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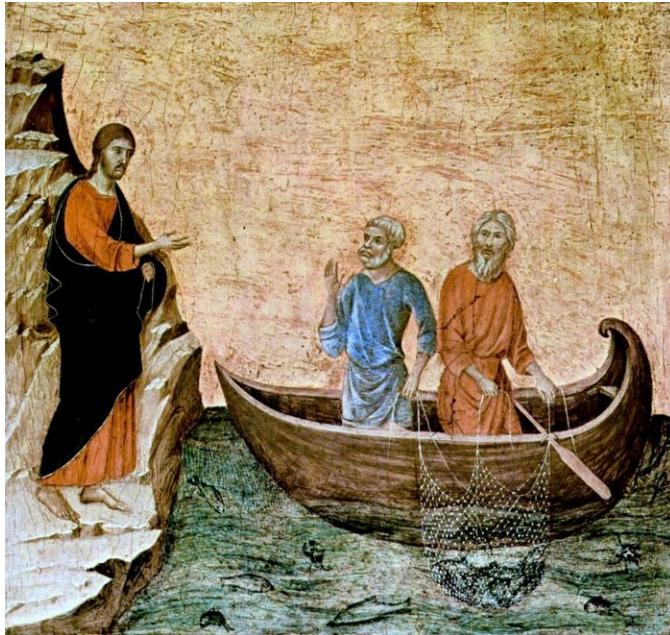
*The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop
Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest*

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

Third Sunday of Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Service

January 25, 2026



Christ Calling the Apostles Peter and Andrew by Duccio de Buoninsegna. 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
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Lay Eucharistic Minister is Rob Taylor

Sidespeople are Gwen & Doug Doust

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 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 432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

Sentence of the Day: Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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: I Will Make You Fishers of Men

Author: Harry D. Clarke

I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men,
I will make you fishers of men If you follow me.
If you follow me, if you follow me, if you follow me
I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Sharon Taylor

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 27:1, 5-13 (Pg. 755)

Rob Taylor

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? * **the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; * **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * **and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; * **he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head * **above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; * **I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; * **have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me, * **nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper; cast me not away; * **do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Rodger Whitman

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Gradual Hymn: G 781 Lord, When You Came (Pescador de Hombres)

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Lord, when you came to the seashore you weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy, but only asking that I might follow.

Refrain:

O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing, kindly smiling, my name you were saying; all I treasured, I have left on the sand there; close to You, I will find other seas.

Lord, you knew what my boat carried; neither money nor weapons for fighting, but nets for fishing, my daily labor. **[R]**

Lord, have you need of my labour, hands for service, a heart made for loving, my arms for lifting the poor and broken? **[R]**

Lord, send me where you would have me, to a village, or heart of the city; I will remember that you are with me. **[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 4:12-23

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout

Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 – Lord, 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 435 Take My Life and Let It Be

Prayer over the Gifts: Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #1 (BAS Pg. 193):

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:

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.
Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."
May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: Jesus Saw Them Fishing (Fish with Me)

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Sung by Choir

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

Prayer after Communion: Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this 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 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ!

INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

We pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

SHARED MINISTRY

Ladies Guild Lunch – Join us next Wednesday, January 28th at noon in the hall for a delicious meal served by our Ladies Guild. Enjoy a comforting bowl of homemade soup with sandwiches, dessert and tea/coffee, all for only \$12.00!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - A prayer shawl is a handmade shawl, usually knitted 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.

Are you interested? The next Prayer Shawl meeting is Thursday, January 29th at 10 a.m. in the St. John's room. If you have any questions and want to join the team, please feel free to contact Shirley at 604-816-2964.

Notice of Annual General Meeting - Mark your calendars for our Annual General Meeting for the year 2025, scheduled to take place on Sunday, February 22nd following the 10:00 service. Please note there is only one service this Sunday. The full AGM report will be available in the Narthex the week of February 8th.

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 - A companion book to Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths—Why? Making Sense of God's Will*, by the same author—is now on the Top Shelf. To borrow it, 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 25 8:30 Breakfast, Room C

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 10 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm - TENTATIVE

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

Feb 15 8:30 Breakfast (Black History Month)

Feb 16 Family Board Game Night, Hall, 6 pm

Feb 17 Shrove Tuesday Lunch & Dinner

Feb 21 Spanish Service, 6 pm

Feb 22 Combined 10:00 service (no 8:30)

Annual General Meeting begins at 12 pm, after service

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

Mar 7 Parish Council Planning Session, 8:30-12, Chapel

Mar 11 Ladies Guild Mtg, 1:30 pm

Mar 14 Parish Movie Night, 6 pm, Hall

Mar 15 Jazz Vespers, 7 pm

Mar 17 Book Club, 10 am, St. John's Room

Mar 18 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am, Hall

Mar 25 Ladies Guild Lunch, 12 pm, Hall

Mar 28 Spanish Service (Oscar Romero) & Potluck, 6 pm

Mar 29 8:30 Breakfast, Room C