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

Second Sunday of Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Service

January 18, 2026



Anonymous. We Are the Children of Light, 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.

The 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
Book of Alternative Services, p. 185**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister is Sue Hamblin
Sidespeople Rose Chandler & Mary Ellen Skinner
Ministry of the Chalice – Carol Denton & 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 xʷsepsəm 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 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Sentence of the Day: The Word of God Became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who receive him, he gave power to become children of God.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: G 429 He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah forevermore.

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Dayle Robertson

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 40:1-12 (Pg. 755)

Sue Hamblin

I waited patiently upon the Lord; * **he stooped to me and heard my cry.**

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; * **he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; * **many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.**

Happy are they who trust in the Lord! * **they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! * **there is none who can be compared with you.**

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! * **but they are more than I can count.**

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure * **(you have given me ears to hear you);**

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * **and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: * **'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'**"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; * **behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; * **I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.**

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; * **let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Shirley Robertson

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus

Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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

Gradual Hymn: CP 273 Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple

(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 John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Janet Denford

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – O God, hear our prayer.
Please respond with – **And grant us your peace.**

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 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayer over the Gifts: Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2 (BAS Pg. 196):

The Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might adored,
Heaven and earth are shining bright with the glory of your light.
Loud hosannas now we sing! In the highest may they ring!
Blessed is the Coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son.
Glory in the highest! Holy God, your name be blessed!

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 Communion:

Communion Anthem: We Are Many Parts / Muchos Miesmbros Hay

Text and Tune Marty Haugen © GIA Publications

Sung by Choir

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

Prayer after Communion: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised

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 Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

*We pray for our Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan,
Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.*

*In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne
Island, and the Rev. Canon Blair Haggert.*

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 Liz, Andrew, Steve, Alan, Frank, Linda, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Trevor,
Barb, Jim, Wayne, and Neil, and the residents and staff of Broadmead Lodge.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Thank you - Thank you truly does not begin to cover our feelings, but a big thank you, to you, our faith family, for the outpouring of love, prayers and support sent to us as we have been grieving the sudden passing, in November, in Toronto, of our oldest son Andrew. The visits, prayers, calls, cards, food, flowers, gifts, were truly amazing and so appreciated by us, and by Melina, Andrew's wife in Toronto, and Scott, our son here in Victoria, and his family. Andrew would be so humbled by it all. You are a blessing to us. *L'Chaim...To Life!*.....Andrew's favourite toast.

- With love, Gwen & Doug

Jazz Vespers – This evening at 7 pm - Church of the Advent is thrilled to welcome the Maureen Washington Quartet to our Jazz Vespers stage. Join us tonight for an unforgettable evening featuring the incredible talents of Maureen Washington and her trio of accomplished musicians: Karel Roessingh on piano, Joey Smith on bass, and Damian Graham on drums. Maureen, renowned for her powerful and soulful voice will deliver a captivating performance blending jazz, blues, and soul. Don't miss this chance to experience live jazz at its finest in the Westshore.

Celebration Dinners to welcome new Royal Roads students - Church of the Advent is planning two themed potluck meals next year to welcome the new Royal Roads University students to Colwood. The campus does not permit the advertising of religious services, and this is the best way to introduce new students to our welcoming community.

Feb 28th - Celebration of International Black Cuisine - We're looking for people to volunteer to make the foods of the African diaspora - Caribbean, African, Cajun and many others. February is Black History Month.

Sept 19th- Celebration of Asian Cuisine - We're looking for people to volunteer to make foods from the vast range of Asian cultures: East (Chinese, Japanese, Korean), Southeast (Thai, Vietnamese, Filipino, Indonesian), South (Indian, Pakistani), Central (Uzbek, Kazakh), and Middle Eastern (Turkish, Lebanese)

How can you help to welcome new students?

- Would you like to help cook food?
- Can you offer recipes?
- Can you help to organize?

We need a small team to manage these two events. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Terry Mikkonen, the Fellowship Ministry Liaison, at tlmikko@gmail.com. February is around the corner, so we'd like to set up the team soon.

From the Parish Library - The book that Sister Ingrid was preaching from last November, Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths*, is available for 6-week loan on this week's Top Shelf. Please fill out a green slip from the shelf underneath, and put it in the pink box marked Library on the same shelf.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan 18 Jazz Vespers, feat. Maureen Washington Quartet, 7 pm

Jan 20 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

Jan 24 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm

Jan 25 8:30 Breakfast

Jan 28 Ladies Guild Lunch, Noon

Jan 29 Prayer Shawl Mtg, 10 am, St. John's Rm

Feb 1 Parish Coffee Welcome, after 10:00 service

Feb 4 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am

Feb 7 Taize, Chapel, 5 pm

Feb 11 Ladies Guild Meeting, Hall, 1:30 pm

Feb 16 Family Board Game Night, Hall, 6 pm

Feb 17 Shrove Tuesday Lunch & Dinner

Feb 21 Spanish Service, 6 pm

Feb 22 8:30 Service Breakfast

Annual General Meeting, after 10:00 service

Feb 28 Celebration of International Black Cuisine, Hall, 6:30 pm