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Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

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

First Sunday of The Season of Creation

10:00 a.m. Service

September 7, 2025



Season of Creation

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.

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| <p>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Eucharist Liturgy for the Islands & Inlets</p> |
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Lay Eucharistic Minister is Shaena Wallace

Sidespeople are Rose Chandler & Eva Morneau

Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Mike Armstrong

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 x̱w̱sepsəm 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 416 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Acclamation:

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.

We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and place we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

In this time and place heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place we are not alone, but one in Christ.

Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

**In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

(Silence)

Sentence of the Day: Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

Collect of the Day: Grant us, O God, the courage to choose Jesus' way even at great cost, bearing our cross and releasing our possessions, for the liberation and healing of your world; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: MV 37 Each Blade of Grass (Circle of God) vs 1

Author: Keri Wehlander. © 2005 Borealis Music

Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars, the waves that sweep across a distant shore, make full the circle of God.

Each laughing child, ev'ry gentle eye, a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky, make full the circle of God.

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Helen Thomas

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay

in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17 (BAS Pg. 896)

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * **you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places * **and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * **but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

You press upon me behind and before * **and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * **it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts; * **you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvellously made; * **your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hidden from you, * **while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * **they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! * **how great is the sum of them!**

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; * **to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Peggy Thomas

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.

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

Gradual Hymn: MV 217 Hey Ney Yana

Author: Brook Medicine Eagle. © Brook Medicine Eagle

Refrain: Hey ney yana, hey ney yana, hey ney yana,
hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

I walk in beauty, yes I do, yes I do, I talk in beauty, yes I do, yes I do,
I sing of beauty, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo. [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 14:25-33

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: MV 217 Hey Ney Yana

Refrain: Hey ney yana, hey ney yana, hey ney yana,
hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

I leave in beauty, yes I do, yes I do, I sleep in beauty, yes I do, yes I do,
I dream of beauty, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo. [R]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Janet Denford

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – God, in your mercy.

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

Confession & Absolution:

Jesus, forgive my sins. **Forgive the sins I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, And the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.**

(from A Celtic Primer p. 95)

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(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 307 Touch the Earth Lightly

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

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

Prayer over the Gifts: Great and holy God, **accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer B:

God is here

The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and eternal One, in whom we live and move and have our being. You are our origin and our fulfillment; we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love, you fashioned the marvel of creation,

and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests and mist laden coastlines, you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation, calling us to care for everything given and received. **Glory to you, source of all life**

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets learned their dependence on your provision, salmon and deer, song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life. **Glory to you, source of all life**

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself, and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, and joining with the saints of every time and place, we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise.

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!**

Blessed are you, most holy One: For on the night before he died Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me." **"Behold, I am with you to the end of the age".**

Therefore, God of all creation, we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love. **Glory to you, source of all life**

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew. Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever. **Amen**

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 How Deep the Father's Love for Us *Sung by Keith Denford*

Words and music by Stuart Townend. Arr. Brenda Portman Used by Permission

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

Prayer after Communion: Father, **your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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:

Go forth from this place in the power of Christ. Encourage the faint-hearted; Help the weak; Be patient with those in need. See that none of you repays evil for evil; But always do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; Give thanks in all circumstances and the God of peace will be with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Commissioning Hymn: CP 435 Take My Life and Let It Be

Commissioning:

Go out in joy and be led forward in peace.

So the Word of God goes out and does not return empty.

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

We pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

*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 people and ministries of
St Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak.*

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-6; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

SHARED MINISTRY

Book Sale Sign-Up – Our much-anticipated annual book sale is fast approaching (October 4th) and we're now inviting volunteers to sign up for Book Sale Prep Week, starting Monday, September 29th and extending to the dates of the pre-sale and day of sale (including clean-up after the sale). Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. We appreciate all the help and support you can give. Please see Jose if you have any questions.

Community Coffee Social - The next Community Coffee Social is **Wednesday, September 10th, 9:30 to 11 am**. Join us in the hall for some light-hearted social time. Spread the word to friends, families and neighbours. All are welcome. The Community Coffee Social meets on the second Wednesday of each month and provides a rich opportunity for connecting socially in a relaxing environment.

Intersections Course – Tues nights Sept, Oct and first week of November (please note slight change of dates): The Church of the Advent, Colwood and Gordon United Church, Langford will be holding the *Intersections* course together during September, October, and first week of November on **Tuesday nights at 7 PM beginning this Tuesday in-person at Church of the Advent**. The seven-week course is primarily conducted through Zoom and begins and ends with an in-person session. Sessions will be recorded for registered participants who cannot attend.

Dates: Tuesdays Sept 9, 23. Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, and Nov 4. 7-9 PM (*no session on Sept 16th*).

Announcements during Shared Ministry – We've had a few requests that people making announcements during Shared Ministry speak more clearly. Some of our community have hearing challenges, and it is a kindness to them to make our announcements accessible.

Slow right down, move the microphone to *right in front of your mouth* and speak clearly - it's the loving thing to do.

Church Book Repair Party - Every now and again, our prayer and hymn books need some TLC. Dayle Robertson will be organising a team who will get together for a few hours to repair our worship books.

Done this before? Have a few hours to lend a hand? Please speak to Dayle or the office admin@colwoodanglican.ca to volunteer. Date and time to be set at the convenience of the group.

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.

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. New or gently used donations are welcome.

From the Parish Library - This week's display for the Season of Creation is about physical and spiritual journeying, and contains four books that were added to the library in the last year, but not displayed until now.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 Safe Church, after 10 am service

Jazz Vespers, 7 pm

Sept 24 Ladies Guild Lunch, 12 pm

Sept 27 Spanish Service & potluck, 6 pm

Sept 28 Parish Coffee Welcome

Truth & Reconciliation Service, 7 PM

Sept 29 Book Sale Prep Week starts

Oct 3 Book Pre-Sale, 6-8 PM

Oct 4 BOOK SALE DAY, 9 AM-3 PM

Taize Service, 5 pm

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

Oct 10 Sr Ingrid's 60th Birthday Celebration

Oct 25 Order of the Diocese of B.C.

Visitor Bishop Anna & confirmations at Spanish Service, 6 pm