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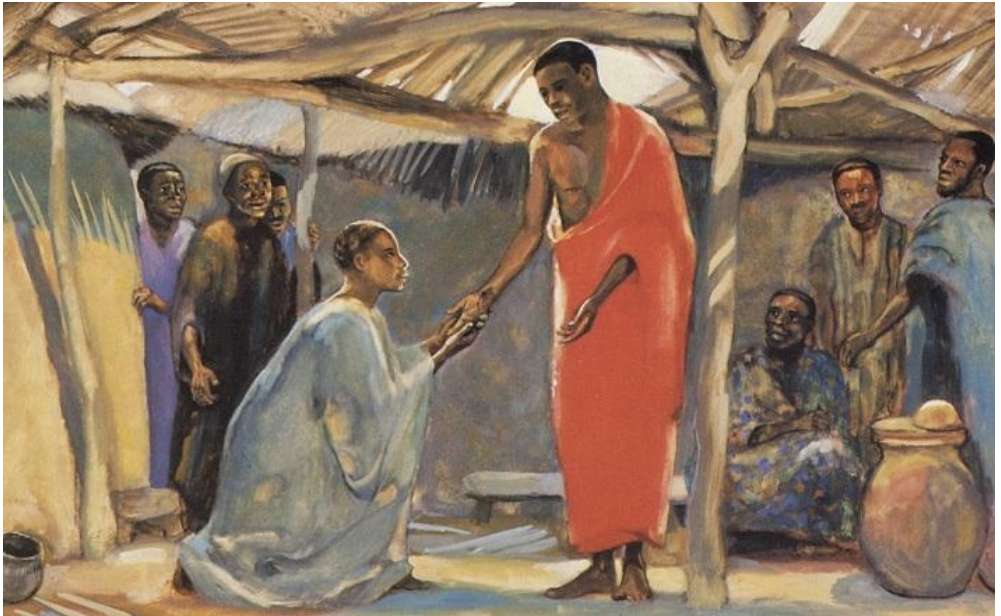
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The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop

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

**10:00 am Morning Prayer Service
April 12, 2026**



JESUS MAFA. Jesus appears to Thomas, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, Tenn.

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 ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are a newcomer, 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.

Linda Van Sickle officiates.

**10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Taken from Pray Without Ceasing**

*Sidespeople are Elaine & Art Youngson
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt 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 231 That Eastertide with Joy was Bright

Opening Responses

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us praise our God

who has given us life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

O God, you have claimed us as your own

and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Psalm 16

Bill Van Sickle

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * **I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * **upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods * **shall have their troubles multiplied.**

Their libations of blood I will not offer, * **nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; * **it is you who uphold my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * **indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; * **my heart teaches me, night after night.**

I have set the Lord always before me; * **because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * **my body also shall rest in hope.**

For you will not abandon me to the grave, * **nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life; * **in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Keith Denford

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands

of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Responory:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Lydia French

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an

indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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The Canticle: A Song of the New Creation (Isaiah 43.15, 16, 18, 19, 20c, 21)
(said together)

'I am the Lord, your Holy One, * **the Creator of Israel, your Sovereign.**'

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, * **a path in the mighty waters,**

'Remember not the former things, * **nor consider the things of old.**

Behold, I am doing a new thing; * **now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, * **to give drink to my chosen people,**

the people whom I formed for myself, * **that they might declare my praise.'**

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

Gradual Hymn: VU 185 You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen

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You tell me that the Lord is risen, that you have seen his face.
Then tell me why you crouch in fear and hide within this place.
You say that he spoke words of peace and stood just as before.
But 'til I touch his very flesh I will not trust your joy.

You claim a resurrection here, that God has broken death.
No easy words like these will soothe the pain that tears my breath.
How well do I recall his face, compassion, strength in fear.
How deep my grief that he should die. Spare me your words of cheer!

Now peace be with you. Come, my friend, my wounded body see.
Let the rich courage of your doubt bring you to fresh belief.
Fear not to wonder at the Word, to search the depths of grace.
Reach out and touch, here is my hand. Receive the gift of faith.

How blest are they, how fortunate who know without the sight.
But Thomas, you are favoured too, for searching yields its light.
So may each pilgrim in the Way, each road to Christ be blest,
'til lips declare, 'My Lord and God!', Christ's body one at last

(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 20:19-31

Linda Van Sickle

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated after the reading)

Choral Meditation: Be Still and Know *Sung by Choir*

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(Please stand as you are able for the Affirmation of Faith)

Affirmation of Faith

Hear O Israel, **the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayers of the People:

Janet Denford

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – God of glory.

Please respond with – **Hear our prayer.**

Collect of the Day: Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

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Our Father in Heaven, **Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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 pow'r and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

Prayer over the Gifts: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Shared Ministry:

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 244 We Walk by Faith

Dismissal: *please stand and face the back of the church.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. **Amen**

INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

For A Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola.

We pray for our Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan,

Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.

In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for the people and neighbourhood of the Parish of St Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin.

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 Cena, Andrew, Steve, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Barb, Jim, Wayne, and Neil, and the residents and staff of Broadmead Lodge.

For Those Who are Mourning

We pray for the family and friends of Alan Ampersand. Especially for his mother, Stephanie, his grandmother, Lisa, and his sister, Lane.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

SHARED MINISTRY

Garage Sale coming soon, Saturday, May 2nd - Did you know that we have an amazing **BBQ lunch** with hamburgers and hot dogs and snacks on sale day? And did you know that Jose Perena Pratt and her team create a beautiful **boutique** in the narthex, displaying a wide array of vintage and other lovely things selected from items brought for the sale? Any help you can provide even for an hour or two during our days of preparation, Apr 25 to May 1, would be appreciated. All the careful sorting and setting out of donated items provides a great experience for our shoppers on the sale day, May 2nd.

We still need volunteers at most of the tables and stations on sale day. Please check the sign-up sheets on the entryway table and add your name where you can help out. A big thanks to everyone who has already signed up. If you're thinking of helping but would like more information, please contact Linda Van Sickle at 778 265 5347 or lindavs51@gmail.com. Let's take this opportunity to come together as a parish and make this a great event for our Westshore community.

From the Parish Library – Books about Jesus are featured on the Top Shelf for a second Sunday. To borrow one, please fill out a green slip from the shelf below the display, and put it in the box labelled Library.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr 6-12 Sr Ingrid on Vacation

Apr 12 No 8:30 service, Morning Prayer 10 AM

Apr 13-16 Sr Ingrid at Clergy Conference

Apr 21 Book Club (all welcome), St. John's Rm, 10 am
Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

Apr 22 Community Lunch, noon

Apr 25 Spanish Service, 5:30 pm, &
Parish Spring Potluck, 6:30 pm

Apr 26 8:30 Breakfast, Rm C

Apr 27-May 1- GARAGE SALE PREP WEEK

May 2 GARAGE SALE DAY

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May 3 Parish Coffee Welcome

May 6 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am

May 9 Family Board Games Night, Hall, 6 pm

May 13 Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

May 19 Book Club, St. John's Rm, 10 am

May 23 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm

May 25 Jazz Vespers, 7 pm

May 27 Community Lunch, 12 pm