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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - Vocation Sunday**  
**10:00 a.m. Service**  
**April 26, 2026**



Dupré, Julien, 1851-1910. The Good Shepherd, 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 ANGLICAN 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.*

<p><b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</b></p>
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*Lay Eucharistic Minister - Shaena Wallace*  
*Sidespeople - Lynne & Dana Taylor*  
*Ministry of the Chalice – Rob & Sharon Taylor*  
*Director of Music is Nell Howard*

### **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and x<sup>w</sup>sepsəm 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 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**Sentence of the Day:** I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

**Collect of the Day:** O God of peace, **who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

### **Chat at the Chancel:**

#### **Hymn: VU 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us (Vs 2)**

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May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed.

**Refrain** Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

#### **First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

Lydia French

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 23:** CP 519 The Lord's My Sheperd

#### **Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

Barb Gossman

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from

sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Gradual Hymn: MV 126 Are You a Shepherd?**

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Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

**Refrain:**

Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
but you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,  
comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,  
challenging students to offer their best? **[R]**

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
lead all your children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight. **[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 John.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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 – In your love.

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.**

- A New Zealand Prayer Book

### **Affirmation of Ministry in the Parish**

- *Uniting Church in Queensland*

Merciful God, you renew the strength of all who wait upon you.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that, in serving others, we may always be true to Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

There are different gifts,

**but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,

**but it is the same God whose purposes are achieved through them all.**

Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit,

**to use for the common good.**

- *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

Let us pray:

God of grace, **you have called us to be servants of Jesus Christ, and to share in his ministry of love to all people. Renew our zeal, give us joy in your service. Direct us by your spirit of wisdom and fill us with the gifts of your grace, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(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 161 I have Called You by Your Name**

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I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

**Prayer over the Gifts: God of loving care, **you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.****

### **Eucharistic Prayer #3 (BAS Pg. 198):**

**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, **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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread:**

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb. Now we share in your resurrection.

**Live in us, that we may live in you.**

## **The Communion:**

**Communion Anthem: The Good Shepherd**    *Sung by Choir*

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

**Prayer after Communion:** God of steadfast love, **watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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### **INTERCESSIONS**

#### **TODAY WE PRAY**

*For The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).*

*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 Very Reverend Ansley Tucker  
and the people and neighbourhood of the Parish of St Michael & All Angels,  
Royal Oak.*

#### **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, Alan, Linda, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne, and  
Neil, and the residents and staff of The Priory.*

#### **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 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

## **SHARED MINISTRY**

**Garage Sale Update, Saturday, May 2, 9 am to 2 pm:** Drop-off of donated items starts this Saturday, April 25, 9 am to 3 pm, and continues Monday, April 27 to Friday, May 1, from 9 am to 3 pm, and on Wednesday, May 29, from 6 to 8 pm. The drop off on Saturday, April 25, is mainly for the general public. So if you can hold your donations until Monday or later, that would save moving items twice. **Please no computers, clothing, large furniture, mattresses, carpets, baby cribs and car seats, and no books, movies or music (save these for the Book Sale in early October).**

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to work during the week to help sort and set out items. If you haven't signed up but have an hour or two to spare, you're welcome to drop by any day from Monday to Friday and help out. It's a time of good fun and fellowship as well as preparation for the big sale day.

Thanks to everyone who has agreed to help at the Sale on Saturday. Watch for an email next week to confirm when you have signed up to work and to give you some basic information. If you haven't signed up yet but are able to help that day, the sign-up sheets are out on the entranceway table. Or you can call Linda Van Sickle at 778 254 5347 and she'll be happy to assign you a job.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbours to the sale and to share the event ads that Shaena is posting on our Facebook page. Don't forget the amazing BBQ lunch – hamburgers, hot dogs, snacks and some of Lydia's famous pies, sold by the slice!

Finally, good unsold items will be going to Habitat for Humanity, Anney's Closet, Women in Need and Salvation Army. We will need volunteers in the weeks after the sale to take some boxes of items, especially those for the Salvation Army.

Thanks for all your donations of items, time and labour. Working together, this will be a great event for our parish and for our Westshore community.

**From the Parish Library** – There will be no Top Shelf display between 28 April and 5 May, to allow for the transformation of the narthex into the Garage Sale Boutique. Please check last Thursday's newsletter for the temporary locations of the usual contents of the small bookcase. The library remains open!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Apr 27-May 1-** GARAGE SALE PREP WEEK
- May 2** GARAGE SALE DAY, 9 am – 2 pm  
Taize Service, 5 pm
- 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 24** Jazz Vespers, 7 pm
- May 27** Community Lunch, 12 pm
- May 31** 8:30 Breakfast, Room C  
Sunday School Picnic, 12 pm
- Jun 6** Taize Service, 5 pm
- Jun 10** Community Coffee Social, 9:30 am-11 am
- Jun 12** Strawberry Tea Prep Day
- Jun 13** **STRAWBERRY TEA & CRAFT SALE**, 10 am – 3 pm
- Jun 16** Book Club, St. John's Rm, 10 am  
Parish Council Mtg, St. John's Rm, 6:45 pm
- Jun 25** Prayer Shawl Mtg, St. John's Rm, 10 am
- Jun 27** Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm
- Jun 28** 8:30 Breakfast, Rm C