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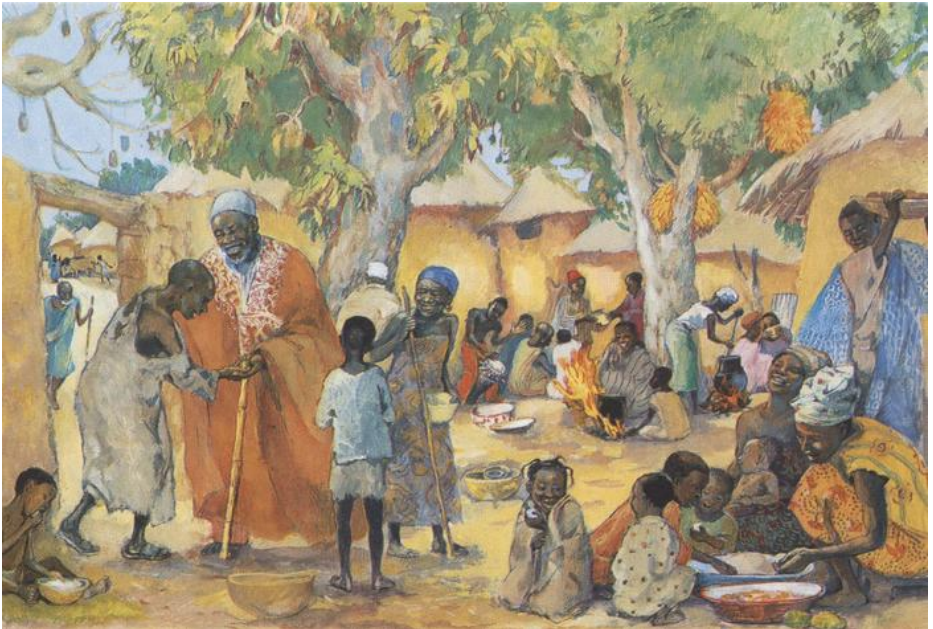
Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Service

August 31, 2025



JESUS MAFA. The poor invited to the feast, 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 Elaine & Art Youngson

Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Lydia French

Director of Music – Nell Howard

Livestream – Mike Armstrong

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: CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Sentence of the Day: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Collect of the Day: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Dayle Robertson

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms: 81:1, 10-16 (BAS Pg. 814)

Sing with joy to God our strength * **and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
* **"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**

And yet my people did not hear my voice, * **and Israel would not obey me.**

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * **to follow their own devices.**

Oh, that my people would listen to me! * **that Israel would walk in my ways!**

I should soon subdue their enemies * **and turn my hand against their foes.**

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, * **and their punishment would last for ever.**

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * **and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Mary Wills

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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: G 812 A Place at the Table

Author: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931. © 1998, Hope Publishing Co.

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's
fair. [R]

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to
belong. [R]

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. [R]

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be
free. [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.

Glorify to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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, in your mercy.

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 631 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Prayer over the Gifts: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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 Deep in Our Hearts

Sung by Choir

Author: John Oldham (1995). © 1995 by John Wesley Oldham

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

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. 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:

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: VU 586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

Author: June Boyce-Tillman (1993). © 1993 Stainer & Bell, Ltd. Used by permission of Hope Publishing Company

We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story including all in circles of our love.

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 South India (United).

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 Church of the Advent,
Sr. Ingrid Andersen.*

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 Tina, 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
Broadmead Lodge.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

SHARED MINISTRY

Transition House Society - The Victoria Women's Transition House is in urgent need of children's clothing and are asking for assistance in stocking their near-empty shelves. When families arrive at the Emergency Shelter, they often arrive with very few belongings. Having children's clothing on hand makes a big difference in helping kids feel safe and cared for right away. New or gently used donations are welcome.

They're especially looking for :

- Long sleeve shirts (girls 2T-5 , Boys 2T-10/12)
- T shirts (girls 2T-4T, boys 2T - 10/12)
- Sweaters (girls 2T - 3T, boys 2t - 7/8)
- Pants (all genders and sizes except 7/8)
- Shorts, pajamas and socks (all genders /sizes)
- New underwear (all genders sizes)

Thank you for helping kids feel comfortable as their families settle into shelter!

- *The Compassion in Action Ministry*

Intersections Course – Tues nights Sept & Oct: Increasingly, we are seeing how violent right-wing bigotry and racism are affecting countries around the world. We are concerned about what is happening south of the border in the United States, and we've asked ourselves what we can do in the face of what feels like an overwhelming situation. Following the book study of Bishop Mariann Budde's "How we Learn to be Brave", we will be learning from history - from the patterns of behaviour in our past. How do we as Anglicans act by living out our values?

The Church of the Advent, Colwood and Gordon United Church, Langford will be holding the *Intersections* course together during September and October, on **Tuesday nights at 7 PM**. The seven-week course is primarily conducted through Zoom and begins and ends with an in-person session. A team of trained moderators will offer each of the seven sessions using video, song, prayer, self-reflection exercises, readings and group discussions.

Dates: Tuesdays Sept 9, 16 and 23. Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28. 7-9 PM Sessions will be recorded for registered participants who cannot attend.

Please sign up ASAP on the link online in the email newsletter.

The Season of Creation – is celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion, as an opportunity for God’s people to focus on this planet and our relationship with it. It begins on the first Sunday of September, and ends with the feast day of St. Francis, celebrated on Sunday, October 5th.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 5th, 2 PM, front lawns.

Safe Church - Is your Safe Church status up to date? Please sign up in the Narthex for the next one-hour training: Sunday, September 21st, following the 10 AM service.

Jazz Vespers – Broke & Blue – Sept 21, 7 PM. We are thrilled to welcome back Broke & Blue – pianist Kathryn Le Gros and flutist Diane Berry. These two classically trained, versatile musicians share a love of the music of French jazz pianist, Claude Bolling (1930-2020). They are connected to a number of ensembles in and around Victoria, embracing a number of different genres and styles.

From the Parish Library - On the display shelves in the narthex this week are books about the countercultural values of the Kingdom, including four story books for children from the Christian Heroes series. Instructions for borrowing a book are on the side of the Library box in the small bookcase.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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