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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter – Battle of Atlantic**  
**10:00 a.m. Service**  
**May 3, 2026**



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**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.*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
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*Lay Eucharistic Minister – Paul Francoeur  
Sidespeople – Jose Perena Pratt & Mary Ellen Skinner  
Ministry of the Chalice – Mike Armstrong & Rob Taylor  
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

## **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE FOR BATTLE OF ATLANTIC**



CP 659 O Canada (Vs 1)

Prayer for the Canadian Armed Forces

CDR (Ret'd) Paul Francoeur

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Canadian armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ship Names and Tolling of the Bell – CPO2 (Ret'd) Al Wills

CPO2 (Ret'd) Mike Armstrong

A Prayer for Peace

Lt (N) Rodger Whitman

Almighty God from whom true peace comes, open our minds and hearts to a true love of peace. Guide those who are in authority to listen well to your wisdom, to work only for justice and charity, which is the only true path to peace in the world. May your kingdom come so that the earth will be filled with your knowledge and your love and your peace. Amen.

A Prayer for the Air Force

PO2 Scott Weatherell

Almighty God, whose loving care encompasses even the sparrow in its flight, guide and protect, we pray, all those who fly the uncharted spaces of the sky. Bless those who, through service in the Air Force, stand guard over the sacred trust of home and country. Endow them with wisdom and understanding that they may clearly see the path of duty and courageously devote themselves in service to the nation they love. In the solitude of flight, may the beauty of your greatness be revealed to them, that they may pattern their lives in accordance with your will. Extend your strengthening presence to those who wait at home, and may they ever know your watchful care will keep safe their absent ones. Let your blessing be upon us, O God, we pray. Lead us to carry on the trust left to us by those who have given with honour their lives in service of their country. May we find peace in the knowledge of our mission accomplished and their task completed, united forever in faithful service. Amen.

The Naval Prayer

CPO2 (Ret'd) Mike Armstrong

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the seas; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end; be pleased to receive into Thy almighty and most gracious protection

the persons of us Thy servants, and the fleet in which we serve. Preserve us from the dangers of the sea and from the violence of the enemy, that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign, King Charles, and his dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of the commonwealth may in peace and quietness serve Thee our God, and that we may return safely to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours, and with a thankful remembrance of Thy mercies to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

**Hymn of Honour:** CP 567 Eternal Father Strong to Save

**Military Members Serving & Retired:**

Paul Francoeur	<i>Commander (Ret'd)</i>
Rodger Whitman	<i>Lieutenant (Navy)</i>
Al Wills	<i>Chief Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (Ret'd)</i>
Mike Armstrong	<i>Chief Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class (Ret'd)</i>
Scott Weatherell	<i>Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class</i>

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Opening Hymn:** CP 300 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

**Sentence of the Day:** I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the father, but by me.

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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: VU 424 May the God of Hope Go with Us (Vs 1)

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May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**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 7:55-60

Rodger Whitman

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm: 31:1-5, 15-16

Paul Francoeur

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \* **deliver me in your righteousness.**

Incline your ear to me; \* **make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \* **for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \* **for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \* **for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

My times are in your hand; \* **rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \* **and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

Scott Weatherell

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

**Gradual Hymn: G 593 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

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I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus

**Refrain:**

In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path and show me the way to the Father.

[R]

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. [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.**

**Gospel:** John 14:1-14

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**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 – 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 450 you Call Us, Lord, To Be

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Gracious God, **you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer #2 (BAS Pg. 196):**

**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: For Every Child** *Sung by Choir*

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

**Prayer after Communion:** God of love, **in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, 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 459 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

**Commissioning:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**In the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## ***INTERCESSIONS***

### **TODAY WE PRAY**

*For the Church of North India (United).*

*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 and St. Stephen, Central  
Saanich. The Ven. Len Towstago and Rev. Gil Shoemsmith.*

### **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, Linda, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne, and Neil,  
and the residents and staff of Sunset Lodge.*

### **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN**

*We pray for the family and friends of Bernie Chandler. Especially for his wife, Rose,  
his children, Paul, Karen, Ben, Michelle, and Eoin.*

*We pray for the family and friends of Heather Thoresen. Especially for her  
daughter, Kari, her mother, Peg Flint, her sister, Darleen Terlson and her brothers  
Dave and Russ.*

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

## **SHARED MINISTRY**

**Garage Sale** - Wow! What a day it was yesterday at the Garage Sale. Thanks to everyone for all your donations and for your labour and enthusiasm in setting up during the week and working on Saturday. Watch for more details in this week's newsletter and next Sunday's bulletin.

**Next Community Coffee Social** - Join us for our next Community Coffee Social held on **Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 to 11 am in the hall. We warmly welcome you to come and spend some time in a relaxing and social environment. Bring your friends too!

**Jazz Vespers** – Join us on **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** for our next Jazz Vespers service that will feature accomplished pianist Karel Roessingh and double bassist Joey Smith. Karel and Joey have played together ever since Joey moved to Victoria over 35 years ago. They have accompanied many singers and instrumentalists, recorded together, and played in clubs, festivals, with orchestras and big bands, and in many other circumstances, but have rarely performed as a duo. They'll play well known and original songs related to togetherness, support, love and friendship.

**Forward Day by Day Devotionals** – The May/June/July Forward Day by Day Devotionals are available now. Because of the Garage Sale setup, they have been temporarily placed in the church but will be out in the Narthex next week. Please consider leaving a small donation for your copy.

**From the Parish Library** – The library remains open for loans and returns as the Garage Sale winds up. Loan & Return slips and the Library box are on the main shelves outside the parish office until Tuesday.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 6** Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am  
**May 9** Funeral & Reception for Bernie Chandler, 2 pm  
Family Board Games Night, Hall, 6 pm  
**May 13** Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm  
**May 17** Parish Coffee Welcome, after 10:00 service  
**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

## THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

On 3 September 1939, the “Athenia” was sunk off the coast of Northern Ireland. One week later, Canada was officially at war. From that day until the last of the German U-Boats surrendered after VE Day, in May 1945, the Allied navies and air forces could not relax their vigilance for a moment.

Battle of Atlantic Sunday commemorates the sacrifices of sailors, merchant seamen, RCAF and Canadian Army personnel who gave their lives in the North Atlantic. The Royal Canadian Navy gave to the struggle over 2000 dead and 24 warships. More than 900 RCAF and Canadian Army personnel were lost as well. The elements were often as vicious as the foe, with raging storms, pack ice, bitter cold, fog, and the dense blackness of North Atlantic nights.

The RCN and the Merchant Navy made nearly 26,000 safe crossings Carrying over 181 million tons of supplies to Great Britain. Freedom was made secure.

Thus we remember...

HMCS FRASER	HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN
HMCS REGINA	HMCS BRAS D'OR
HMCS OTTAWA	HMCS ALBERNI
HMCS MARGAREE	HMCS LOUISBOURG
HMCS SKEENA	HMCS OTTER
HMCS WEYBURN	HMCS SHAWINIGAN
HMCS LEVIS	HMCS ST CROIX
HMCS CLAYOQUOT	HMCS WINDFLOWER
HMCS CHEDABUCTO	HMCS TRENTONIAN
HMCS SPIKENARD	HMCS ATHABASKAN
HMCS GUYSBOROUGH	HMCS RACoon
HMCS VALLEYFIELD	HMCS ESQUIMALT

They will not be forgotten.

### **Canadian Merchant Ships**

Between 1939 and 1945, over 1700 Merchant Navy personnel lost their lives due to enemy action. This figure includes Canadian seaman who were lost while serving aboard 278 Canadian and Allied ships. Over 70 Canadian Merchant ships were sunk, most in the Battle of the Atlantic.

They will not be forgotten.

### **Royal Canadian Air Force Squadrons**

Approximately 350 aircraft were lost, and more than 900 aircrew were killed during the Battle of the Atlantic.

They will not be forgotten.