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

Second Sunday of The Season of Creation

10:00 a.m. Service

September 14, 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.

Please have your electronic devices on silent mode during the service.

<p>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Eucharist Liturgy for the Islands & Inlets</p>

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Paul Francoeur

Sidespeople are Elaine & Art Youngson

Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Lydia French

Director of Music is Nell Howard

Livestream – Ded 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: PoP 77 Praise the Source Who Sang Creation

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Praise the Source who sang creation, chanting darkness into light,
humming planets into orbit, calling out the day from night.
Praise the primal notes that made us, cosmic choir where all belong,
and repeat our Maker's anthem: praise the Source of ev'ry song.

Praise the Song made flesh in Jesus, echoing through time and space,
blending dissonance together into harmonies of grace.

Praise the melody, once silenced, sounding from the void of death,
and resounding here among us: praise the Song with ev'ry breath!

Praise the Breath that tunes all nature to the Source's endless Song,
animating lifeless places, making feeble voices strong.

Praise the wind that topples bound'ries, shaping worlds that yet might be,
and inspiring all our music: praise the singing Trinity.

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: There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who
repents.

Collect of the Day: O God, having shown us how far your love goes in saving the
lost and forgotten, mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of
reuniting with all creatures; 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 2

Author: Keri Wehlander. © 2005 Borealis Music

Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone, the buzz that echoes from a honey'd comb,
make full the circle of God.

Each fire-brimmed star, ev'ry outstretched hand, the wind that leaps and sails
across the land, make full the circle of God.

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b – 9

Linda Van Sickle

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms: 98: 1-6 (BAS Pg. 836)

Sing to the Lord a new song, *** for he has done marvellous things.**

With his right hand and his holy arm *** has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; *** his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *** and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *** lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp, * **with the harp and the voice of song.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 24

Bill Van Sickle

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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Thanks be to God.

(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 John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 3:13 – 17

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not

send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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]

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:

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: MV 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning.
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life, in oneness with their neighbour.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor
that all might have abundant life and peace endure forever.

Prayer over the Gifts: Merciful God, **through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 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 gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem Who, What and Why? *Sung by choir*

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

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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 352 Amazing Grace

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 South America.

*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
The Priory.*

For Those Who Mourn

We pray for the family of Cole Williams.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79: 1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

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.

Church Book Repair Party - Every now and again, our prayer and hymn books need some TLC. Dayle Robertson will be organizing 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.

Sunday School Registration – Sunday School is officially open, and you can register your child today! Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Please be sure to fill in the form, no matter the frequency your child will attend. Rudo Mgodi, our new Sunday School coordinator, is here to answer all of your questions.

Teaching/Assisting with Sunday School - Teaching in our Sunday School is a very rewarding experience. It gives you the wonderful opportunity of learning and discovering what a terrific group of kids we have in our church. We're pleased that some of you have reached out with interest in teaching/helping the Sunday School and recognize that you have questions about the level of commitment involved. Hopefully, this will provide you with some answers.

As Terry told us last Sunday, the Safe Church requires that two adults be present in each class: one Teacher and an Assistant.

Teaching – Our new Sunday School co-ordinator, Rudo Mgodi, will email the curriculum weekly to the teachers who are scheduled to teach that upcoming Sunday. The curriculum will include the theme, guidance for Storytime, an activity or craft suggestions, etc.

Assistant – The Assistant's main role is to be present in the class as a helper for the kids and teacher. No advance prep-work is necessary. The Assistant would help with the crafts and encourage the children to engage with the curriculum. If the child requires assistance with visiting the facilities, or wants to return to mom or dad, the Assistant will escort them safely there. We would like to ideally have 4 Teachers and 4 Assistants on a rotation, so that everyone would be responsible for only one Sunday per month. The classes run for about 30 to 45 minutes in length. We have a well stocked cupboard of supplies for all sorts of crafts.

The only additional commitment to the regular Sunday teaching times is the Christmas Pageant and the Sunday School Wind-Up Party which happens at the end of May. The teachers plan and work together to facilitate these two events. If you are interested and/or have more questions, please speak with the office, Sr. Ingrid, or with Rudo Mgodi after the 10 AM service (or email her at rudodmgodi@gmail.com).

Powwow – Tuesday, September 30th - September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The annual South Island Powwow is an opportunity to recognize Survivors and their families in the spirit of reconciliation. Through song and dance, we will celebrate traditional Indigenous cultures and resiliency. You're invited to join Sr Ingrid and possibly Rev Heidi at the fourth Annual South Island Powwow. Many of us have been attending the Powwow every year – it's a wonderful experience, being part of a celebration of Songhees tradition and culture.

Free Admission – absolutely everyone is warmly welcomed. Wear your orange shirt!

When: September 30th, 2025

Where: Royal Athletic Park, 1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria, BC

Transport: we'll meet at the Colwood Transport Exchange, to catch the 95 bus at 10 AM, and travel together. It's easier than trying to find parking. That gets us there in time for Grand Entry, which is at 12:00 pm

Sr Ingrid 60th Birthday Pot-Luck – You’re invited! – Join us to celebrate on Friday, October 10th at 6:30 pm. Theme: 1980s dress, dinner and dance. Sign up in the Narthex.

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 on this year’s theme of “Peace in Creation” and features books from the Environment and Social Justice sections.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Confession for a just and sustainable life



**World Council
of Churches**

We invite congregations, communities and churches to discuss the following 5-step programme to change the way we deal with the economy and our ecological surroundings.

Roadmap for a just and sustainable community

1. Living in accordance with the covenant with God and creation
2. Renewable Energy and Climate Protection
3. Just and Sustainable Consumption
4. Economies of Life
5. Networking

Living in accordance with the covenant with God and creation

1.1 Support and practise small-scale, lifegiving agriculture - “We support life-giving agriculture.” Food is a human right. Moreover fresh and high-quality food is a pleasure and an investment in health and climate protection. The conventional industrial agriculture is leading to a critical loss of biodiversity, disastrous effects of climate change, degradation of the soil that nourishes us, and sometimes to land grabs and displacement of people by greedy multinational companies. This can no longer be accepted or supported by our thoughtless consumption.

1.2 Create community gardens - To achieve regional, small-scale and ecological agriculture, promoting direct relations between producers and consumers is essential. Churches can bring producers and consumers together. We want to turn the land we have into life-giving, fruitful, productive gardens and share food. Plant gardens near to every church as symbol of life and communion with creation! Even very small grounds that churches might own may be used as community gardens that yield vegetables, medicinal herbs, fruits or rare species as a contribution to rescue biodiversity. They can be wonderful meeting points and help to deepen relationships within the community. They are also visible examples of practising life-giving agriculture and rediscovering all resources for food sovereignty in accordance with God’s creation.

1.3 Provide access to clean water - “We want to provide access to clean water for everybody.” We promote Blue Communities: Communities that respect the human right to water, promote water as a public good and say no to bottled water where tap water is safe or look for alternatives, where it is not. We contribute towards realisation of goal #6 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): “ensure access to clean water and sanitation for all”. We must lead by example by implementing the right to water and sanitation ourselves in our own congregational/organisational or individual settings.