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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Service
July 19, 2026



Zeshin, Shibata. Butterfly and Wild Rose, 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 Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Carol Denton

Sidespeople are Lynne & Dana Taylor

Ministry of the Chalice – Rob Taylor & Mike Armstrong

Guest Music Director is David Enns

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: CP 381 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Sentence of the Day: My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 213 Take Up His Song vs 2

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

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

Janelle Jenstad

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 139:1-11, 22-23

Carol Denton

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * **you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places * **and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * **but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

You press upon me behind and before * **and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * **it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit? * **where can I flee from your presence?**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * **if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning * **and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Even there your hand will lead me * **and your right hand hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * **and the light around me turn to night."**

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * **darkness and light to you are both alike.**

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * **try me and know my restless thoughts.**

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * **and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Dayle Robertson

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its

bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

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

Gradual Hymn: CP 401 My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(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 13:24-30, 36-43

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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: MV 12 Come Touch Our Hearts

Author: Gordon Light © 2002 Common Cup Company; Arrangement © 2002 by Andrew Donaldson

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.

Prayer over the Gifts: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. 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, 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 Communion:

Communion Anthem: I Come with Joy *(Sung by Choir)*

Author: Brian Wren © 1971, 1995 Hope Publishing Company; Harm. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

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

Prayer after Communion: O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; 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 500 Sister Let Me Be Your Servant

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 Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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 Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen and
all in ministry at the Anglican Church of the Advent, Colwood.*

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, Audrey, Cena, Andrew, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne,
and Neil, and the residents and staff of The Priory.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SHARED MINISTRY

Contribute to our Creative Anniversary Project at two Sunday services:

We'd like to create something beautiful to celebrate our 40th Anniversary, for generations to come at the Anglican Church of the Advent.

Jose Pereña Pratt, Linda van Sickle and Mary Wills are heading a project to create four liturgical fibre art hangings to complement the original blue liturgical hanging in the chapel. The blue hanging was created during a service ten years ago, as a combined parish effort, with everyone having the opportunity to add a piece of fabric before Linda Van Sickle sewed them together and completed the artwork. Creating additional hangings in green, white, red and purple is one of our 40th anniversary initiatives.

When will this happen?

Sunday July 26 and Sunday August 9 during the 10 AM service.

Who should be involved?

We want as many people as possible to contribute to the project, so that it represents everyone in the parish. Pre-prepared fabric will be provided on the day, and Jose, Linda and Mary will be on hand to assist you. For more information, speak to Jose.

Time constraints do not allow us to do this exercise at both services.

We are therefore asking the 8.30 congregation please to join with the 10 AM congregation for these two Sundays. The participation of every parishioner is very important.

Tell your stories!

Before or after you have contributed to the two hangings, please join Sr. Ingrid in the chapel, where we will be sharing stories of our parish from all four decades. These stories will be recorded for transcription and will be added to the stories we will be gathering on September 13th.

From the Parish Library - If you plan to spend the summer on the Island, this week's Top Shelf has some books for local explorers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 for anniversary art and storytelling (1), 10 am

Aug 4-20 Caroline away

Aug 8 Family Board Games Night, Hall, 5 pm

Aug 9 Combined service for anniversary art and storytelling (2), 10 am

Aug 22 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm

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

Aug 27 Prayer Shawl Mtg, 10 am, St. John's Rm

Sep 2 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11, Hall

Sep 5 Taize Service, 5 pm

Sep 9 Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Sep 13 Welcome Back Sunday

Sept 15 Parish Council Mtg, 6:30 pm

Sep 19 Celebration of Asian Cuisine, 6 pm

Sep 24 Prayer Shawl Mtg, 10 am, St. John's Rm

Sep 26 Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm

Sep 27 Parish Coffee Welcome, after 10:00 service

Sept 28-Oct 2 BOOK SALE PREP WEEK

Oct 3 BOOK SALE DAY