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*Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest*

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

**Third Sunday of The Season of Creation**

**10:00 a.m. Service**

**September 21, 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><b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Eucharist Liturgy for the Islands &amp; Inlets</b></p>
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*Lay Eucharistic Minister is Sue Hamblin*

*Sidespeople are Marlyn Butler & Sharon Crews*

*Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Lydia French*

*Director of Music is Nell Howard*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and x<sup>w</sup>sepsəm 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: MV 127 I Saw The Rich Ones (Work for a World)**

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I saw the rich ones, I saw what they gave;  
the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved;  
and I saw she was smiling and I knew she was glad;  
and I wondered because she gave all that she had

**Refrain:** But with God the world is turned upside down  
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found  
Let's work for a world where all people are free;  
where it's good to feel good about God loving you and me.

I saw Zaccheus, a sinner they said  
but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread  
and I knew something special had happened that day  
when Zaccheus gave half of his riches away [R]

The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day  
I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been paid  
for the ones who came later were paid just the same  
as the workers who greeted the dawn when they came [R]

**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:** You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he  
was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might  
become rich.

**Collect of the Day:** Grant us, **Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the  
suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; 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 3**

Author: Keri Wehlender. © 2005 Borealis Music

Each icy peak, ev'ry patterned shell, the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,  
make full the circle of God.

Each cosmic hue, ev'ry creature's way, all form the beauty of this vast array,  
making full the circle of God.

#### **First Reading:** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Scott Weatherell

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land: 'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?'  
(‘Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign  
idols?’). ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.’  
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of  
me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the  
health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of  
water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the  
slain of my poor people!

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm:** 79: 1-9 (BAS Pg. 811)

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your  
holy temple; \* **they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.**

They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, \* **and  
the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**

They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, \* **and there was no one to bury them.**

We have become a reproach to our neighbours, \* **an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

How long will you be angry, O Lord? \* **will your fury blaze like fire for ever?**

Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you \* **and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**

For they have devoured Jacob \* **and made his dwelling a ruin.**

Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; \* **for we have been brought very low.**

Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; \* **deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Rodger Whitman

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**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 Luke.

**Glorify to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel:** Luke 16:1-13

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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:**

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: CP 414 God of the Sparrow

**Prayer over the Gifts:** God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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. **Glorify 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. **Glorify 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 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels**

*Solo - Kathy Middleton    Harmony – Jim Hamar*

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

**Prayer after Communion:** Ruler of the universe, **all creation yearns for its fulfillment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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:**

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 631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

**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 Episcopal Church of South Sudan.*

*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 Denise Doerksen  
and the people of Holy Trinity, Saanich.*

### **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  
Sunset Lodge.*

### **For Those Who Mourn**

*We pray for the family of Cole Williams.*

### ***READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK***

*Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:1-31*

## **SHARED MINISTRY**

**Book Sale Sign-Up** – Our much-anticipated annual book sale is fast approaching (October 4<sup>th</sup>) and we're now inviting volunteers to sign up for Book Sale Prep Week, starting Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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** – A one-hour safe church training is happening after the 10:00 service today in the St. John's Room. If your Safe Church status needs to be updated, it's not too late for you to join us today.

**Jazz Vespers** – Broke & Blue – Join us this evening at 7:00 for an evening of musical delight as we 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** – If you haven't yet registered your child for Sunday School, please be sure to pick up a registration form in the Narthex after the service. Even if you attend only periodically, we ask that you still fill in the form. Rudo Mgodi, our new Sunday School coordinator, is here to answer all of your questions.

**One more Sunday School Assistant is needed!** - We're excited and grateful to announce that we have four Teachers and three Assistants on board for this Sunday School year. Thank you to Peggy, Scott, Alison, and Rodger who will be the teachers, and Rudo, Paul, and Joan who will provide assistance.

We now only need one more Assistant to lighten the load for everyone. Having four Assistants on a rotation means that each Assistant would only be asked to help out one Sunday per month. The Assistant's main responsibility is to be present in the class as a helper for the kids and teacher. No advance prep-work is

necessary. If you are interested in volunteering as an Assistant, please speak with Rudo Mgodi on Sunday, or let the parish office know.

**Powwow – Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** - 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 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Pot-Luck – You're invited!** – Join us to celebrate on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 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 about restoration. Please finish reading any books that you borrowed before the end of June and return them as soon as possible.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Sept 21** Jazz Vespers, 7 pm

**Sept 23** Intersections Course Session 2 (Zoom)

**Sept 24** Ladies Guild Lunch, 12 pm

**Sept 27** Spanish Service & potluck, 6 pm

**Sept 28** 8:30 Breakfast

Parish Welcome Coffee

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 7** Intersections Course Session 3 (Zoom)

**Oct 10** Sr Ingrid's 60th Birthday Celebration 6.30 (sign up in the Narthex)

**Oct 14** Intersections Course Session 4 (Zoom)

**Oct 21** Intersections Course Session 5 (Zoom)

**Oct 23** Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM (Hybrid)

**Oct 25** Order of the Diocese of B.C.

Visit of Bishop Anna & confirmations at Spanish Service, 6 pm

**Oct 28** Intersections Course Session 6 (Zoom)

## **Confession for a just and sustainable life**



### 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

## **2 Renewable Energy & Climate Protection**

“We are the last generation that can fight climate change. We have a duty to act.”

(Ban Ki-moon, former General Secretary of the United Nations)

2.1 Monitor energy consumption and move towards renewable energies  
“We monitor our energy consumption at least once a year and strive for a complete change to renewable energy.” The consumption of fossil-fuel based energy harms the climate. Already today it is leading to a vast destruction of livelihoods, to the drowning of islands, to conflicts, wars and a growing number of climate refugees. Communities based in privileged countries need to control the use of energy and to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and establishments. (Where possible, changing from conventional to eco-electricity is the first and easiest step. Installing solar panels, building a community-run, small-scale hydroelectric dam, etc., are advanced steps. As a worldwide communion in Christ, we could collaborate in ethical investments in one part of the world can provide access to renewables and improve living conditions in another.

2.2 Promote climate-friendly mobility  
“We support climate-friendly and post-fossil mobility.” What this can be is highly dependent on your context. Posting timetables for public transport, bicycle parking and sharing, installing one of the many carpooling or car-sharing systems, installing charging points for electrical cars – or – over all: reduce the need for mobility by re-regionalizing daily-life economy! 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.

2.3 Deal with energy and materials consciously  
“We deal with energy and materials with conscience and care.” Every time we consume something, we pay twice: for its cost and for the disposal of waste. The production of an item requires energy. Every waste of energy harms the environment and costs money that could be used for beneficial projects. Therefore, energy efficiency and the way we use things are important. Sometimes small changes like duplex printing on recycled paper, avoiding plastic and styrofoam cups or installing switch-able electrical outlets can have a remarkable effect.