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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Service
June 28, 2026



Gallen-Kallela, Akseli, 1865-1931. Hand of Christ / The Palm of Peace, 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 Reverend Doctor Canon John Steele 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 – Rob Taylor
Sidespeople – Marlyn Butler & Sharon Crews
Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & Mike Armstrong
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 Anglican Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Opening Hymn: MV 30 It's A Song of Praise to the Maker

Author: Ruth Duck. © 2002 Common Cup Company; Arrangement © 2002 by Andrew Donaldson.

It's a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker, the gray whale sings in the sea,
and by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore,
and by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover; the summer breeze joins the song,
and by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings,
and by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

Sentence of the Day: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; 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

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

Dayle Robertson

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he

himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 13

Rob Taylor

How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? * **how long will you hide your face from me?**

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? * **how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; * **give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;**

Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," * **and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

But I put my trust in your mercy; * **my heart is joyful because of your saving help.**

I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; * **I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Jose Perena Pratt

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness,

but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn: SNC 129 Welcome, Jesus, You Are Welcome

Author: Daniel Charles Damon (1992, rev. 2004) © 2005 Hope Publishing Co.

Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome in this world made hard by fear;
loving reach us, living teach us, Jesus, you are welcome here.

Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome in the ghettos we have made;
give the tattered, bruised and battered winter shelter, summer shade.

Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome with the wealthy and the poor;
give the broken love unspoken, open wide each prison door.

Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome; let your loving light appear.
In our seeing, in our being, Jesus, you are welcome here.

(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 Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Rev. John Steele

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Rev. John Steele

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 435 Take My Life and Let it Be

Prayer over the Gifts: God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one another in freedom. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #5 (BAS Pg. 204):

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:

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: Shall We Gather at the River *Sung by Choir*

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

Prayer after Communion: God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name. 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: VU 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ!

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

For the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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 neighborhood and parish of Christchurch, Gabriola Island and the Rev. Mona Smart.

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 Norman, Barb, Don, Audrey, Cena, Andrew, Steve, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne, and Neil, and the residents and staff of Sunset Lodge.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Romans 7:15-25a;
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SHARED MINISTRY

Pride Sunday Picnic – Pride Sunday is **July 5th** and following the 10 am service we will celebrate with a parish picnic outside on the church lawn. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Remember to bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets!

Pride Parade – July 12 – Church of the Advent will be marching in the Pride Parade in downtown Victoria on Sunday July 12th together with the Diocese of Islands & Inlets. We will be carrying our beautiful new banner!

You are encouraged to join us - whether it be for only part of the march or the entire length! The Parade begins at about 11 AM and lasts about an hour and a half. It's our way of letting people know that there **IS** loving, caring, affirming Christian community on the West Shore.

Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to participate - we will be catching the bus from the Colwood parking lot.

Note: There will be a 10 am prayer service on this day led by Linda Van Sickle.

From the Parish Library: On the Top Shelf for this week only, five books that have recently returned from loan, including the Reverend Al Tysick's *Muddy Water*, about unhoused people in downtown Victoria.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jun 28 8:30 Breakfast, Room C

Jul 1 Parish office is closed

Jul 4 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm (no Taizé Service)

Jul 5 Pride Sunday Service, 10 am

Pride Picnic, church lawn, after 10 am service

Jul 11 Agnes Richardson's Funeral & Reception, 2 pm

Jul 12 Pride Parade, downtown

No 8:30 service

Jul 21 Parish Council Mtg, St. John's Rm, 6:45 pm

Jul 23 Prayer Shawl Mtg, St. John's Rm, 10 am

Jul 25 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm

Jul 26 Combined Service, 10 am

Aug 4-20 Caroline away

Aug 8 Family Board Games Night, Hall, 5 pm

Aug 9 Combined Service, 10 am

Aug 22 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm

Aug 23 Parish Picnic & Eucharist, church lawn, 10 am