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

Fifth Sunday of The Season of Creation & Feast of St. Francis

10:00 a.m. Service

October 5, 2025



Season of Creation

Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours Mon 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.

Rev. Sr. Sulin Milne preaches & Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen presides.

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 Shaena Wallace
Sidespeople are Rose Chandler & Jose Perena Pratt
Ministry of the Chalice – Mike Armstrong & 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.

Introit: Just a Closer Walk *Sung by Jim Hamar*

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Opening Hymn: CP 2 When Morning Guilds the Sky

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: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Collect of the Day: Grant us, **Almighty God**, after the example of your holy servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you, O God most High; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: If I Were a Butterfly (Vs 2)

Author: Brian Howard. © 1974, 1975 Celebration

If I were an elephant, I'd thank you, God, by raising my trunk.

And if I were a kangaroo, you know I'd hop right up to you.

And if I were an octopus, I'd thank you, God, for my fine looks, **[R]**

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: Galatians 6:14-18

Mike Armstrong

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 148:7-14 (BAS Pg. 907)

Shaena Wallace

Praise the Lord from the earth, * **you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

Fire and hail, snow and fog, * **tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills, * **fruit trees and all cedars;**

Wild beasts and all cattle, * **creeping things and wingèd birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, * **princes and all rulers of the world;**

Young men and maidens, * **old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, * **for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * **the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

Kathy Middleton

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a

needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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 Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Rev. Sr. Sulin Milne At

that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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. Sr. Sulin Milne

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 failed to recognize your work in my life and the lives of others. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the times I have failed to act with grace. 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 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer over the Gifts: Loving God, join our offering to the sacrifice of your only Son, that our service may be stamped with his humility and bear the image of his obedience; through 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. **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:

Music by Gordon Light © Common Cup Company

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 Bamblela / Never Give Up *Sung by Choir*

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

Prayer after Communion: God of all goodness, **who gave to your servant Francis a will to be the servant of all, grant us in our service of your gospel to hold back nothing of ourselves for ourselves, that Christ may receive the whole of our lives into the habitations of light and glory; through 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. Give thanks in all circumstances and the God of peace will be with you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Commissioning Hymn: CP 355 All Creatures of Our God and King (Vss 1, 2, 4, & 7)

Commissioning:

We go forth with the greeting and farewell of St Francis - Pax et Bonum, Peace and all Good.

Peace and all Good.

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

We pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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 Parish of Pender
& Saturna Islands.*

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

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

We pray for the family of Lenn Enns, especially his wife Irene and their children.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

SHARED MINISTRY

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

Jars for the Craft Fair - The Christmas Craft Fair committee is now collecting Jars to put the 'mixes' together. There will be a box in the Narthex to put them in. We are looking for the larger sized Classico jars (with their lids); quart canning jars; and small 'jam' jars. All contributions are gratefully received. Any questions?? Please contact Liz Garland - 250-818-4295.

Community Coffee Social – Wednesday, October 8th, 9:30-11 am – Join us next Wednesday in the Hall for our monthly Community Coffee Social. Bring people along! All are welcome.

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.

Harvest Dinner – October 18th, 6 pm - You are cordially invited to a Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 18th at 6 pm in the hall. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex this week. We gratefully accept volunteer support in setting up and/or taking down. If you can offer your assistance with this, there is a column on the sheet to indicate so. We hope you can attend as we expect it to be an evening of great fun and fellowship!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - A prayer shawl is a handmade shawl, usually knit or crocheted, of soft yarn to give someone a tangible example of God’s love and care. A prayer shawl is infused with prayer by the crafter. The crafter prays before, during, and after they work on the shawl. Blessings are given in every loving stitch of the project. Sometimes a shawl is made for someone we know, and sometimes for someone we don't know, but the crafter prays for the person who receives it just the same. This soothes the crafter as they work. Moreover, it perhaps gives energy to the item itself, which is then gifted to a recipient who can wrap up in it and feel God’s arms around him or her and feel the love and care that went into the piece. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered by the priest before the shawl is sent on its way. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!

We would like any and all crafters with an interest to join us. We plan to have our first meeting on **Thursday, October 16th, 10:00am – Noon in the St. John's Room.** At this meeting we will determine when and how often we will meet. Some people may decide to participate but not attend any meetings. This is new and we are exploring.

If you are interested and/or have any questions or cannot make a daytime meeting, please feel free to contact Shirley at 604-816-2964. We look forward to you joining us Thursday, October 16th.

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 Top Shelf features books by Franciscan authors.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct 5** Blessing of the Animals, 2 pm, church lawn
Oct 7 Intersections Course Session 3 (Zoom)
Oct 8 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 AM
Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 PM
Oct 10 Sr Ingrid's 60th Birthday Celebration 6:30 PM (sign up in the Narthex)
Oct 14 Intersections Course Session 4 (Zoom)
Oct 18 Messy Church, Rooms A, B, C
Harvest Dinner, 6 PM
Oct 21 Intersections Course Session 5 (Zoom)
Oct 22 Ladies Guild Lunch, noon
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
Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 PM
Oct 26 8:30 Service Breakfast, Room C
Oct 28 Intersections Course Session 6 (Zoom)
- Nov 1** Parish Council Retreat, 9-noon
All Souls Taize Service, 5 PM
Nov 15 Christmas Craft Fair, 10 AM – 2 PM
Nov 22 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 PM
Nov 23 Jazz Vespers, 7 PM
Nov 26 Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon
Nov 30 8:30 Service Breakfast
Advent 1

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

4 Economies of Life

Jesus says: “You give them something to eat.” (Luke 9:13) One important aspect of discipleship is clear advocacy for just economy and creativity to organize local supply in respect of life. We are called to be transformative disciples, designing the present by coming from the future of the kingdom of God – sometimes turning “the world upside down” (Acts 17:6).

4.1 Create places for moneyless interaction. **“We want to open spaces for people to meet - regardless of their financial background.”** In a world where daily life is more and more dominated by consumerism and achievements are increasingly measured in terms of money, congregations can be a place of rest: a meeting point without the necessity to buy or pay for something, without judgement on ability to pay, without exclusion. This atmosphere of respect and trust can be the cradle of alternative forms of supply and mutual support.

4.2 Practice alternative economic models. “We want to strengthen alternative economies by practicing good examples.” The beginning can be very simple: a shelf where people can deposit things they don’t need any more and others can take for free. We can develop: a free shop, second-hand shop, food- sharing-point, repair café, skills-exchange network, producer-consumer network, and much more. The experience to organize a part of your daily life with little or no money is wonderful and strengthens the community.

4.3 Practice just finance. “We inform ourselves about life-giving forms to deal with money and finance, and check what is practicable for us.” Churches often critique destructive economy and at the same time empower it by thoughtless investment. Ethical investment, contracting, credit unions, different kinds of project-financing, ... There are many good methods that we can use in favour of our communities and the world. Complementary currencies are growing worldwide and are a proven model to strengthen a region, including economically. Church-owned ethical banks could be something normal and contribute much more to a better world.