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

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost & Harvest Thanksgiving

10:00 a.m. Service

October 12, 2025



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

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours Mon to Thurs 9:00-Noon

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. Ingrid Andersen preaches & 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 Paul Francoeur
Sidespeople are Elaine & Art Youngson
Ministry of the Chalice – Mike Armstrong & Joan Hoffman
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: Shukuru Yesu / Thanking you, Jesus

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Opening Hymn: CP 258 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Sentence of the Day: Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and

mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; 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 3)

Author: Brian Howard. © 1974, 1975 Celebration

If I were a wiggly worm, I'd thank you, God, that I could squirm.
And if I were a billy goat, I'd thank you, God for my strong throat.
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear, I'd thank you, God, for my fuzzy wuzzy hair, [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: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Janet Denford

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 66:1-11 (BAS Pg. 787)

Paul Francoeur

Be joyful in God, all you lands; * **sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *** because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

All the earth bows down before you, *** sings to you, sings out your name"**

Come now and see the works of God, *** how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
*** and there we rejoiced in him.**

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; *** let no rebel rise up against him.**

Bless our God, you peoples; *** make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

Who holds our souls in life, *** and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; *** you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare; *** you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *** but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Keith Denford

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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Thanks be to God.

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

Gradual Hymn: CP 259 For the Fruit of All Creation

(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 17:11-19

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Sue Hamblin

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – Holy and compassionate God.

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

Confession & Absolution: God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

-From A New Zealand Prayer Book

(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 404 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Prayer over the Gifts: God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer: #1 (BAS Pg. 193)

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!

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:

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem Come, You Thankful People, Come

Sung by Choir

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

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Shared Ministry:

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

We being many, are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing:

Commissioning Hymn: Soff 106 Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad

Author: Priscilla Wright Porter. © 1971, 1975 Celebration/Kingsway's Thankyou Music.

Refrain: Fear Not, Rejoice and be Glad,
The Lord hath done a great thing;
Hath poured out His Spirit on all mankind,
On those who confess His name.

The fig tree is budding, the vine beareth fruit, the wheat fields are golden with grain.

Thrust in the sickle, the harvest is ripe, the Lord has given us rain. **[R]**

Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, the mountains will drip with sweet wine.
My children shall drink of the fountain of life, my children will know they are mine.
[R]

My people shall know that I am the Lord, their shame I have taken away.
My Spirit will lead them together again, my Spirit will show them the way. **[R]**

My children shall dwell in a Body of love, a light to the world they will be.
Life shall come forth from the Father above, my Body will set mankind free. **[R]**

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ!

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

We pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda.

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 and neighbourhood of
Salt Spring Island.*

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

SHARED MINISTRY

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.

Harvest Dinner – October 18th, 6 pm - Join us for our annual Parish Harvest Dinner on Saturday, October 18th at 6 pm in the Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please indicate on the sheet if you are also available to help with set-up and/or take-down. We hope you can attend as we expect it to be an evening of great fun and fellowship!

Messy Church – Messy Church returns to Church of the Advent on **Saturday, October 18th at 10:30 AM to 12 PM in rooms A, B, and C.** Messy Church is a fun, creative form of church for people of all ages. It's a celebration time with story, prayer, and songs, followed by a sit-down meal together. Come and join us – you'll enjoy it!

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.

Food Bank – For the October/Harvest month we are doubling down on collecting nonperishable food donations for the Goldstream Food Bank. The Food Bank collection box is located in the Narthex.

From the Parish Library - This week's Top Shelf books from last week are held over for another week. Please return books borrowed during the summer, or earlier, as soon as possible. Thanks.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Oct 14** Intersections Course Session 4 (Zoom)
Oct 18 Messy Church, Rooms A, B, C, 10:30-noon
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 4 Intersections Course, Session 7 (Gordon United)
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
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