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Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

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

Fourth Sunday of The Season of Creation

10:00 a.m. Service

September 28, 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 Gwen & Doug Doust
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^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: MV 120 My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the Wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
[R]

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. **[R]**

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that out forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **[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: O Creator God, **you are known by your loving embrace of the undeserving and those who suffer: Grant us sight of your justice and conviction to love 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: If I Were a Butterfly (Vs 1)

Author: Brian Howard. © 1974, 1975 Celebration

If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you, God, for giving me wings.
And if I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank you, God, that I could sing.
And if I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,

Refrain: But...I just thank you, God for making me "me."
For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile.
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child.
And I just thank you, God, for making me "me."

First Reading: Jeremiah 32:1 – 3a, 6 –15

Mary Wills

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my

cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 91:1-6, 14-16 (BAS Pg. 828)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * **abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**

He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, * **my God in whom I put my trust.**”

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * **and from the deadly pestilence.**

He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings; * **his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * **nor of the arrow that flies by day;**

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * **nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * **I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * **I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honour.**

With long life will I satisfy him, * **and show him my salvation.**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time - he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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 of power and love.

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 failed to recognize your work in my life and the lives of others. 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.**

(Adapted 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 408 Wind Upon the Waters

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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 Circle of Life *Sung by Choir*

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

Prayer after Communion: Father in heaven, **strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. 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:

Go forth from this place in the power of Christ. Encourage the faint-hearted; Help the weak; Be patient with those in need. Give thanks in all circumstances and the God of peace will be with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Commissioning Hymn: CP 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of 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 St. Andrew, Sidney,
and the Rev. Kelly Duncan.*

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 Peggy, 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
Broadmead Lodge.*

For Those Who Mourn

We pray for the family of Cole Williams.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Galatians 6:14-18; Psalm 148:7-14; Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11; Matthew 11:25-30

SHARED MINISTRY

Blessing of the Animals Service – October 5th, 2 PM, Church Lawn – Next Sunday you are invited to bring your beloved pet(s) to the “Blessing of the Animals” service that takes place out on the church lawn at 2 PM. All animals will receive a special prayer and blessing.

Book Sale Sign-Up – Book sale prep week launches tomorrow, September 29th. Volunteers will be busy preparing for our much-anticipated annual pre-sale and sale (October 3rd & 4th). Thank you to all those who have signed up to help. The sign-up sheets will remain in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to offer some help with the preparations or on the days of the sale. Please see Jose if you have any questions.

Donations of used books will continue to be accepted next week until Friday. Also, spread the word to anyone you can about the sale! Grab a poster from the Narthex! Thank you in advance.

Powwow – This 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.

Nametags - Our parish is growing rapidly, and it's important for us to know each other by name. The Church of the Advent nametags are made of a light brass, laser engraved with a magnetic backing so that it will not damage your Sunday finery. The cost is dependent on the number ordered. We usually order in batches of 12 or more. If you are interested, or would like more information, please see Mike Armstrong after church or email spikea.1960@gmail.com with 'Nametag' in the subject line.

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 the way forward. Please finish reading any books borrowed before the end of June and return them as soon as possible.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 28 8:30 Breakfast

Parish Welcome Coffee

Truth & Reconciliation Service, 7 PM

Sept 29 Book Sale Prep Week starts

Sept 30 Songhees' Powwow

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



World Council
of Churches

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

3 Just and Sustainable Consumption

If you “love your neighbour as yourself”, you are interested in who is producing the goods that you need and how. Can you find the respect of life in the whole production process?

3.1 Buy ecological, fair, and regional. “We prefer buying from local producers and respect ecological and social criteria.” Supporting local establishments promotes economic wellbeing and coherence in our regions as well as has a positive impact on the environment. Introduce officially the ‘best offer’ instead of ‘cheapest offer’ principle. For instance we prefer to offer in our cafeterias: fair-traded coffee, tea, juice, and chocolate and vegetarian food. In our offices we choose to procure: products that adhere to social and ecological standards; and long-lasting products.

3.2 Reduce waste. “We avoid disposable (single-use) articles and buy reusable products and recycled materials.” The huge and still growing plastic island in the ocean is showing how we drown in our own rubbish. Plastic is even becoming a part of our food chain. There is no need for using beverages in plastic bottles or tin in daily life. Avoid every form of throwaway articles. De-positing waste for recycling is good. Reducing waste is better. Where using throwaway articles seems unavoidable, opt for compostable ones, if possible. Reducing paper consumption in the office can be another important step.

3.3 Re-use and recycle. “We want to reuse instead of waste.” Give items the chance for a second life: in the hands of someone else or in new applications. Let’s be creative. Organised exchange circles bring people together and help to save money and protect the environment. Creative, secondary-use concepts can be of unexpected beauty. Nowadays one can find good quality recycled paper. The positive effects of this choice on the environment are often underestimated.