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

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Service

October 26, 2025



Bruegel, Jan, 1568-1625. River Landscape, 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 Paul Francoeur
Sidespeople are Marlyn Butler & Sharon Crews
Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Mike Armstrong
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: CP 3 Morning Has Broken

Sentence of the Day: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

Collect of the Day: Lord God our redeemer, **who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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 2)

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

First Reading: Joel 2:23-32

Janelle Jenstad

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 65 (BAS Pg. 786)

Paul Francoeur

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * **to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, ***because of their transgressions.**

Our sins are stronger than we are, *** but you will blot them out.**

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! *** They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
*** O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.**

You make fast the mountains by your power; *** they are girded about with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas, *** the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs;
*** you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *** the river of God is full of water.**

You prepare the grain, *** for so you provide for the earth.**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *** with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

You crown the year with your goodness, *** and your paths overflow with plenty.**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *** and the hills be clothed with joy.**

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *** let them shout for joy and sing.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Jose Perena Pratt

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the

Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gradual Hymn: MV 169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

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When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound,
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound, and bells of peace shall sound,
each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound.

When fear no longer guides our steps and days of war are done,
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one,
our hearts will heal, will heal as one, our hearts will heal as one,
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one.

When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see,
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free,
for love, yes love will set us free, for love will set us free,
and we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.

(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 18:9-14

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even

look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 – 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: MV 89 Love Is the Touch

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Love is the touch of intangible joy; love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud; God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice; love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed; God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain; love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road; God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son; love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod; God is where love is, for love is of God.

Prayer over the Gifts: God of constant love, **you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 Beyond

Sung by Choir

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On the screen is "Pale Blue Dot", a photograph of Earth taken on February 14, 1990, by the Voyager 1 space probe from an unprecedented distance of over 6 billion kilometers. In the photograph, Earth's apparent size is less than a pixel; the planet appears as a tiny dot against the vastness of space, among bands of sunlight reflected by the camera.

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

Prayer after Communion: God our guide, **you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; 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:

Commissioning Hymn: **CP 380 O Worship the King** (Vss 1-4 & 6)

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 in Wales.

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
St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano 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 Alan, Frank, 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
Broadmead Lodge.*

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

The family of Dietrich Rodowski, especially his wife Margaret.

The family of Christopher Williams, especially his dad, Frank.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Epiphany 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

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.

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 photo or meaningful memento with you to the service.

Christmas Craft Fair 2025 - Mark your calendars for our spectacular annual Christmas Craft Fair and Tea happening on Saturday, November 15th from 10 am to 3 pm. As always, this event provides the perfect opportunity for some early Christmas gift shopping from a wide array of beautifully hand-crafted items. After shopping, sit and enjoy some sandwiches and dessert with tea/coffee all prepared and served by our Ladies Guild in the tearoom. You won't want to miss it!

A final note: Crafter registration forms are still being accepted.

Christmas Craft Fair Signup – Signup sheets for the Christmas Craft Fair are currently in the Narthex. There are many roles to fill to make this event run smoothly. Please consider signing up for a duty at a time slot that works for you.

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. **The next meeting is on November 27th, 10 am to noon in the St. John's Room.**

Christmas Day Home Alone Luncheon – Last year’s Christmas Day Lunch for anyone who was alone was yet another great success. We had a large turnout and saw lots of happy faces. So, mark your calendars because Church of the Advent will host the lunch again this year! Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex soon.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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
(Gordon United)

Nov 12 Community Coffee Social,
9:30-11 am
Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Nov 14 Christmas Craft Fair Prep Day

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 27 Prayer Shaw Mtg, 10 AM

Nov 30 8:30 Service Breakfast
Advent 1

Dec 10 Community Coffee Social,
9:30-11 am
Ladies Guild Appreciation Lunch

Dec 14 Community Lessons & Carols
Service

Dec 15 Christmas Caroling

Dec 16 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

Dec 20 Blue Christmas Service

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services

Dec 25 Christmas Day Home Alone
Luncheon