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Anniversary Fibre Art & Storytelling (Part 1) & Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Service

July 26, 2026



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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 Rob Taylor

Sidespeople are Marlyn Butler & Sharon Crews

Ministry of the Chalice – Mike Armstrong & Joan Hoffman

Music Director 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: CP 551 **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** (Vs 1-3)

Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

This is the day which the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Sentence of the Day: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Collect of the Day: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Mary Wills

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 128

Rob Taylor

Happy are they all who fear the Lord, * **and who follow in his ways!**

You shall eat the fruit of your labour; * **happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, * **your children like olive shoots round about your table.**

The man who fears the Lord * **shall thus indeed be blessed.**

The Lord bless you from Zion, * **and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.**

May you live to see your children's children; * **May peace be upon Israel.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Carolyn Hamar

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus 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: CP 458 Seek Ye First

(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 13:31-33, 44-52

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**

Creative Fibre Art Project & Storytelling (30 minutes)

Please proceed to the tables in the Narthex. If they are busy, or you are finished, please join Sr. Ingrid for storytelling in the Chapel.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

We are the body of Christ.

By one Spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

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 494 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels (Vs. 1-2)

Prayer over the Gifts: God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; as humanity you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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!**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

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.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. **Amen.**

The Invitation:

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: Psalm 42 As the Deer Pants for Water *(Sung by Choir)*

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

Prayer after Communion: God of grace, **we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, **and the whole earth live to praise your 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: CP 532 What a Friend we have in Jesus (Vs. 1 & 3)

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 Tanzania.

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. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, and the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker (priest in charge).

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, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne, and Neil, and the residents and staff of Sunset Lodge.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 16; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

SHARED MINISTRY

40th anniversary fabric project - Jose Perena Pratt, Mary Wills and Linda Van Sickle have been busy putting together an amazing assortment of fabrics – quilting cottons, batiks, silks, satins, lace, and velvets in four main colours (green, white and gold, red and purple). With the help of the ladies of the Tuesday What-Sew-Ever Group, we have cut these beautiful fabrics into an assortment of pieces, large and small, and in a variety of shapes.

Today we will have the green and white/gold projects ready for the whole congregation to work on. You'll have a chance to select a few pieces in each colour and add them using glue sticks to the background piece for each of the green and white/gold fabric collages. Jose, Mary and Linda will be there to help out. When we've made each creation together, we will take them home and finish them by sewing through the pieces and the background and finishing the edges with beautiful binding. Both pieces will then hang in the entranceway to the chapel, where the blue collage made by the congregation 10 years ago currently hangs. The green banner will be up during Ordinary Time and the Season of Creation and the white/gold creation will hang during Christmas/Epiphany, Easter and other high festivals.

On Sunday, August 9th, we will have the red and purple fabrics and backgrounds ready for the congregation to create hangings for Pentecost and Lent. So you will have two opportunities to be part of making beautiful fabric hangings for the church. What a way to celebrate our 40th anniversary as a parish family! We hope to see you again on Sunday, August 9th.

Family Board Games Night - Do you enjoy board games? Feel like unplugging from social media and getting together with friends for some games, snacks and plenty of laughs?

Then join us on **Saturday, August 8th at 5 PM** in the hall for the next Family Board Games Night. There will be tons of games for everyone. Party games, strategy games, dice, cards...you name it! Did we mention snacks and drinks? That's right! In true board game café style, we will have bowlfuls of snacks, popcorn, and drinks available to keep tummies from grumbling. All proceeds will go to the Coffee Fund. See you there!

Outdoor Eucharist Service & Picnic - Join us outside on the church lawn for our very popular annual Parish Outdoor Eucharist Service & Picnic that is happening on **August 23rd at 10 am**. Bring your hats, chairs, blankets, sunscreen and a pop-up shade shelter if you have one! Sign-up sheets for the potluck are in the Narthex.

Parish Office Closure – Caroline will be away in August from the 4th to the 20th. The parish office will be closed; however, emails and voicemails will be monitored for urgent or time sensitive messages. Please also know that you can contact the wardens, Carol and Shaena, by emailing them at wardens@colwoodanglican.ca, or approaching them in person.

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

Aug 4-20 Caroline away (office closed)

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

Sept 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

Sept 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