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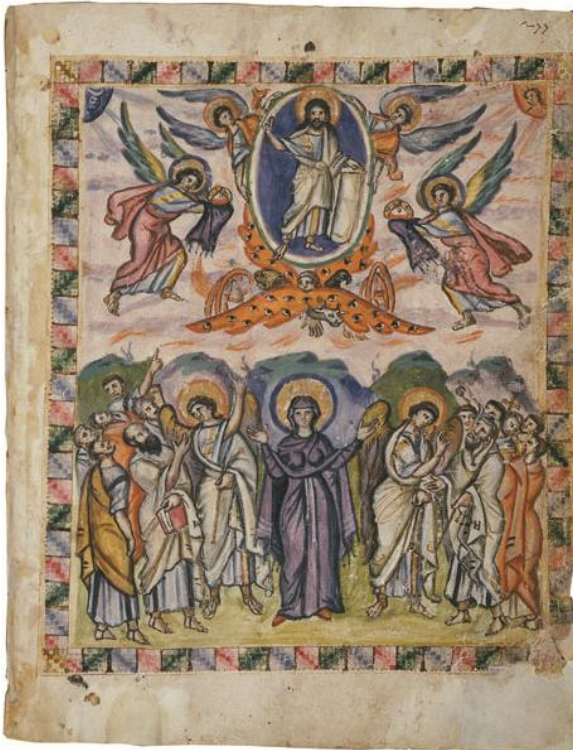
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Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

Ascension of the Lord
10:00 a.m. Service
May 17, 2026



Ascension from the Rabbula Gospels, 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 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
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>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</p>

Lay Eucharistic Minister – Carol Denton

Sidespeople – Dana & Lynne Taylor

Ministry of the Chalice – Lydia French & Rob 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^wsepsəm 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 379 Rejoice the Lord is King

Sentence of the Day: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to**

worship at his feet, who is alive 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 1:1-11

Janelle Jenstad

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 47

Carol Denton

Clap your hands, all you peoples; * **shout to God with a cry of joy.**

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; * **he is the great king over all the earth.**

He subdues the peoples under us, * **and the nations under our feet.**

He chooses our inheritance for us, * **the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, * **the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises; * **sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

For God is king of all the earth; * **sing praises with all your skill.**

God reigns over the nations; * **God sits upon his holy throne.**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * **with the people of the God of Abraham.**

The rulers of the earth belong to God, * **and he is highly exalted.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Dayle Robertson

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gradual Hymn: CP 247 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

(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 Luke.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 – 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: CP 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: TBA *Sung by Choir*

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

Prayer after Communion: Eternal Giver of love and power, **your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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 460 Shine, Jesus, Shine

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 Anglican Church of Papua, New Guinea.

*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. Andrew, Sidney, and the Rev. Kelly Duncan, Rev. Rebecca Yeo.*

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 Don, Audrey, Cena, Andrew, Steve, Linda, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Jim,
Wayne, and Neil, and the residents and staff of Westshore Lodge.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

SHARED MINISTRY

Parish Council Meeting – A reminder that we begin earlier at 6:45 pm.

Congratulations – Congratulations to Sr. Ingrid, Linda Van Sickle, and Jose Perena Pratt for completing their two-year course of studies in Church Development at the Provincial School for Congregational Development.

Parish Coffee Welcome - If you have recently joined Anglican Church of the Advent and haven't attended a Parish Coffee Welcome, you are warmly invited to meet after this morning's service in the St. John's Room. Get to know each other and learn more about the parish. We hope you can join us!

Jazz Vespers – Join us on **Sunday, May 24th 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.

Safe Church Training – The next Safe Church Training takes place on **Tuesday, May 19th at 6 pm in the St. John’s Room**. The training will take approximately 45 minutes and is mandatory for members of Parish Council, key holders, those handling money, those working with children, and those visiting the homebound. Upon completion of the training, you will receive a certificate that is valid for 5 years. Anyone who has completed the training but has passed the 5-year window, must complete the training again. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Terry in person or at safechurch@colwoodanglican.ca.

Parish Picnic – All are welcome to join us on the church lawn at the back of the church after the **10:00 service on May 31st** for the end of the Sunday School year. The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Sign-up sheets for attendance, sides and desserts are in the Narthex. Bring along your camping chairs and sun hats to join us for games and lunch.

Parish Office Hours – Please note that the Parish Office hours have shifted by half an hour. **Office hours are now 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**, still Monday through Thursday.

From the Parish Library – On the Top Shelf this week is Richard Rohr’s *The Tears of Things*, fresh from Sister Ingrid’s Lenten sermon series. Check last Thursday’s newsletter for a book review.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 17** Parish Coffee Welcome, after 10:00 service
- May 19** Book Club, St. John's Rm, 10 am
Safe Church Training, St. John's Rm, 6 pm
Parish Council Meeting, St. John's Rm, 6:45 pm
- 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