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Pride Sunday
10:00 a.m. Service
July 5, 2026



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 is Paul Francoeur
Sidespeople are Jose & Barney Perena Pratt
Ministry of the Chalice –Rob Taylor & Lydia French
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt 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 484 In Christ There is No East or West

Sentence of the Day: Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple.

Collect of the Day: O God you created us in your image and blessed us with the capacity to love. Accept the prayers of your people. Teach us to fully and radically love all your children as their true and whole selves, and lead us with courage to continually advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender

identities and gender expressions, just as your Holy Spirit advocates for us. In the name of Jesus, your beloved, we pray. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

Prayer of Repentance

(adapted from Prayer of Repentance for the Anglican Communion by Bishop Moon Hing)

Almighty God, Loving source of the universe, Creator of humankind, we, the Church, your unfaithful children, are truly sorry for our sins against our Two-Spirit LGBTQIA+ siblings. and the lives that we have lived. As the Church, we sincerely believe and confess in our hearts that only through your love can we be made new.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

We the Church repent that in biased thought, word or deed, we have committed serious offences against you and our neighbours. In laziness, bigotry, and ignorance, the Church has provoked hatred, division and hurt within our communities.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

In close-mindedness, deceit and indifference, we the Church have caused serious damage to your beautifully diverse children, through the rejection, judgement and exclusion of our Two-Spirit LGBTQIA+ siblings. In selfishness, insensitivity and bias, the Church has encouraged and emboldened those who inflict hurt, pain and sorrow on our loved ones and families.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

In the name of religion, doctrine and even of Christ himself, the Church has wounded believers and pursuers of holiness and faith. In stubbornness, pride and arrogance, we have caused heartbreak and despair among your children.

Lord have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Mercifully send Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love and of comfort, and cleanse the Church from all unrighteousness; restore in us true faith in Christ which brings truth, peace and harmony; and help us to walk together in loving unity and support with our siblings in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Confessional 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.

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: MV 213 Take Up His Song of Love (V 4)

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Take up his song of love and go into the world,
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives,
lay them down, in love, lay them down, and take up his song.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Keith Denford

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Paul Francoeur

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Lydia French

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 120 My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the Wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.
[R]

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. **[R]**

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. **[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 Matthew.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Ingrid Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Janet Denford

(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 welcomed to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive communion but prefer 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 418 Draw the Circle Wide

Prayer over the Gifts: God of heaven and earth, **receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer: #4 (BAS Pg. 201)

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, **hallow'd be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heav'n. 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 power, and the glory are yours; now and for ever. 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 Communion:

Communion Anthem: Walls Mark Our Bound'ries *(Sung by Choir)*

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

Prayer after Communion: O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, 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: MV 178 Who Is My Mother (Kindred in Spirit through Jesus Christ)

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Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labelled, widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas, all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us colour or status can't segregate us round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings all are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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 South America.

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 Reverend John Gram, the Reverend Dr. Wayne Short, and all in ministry at Holy Trinity, Sooke.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SHARED MINISTRY

Pride Picnic after the service – Join us outside on the church lawn after the service for our Pride Picnic!

Victoria Pride Parade – July 12th - Last week, a notice was sent out to let the parish know that the Diocese will not be marching in the Pride Parade due to the fact that The Victoria Pride Society received an overwhelming number of applications, which led to their decision to prioritize organizations who work more directly with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Members of the parish are still encouraged to attend the parade, as it is a meaningful way of letting people know that there **IS** loving, caring, affirming Christian community on the West Shore.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 26 Combined Service, 10 am

Jul 25 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm

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