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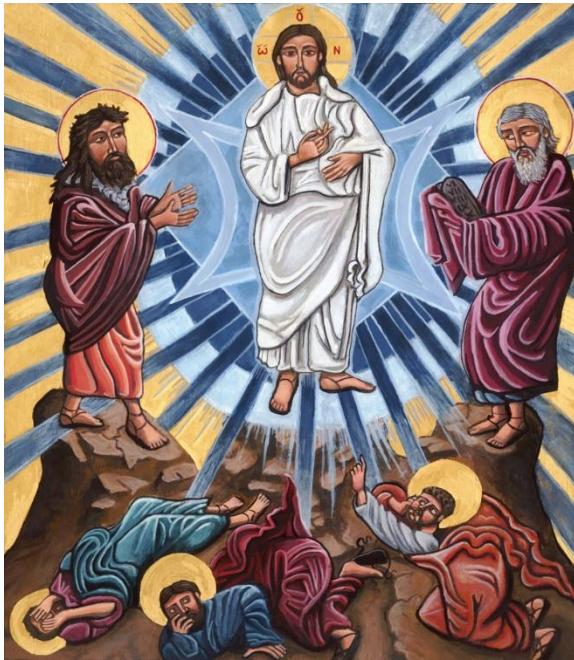
*The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop  
Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest*

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

**Last Sunday of the Epiphany**

**10:00 a.m. Service**

**February 15, 2026**



Latimore, Kelly. Transfiguration, 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 Rob Taylor  
Sidespeople are Marlyn Butler & Sharon Crews  
Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & 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.

#### **Introit: If Jesus is Come**

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#### **Opening Hymn: PoP 43 God Give Us Eyes to See Your Reign**

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God, give us eyes to see your reign, a slowly growing light Transfiguring our common world, restoring faith's dim sight.

Illumine eyes in shadow's gloom where hate and greed hold sway,  
For darkness is its light to you and you make bright our way.

God, give us ears to hear your voice amid the noise of life  
That speaks a word of faith and hope and calms our inner strife.  
Lord, tune our ears to hear the pain of ev'ry child that cries,  
Who mourns injustice, hate, and war; your voice in human guise

God, give us hands to do your work, To shape with love and care  
The facets of your peaceful reign for all the world to share.  
Restrain our hands from wasted work that strives for private gain,  
That build up monuments of wealth and add to human pain.

God give us tongues to praise your works, and voices to proclaim, the story of  
redeeming love, the glory of your Name.  
Embolden us to join the sound of tortured cries unheard, to call on all to hear your  
voice, the justice speaking word.

God, give us eyes to see your reign and ears to hear your voice, Strong hands to do  
your kingdoms work and voices to rejoice,  
That all our senses be employed in yet unfathomed ways  
All work and worship are as one in lives of endless praise.

**Sentence of the Day:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow  
me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, **on the holy mount you revealed to chosen  
witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us  
from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to  
glory; 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: G 429 He Came Down**

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

### **First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18**

Mary Wills

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: 99 (Pg. 837)**

Rob Taylor

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; \* **he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion; \* **he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; \* **he is the Holy One.**

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \* **you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**"

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \* **he is the Holy One.**

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, \* **they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \* **they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \* **you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**"

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;  
\* **for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 1:16-21

Rodger Whitman

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 167 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here**

Author: Bernadette Farrell b 1957. © 1993, 2000, Bernadette Farrell, Published by OCP

*(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.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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: G 878 Transform Us**

Author: Sylvia Dunstan, 1955-1993. © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.  
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.  
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.  
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,  
live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.  
Keep us from our great temptation – time and truth we quickly bind.  
Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face 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:**

**"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: Our Father in Heaven

*Sung by Choir*

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

**Prayer after Communion:** Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. 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

### Blessing of the Lenten Wall Hanging:

### 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 322 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Vs 1, 2, 5, 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 of the Province of the Indian Ocean.*

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

*In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region Holy Trinity, Sooke, Rev. John Gram  
& Rev. Wayne Short.*

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

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

### **SHARED MINISTRY**

**Family Board Games Night Tomorrow! – Monday, Feb 16 @ 5 PM** - Do you enjoy boardgames? Feel like getting together with friends for some games, snacks and plenty of laughs? Then join us on Family Day at 5 pm in the hall for our next Church of the Advent Family Boardgame Nights. Did we mention snacks and drinks? That's right! In true boardgame café style, we will have bowlfuls of snacks, popcorn, and drinks available to keep tummies from grumbling. All proceeds will go to the Coffee Fund. Come out and enjoy the spirit of fellowship mixed with a little healthy competition and plenty of fun!

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch & Supper** – Shrove Tuesday is this **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. The **Pancake Lunch** is happening at **noon** and is hosted by the Ladies Guild. Cost is \$12 per person, and \$5 for children under ten. The **Pancake supper** is at 6 pm (serving until 6:45), by donation, and graciously hosted by parish volunteers. We hope you will join us at either time!

**Ash Wednesday Services** – Join us for either the 10 am or 6 pm Eucharist service on February 18<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel.

**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 on this day. The full AGM report and Financials are now available in the Narthex.

**From the Parish Library** - This week's Top Shelf has a variety of books that are well suited for use in Lent. To borrow any book, please fill out a green loan slip from the small bookcase in the narthex and put it in the pink box marked Library.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Feb 16** Family Board Game Night, Hall, 5 pm

**Feb 17** Shrove Tuesday Lunch & Dinner, 12 & 6 pm (serving until 6:45)

**Feb 18** Ash Wednesday Services, 10 am & 6 pm

**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 4** Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am, Hall

**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 feat. Stephanie Greaves, 7 pm

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

**Mar 25** LG Community Lunch, 12 pm, Hall

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

**Mar 29** 8:30 Breakfast, Room C