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Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen, Priest

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Service
August 16, 2026



Juan, de Flandes, approximately 1465-1519. The Canaanite Woman asks for healing for her daughter, 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 Sue Hamblin

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 506 Lord of All Hopefulness

Sentence of the Day: Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;**

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: SFAGP 160 Give Me Oil in my Lamp (Vs. 2)

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Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, keep me praising till the break of day.

Refrain: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King!

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Rob Taylor

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my

father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 133

Sue Hamblin

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * **when brethren live together in unity!**

It is like fine oil upon the head * **that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, * **and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon * **that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: * **life for evermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32

Mike Armstrong

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Gradual Hymn: SNC 121 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

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Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight,
fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,
lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,
left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbour's hand in love,
tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

(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 15:(10-20) 21-28

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 – God, in your goodness.

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 615 Just As I Am

Prayer over the Gifts: Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: Healer of Our Every Ill sung by Choir members

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

Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, **we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, 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 513 Guide My Feet

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ!

INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

For The Church in Wales.

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 Kelly Duncan and
Rev. Rebecca Yeo at St Andrew Anglican Church in Sidney.*

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, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne, and Neil, and
the residents and staff of The Priory.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

SHARED MINISTRY

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.

Fall Garden Clean-Up Day - Join us on **Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m.** as we come together to tend, refresh, and care for our parish grounds. All volunteers are welcome, and no experience is needed — just a willingness to lend a hand and to enjoy time in community. Garden gloves, a spade and rainproof clothing are recommended.

From the Parish Library - On display today: Bob Joseph's *Indigenous Relations* (**new!**), some light summer reading from the Inspiration section, and a story book by local author Trudy Spiller. Instructions for borrowing a book are on the end of the pink box marked Library, underneath the book display.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Aug 4-20** Caroline away
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 23 Community Lunch
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