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*The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop*

*Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest*

**The Day of Pentecost**  
**10:00 a.m. Service**  
**May 24, 2026**



Kossowski, Adam. Veni Sancti Spiritus, 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.*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
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*Lay Eucharistic Minister – Rob Taylor  
Sidespeople – Marlyn Butler & Sharon Crews  
Ministry of the Chalice – Mike Armstrong & Joan Hoffman  
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: MV 79 Spirit, Open My Heart**

© Words: Ruth Duck, 1994 Music: traditional melody, Ireland: arr Arthur G Clyde, 1997

**Refrain** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **[R]**

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. [R]

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. [R]

**Sentence of the Day:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty and everliving God, **who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your 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: MV 156 Dance with the Spirit (vs 1)**

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Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.

Work and hope for the new life abornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

#### **First Reading:** Numbers 11:24-30

Scott Weatherell

Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that

the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

Rob Taylor

O Lord, how manifold are your works! **\* in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, **\*creatures both small and great.**

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, **\* which you have made for the sport of it.**

All of them look to you **\* to give them their food in due season.**

You give it to them; they gather it; **\* you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

You hide your face, and they are terrified; **\* you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; **\* and so you renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; **\*may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

He looks at the earth and it trembles; **\*he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; **\*I will praise my God while I have my being.**

May these words of mine please him; **\*I will rejoice in the Lord.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. **\* Hallelujah!**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Gradual Hymn: SNC 97 God Is Calling Through the Whisper**

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God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!

*(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 20:19-23

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

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."

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

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon:** Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

**The Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Prayers of the People:

Kathy Middleton

*(Please be seated for the prayers)*

Each petition will end with – Lord, 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.**

*-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: SNC 163 We Sing a Love That Sets All People Free

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We sing a love that sets all people free,  
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,

enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:  
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that seeks another's good,  
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,  
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:  
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid  
to be itself, despite another's wrath,  
a love that stands alone and undismayed:  
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest  
until it finds its way, its home, its source,  
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:  
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,  
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,  
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:  
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

**Prayer over the Gifts: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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: Send Down the Fire** *Sung by Choir*

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

**Prayer after Communion:** Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of 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 656 She Comes Sailing on the Wind**

## **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 Episcopal Church of the Philippines.*

*We pray for our Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan,*

*Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.*

*In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for  
all in ministry at the Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands.*

### **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 The Priory.*

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

## ***SHARED MINISTRY***

**Jazz Vespers** – Join us on **this evening at 7 pm** for a Jazz Vespers service, featuring accomplished pianist Karel Roessingh and double bassist Joey Smith.

**Community Lunch** - Bring your friends and come join us for our monthly Community Lunch this Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**Sunday School Picnic** - Please join us out **on the church lawn after the 10:00 service on May 31st** for our end-of-the-year Sunday School picnic! Bring along your camping chairs and sun hats to join us for games and lunch. Sign-up sheets for attendance and potluck are in the Narthex.

**Strawberry Tea** - Our annual **Strawberry Tea and Craft Fair** is coming soon, on Saturday, June 13th, from 10 to 3 pm. For \$12, you will enjoy freshly made strawberry shortcake served with coffee and tea in china cups. You can shop at our always popular bake table as well all the local crafters. Please invite your friends and family to this lovely event, and help to spread the word by taking some posters from the entranceway table. Three kinds of help are needed to make this day a success: preparing lots of baking for the bake table, assisting with the set-up on Friday evening, June 12th, from 6 – 8 pm, and helping out at the tea on Saturday, June 13th. Please check out the sign-up sheets on the entranceway table and add your name if you're able to help in any of these ways. Any questions, please call Mary Wills at 250-727-8358.

**How we're celebrating our 40th Anniversary over the next year...**

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| <b>Sun 13 Sept</b> | Community Parish History-Building/Memory Workshop  |
| <b>Fri 27 Nov</b>  | Anniversary Celebration Dinner/Dance. (catered, offsite)   |
| <b>Sat 28 Nov</b>  | Anniversary Parish Appreciation Tea (afternoon)  |
| <b>Sun 29 Nov</b>  | Anniversary Eucharist Service, (combined) 10 AM – Bishop Anna Group portrait of the congregation |
| <b>Sun 13 Dec</b>  | Community Christmas Carols (afternoon) – all local churches invited                              |

**2027: Sun 30 May** - Free Colwood Community Family Fun Day (afternoon) – fundraising for project partner

**Projects:** During four Sunday services in summer this year, you are invited to participate in making fibre-art wall-hangings for the chapel in liturgical colours. We will also be having special parish t-shirts printed to order.

Want to help? We are looking for people to join teams to make one of these projects/events happen. Anything interest you? Sign up from next week in the narthex.

**From the Parish Library** –On the Top Shelf this week is the autobiography of Jesuit writer and commentator, Father James Martin: My Life with the Saints. Check last Thursday's newsletter for a review.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**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** Taizé 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