup Company; Arrangement © Andrew Donaldson

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

Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, 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 423 how Great Thou Art

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 Scottish Episcopal Church.

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 Holy Trinity, Sooke, Bob Baillie.

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 the Priory.

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

SHARED MINISTRY

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.

Parish Office – Caroline will be out of the office from August 19th to the 21st. For any immediate concerns, please connect with Terry Mikkonen.

Compassion in Action – The Compassion in Action Ministry would like to hear from members of the parish about any ideas for Compassion in Action projects or if there are any organizations you would like the Ministry to support in any way. in the fall. Please contact Joan or Jeanine with your suggestions on how you see this Ministry benefitting our community. Thank you.

From the Parish Library - On the Top Shelf this week are books about the love and grace of God.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 15-17 Provincial School for Congregational Development

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 3 Book Pre-Sale

Oct 4 BOOK SALE DAY

Taize Service, 5 pm

Oct 5 Blessing of the Animals, 2 pm, church lawn

Oct 25 Order of the Diocese of B.C.

Visitor Bishop Anna & confirmations at Spanish Service, 6 pm