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

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Service

October 19, 2025



Herrel, Edie Mae. Look up for Faith, Hope and Love, from Art in the Christian Tradition

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.

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Eucharist Liturgy for the Islands & Inlets

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Sue Hamblin

Sidespeople are Gwen & Doug Doust

Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Lydia French

Guest Musician is David Enns

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: CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Sentence of the Day: The word of God is living and active; it sifts the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: MV 213 Take Up His Song (Vs 1)

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Take up his song of peace and go into the world,
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives,
lay them down, in peace, lay them down, and take up his song.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34

Carolyn Hamar

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 119:97-104 (BAS Pg. 875)

Sue Hamblin

Oh, how I love your law! * **all the day long it is in my mind.**

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * **and it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers, * **for your decrees are my study.**

I am wiser than the elders, * **because I observe your commandments.**

I restrain my feet from every evil way, * **that I may keep your word.**

I do not shrink from your judgements, * **because you yourself have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste! * **they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.**

Through your commandments I gain understanding; * **therefore I hate every lying way.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Jim Hamar

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

Gradual 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.

(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 18:1-8

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Sr. 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: 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 354 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, **your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer: #5 (BAS Pg. 204)

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 **Deep in Our Hearts**

Sung by Choir

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

Prayer after Communion: God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, 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: CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

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 Episcopal Church of the United States of 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 Reverend Canon Blair Haggart
and the Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Mayne 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
Sunset Lodge.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

SHARED MINISTRY

Church Calendars 2026 - The 2026 calendars are here and available for purchase at \$6 each. Please see the parish office during the week if you would like one, or you can find them in the Narthex on Sundays.

Thanksgiving Stewardship Letters - Please remember to pick up your Thanksgiving Stewardship letter in the Narthex.

Marketing of Parish Events - To better streamline marketing and communication of parish events, we will be introducing a new form for event committees to fill in that includes all pertinent marketing information to go on the website and social media. The forms would need to be handed in to the parish office at least six weeks prior to the event to allow enough time to advertise. The form will be ready and available soon so stay tuned!

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.

Pumpkin Carving with the Peninsula Youth Group - On Sunday, October 26th at 6:30 pm, join Anglican youth (ages 12-18) from across the Peninsula to carve pumpkins as we prepare for Halloween. Bring your friends! Carve something fun or spooky - or both! Location is currently TBD but we'll plan to meet centrally once we know who can come. Please speak with your clergy for more information.

All Souls Service - We invite you to join us at **5 PM on Saturday, November 1st** for an All Souls service of Evening Prayer with the music of Taize.

We will gather to remember those we have lost, in a sacred time of evening prayer, sacred darkness, and the singing of chants in candlelight.

You are invited to bring a photograph, or a meaningful memento with you to the service.

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. Blessings are given in every loving stitch of the project. It is then gifted to a recipient who can wrap up in it and feel God's arms around them. 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 features books about God and suffering.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 Service, 5 PM

Nov 4 Intersections Course, Session 7 (Gordon United)

Nov 15 Christmas Craft Fair, 10 AM – 3 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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