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Feast of the Creator
10:00 a.m. Service
August 30, 2026



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

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 Paul Francoeur
Sidespeople are Gwen & Doug Doust
Ministry of the Chalice – Mike Armstrong & 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 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 560 God Whose Almighty Word

Sentence of the Day: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.

Collect of the Day: Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the

earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: If I Were a Butterfly

Author: Brian Howard. © 1974, 1975 Celebration

If I were a butterfly, I'd thank you, God, for giving me wings.
And if I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank you, God, that I could sing.
And if I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,

Refrain: But...I just thank you, God for making me "me."
For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile.
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child.
And I just thank you, God, for making me "me."

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Dayle Robertson

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 33:1-9

Paul Francoeur

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *** it is good for the just to sing praises.**

Praise the Lord with the harp; * **play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Sing for him a new song; * **sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.**

For the word of the Lord is right, * **and all his works are sure.**

He loves righteousness and justice; * **the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.**

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, * **by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin * **and stores up the depths of the sea.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord; * **let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**

For he spoke, and it came to pass; * **he commanded, and it stood fast.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Mary Wills

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

(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 John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1:1-5

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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 – Creator, 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 428 God Who Gives to Life its Goodness

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom, all creation yearns in hope to be set free. Receive all we offer you this day and through this Eucharist lead us to be servants of your justice and truth in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up

Let us give thanks to God our Creator

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here on the land of the Songhees and x^wsepsəm nations where the Pacific Ocean meets the shore, where city and forest, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens. Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song.

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!

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first deed was a feed trough. He was baptized into the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he travelled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

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 power 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: Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works *(Sung by Choir)*

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

Prayer after Communion: Creator of all, in the death and resurrection of Jesus you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. May this bread and wine open our eyes to your love and justice woven through all of creation. We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word. 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 265 Creating God Your Fingers Trace

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Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

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 Church in the Province of the West Indies.

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 Juli Mallett and all
in ministry at the Parish of Salt Spring Island.*

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 Dirk, Don, Barb, Audrey, Cena, Andrew, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne, and
Neil, and the residents and staff of Brjoadmead Lodge.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

SHARED MINISTRY

Sunday School Teacher Needed - Teaching in our Sunday School offers an enriching opportunity to support our next generation's learning and discovery about God's love for all.

We are currently in need of one teacher and are looking for someone who would be interested and available to begin teaching this September when the new curriculum commences.

Our teachers and assistants are on a scheduled rotation so that everyone would be responsible for only **one Sunday per month**. The classes run for about 30 to 45 minutes in length. The lesson plan and resources are available to teachers in advance of the semester.

The only additional commitment to the regular Sunday teaching times is the Christmas Pageant (December) and the Sunday School Wind-Up Party (end of May). The teachers plan and work together to facilitate these two events. There are no classes during the summer.

If you are interested and/or have more questions, please speak with the office, Sr. Ingrid, or with Rudo Mgodi after the 10 AM service (or email her at rudodmgodi@gmail.com).

Community Coffee Social – The first Community Coffee Social of the season is this Wednesday, September 2nd from 9:30 to 11 am in the hall. Join us for a fun and relaxing morning social over tea/coffee. Bring your friends too!

Supporting wildfire evacuees - The Compassion in Action Ministry would like to assist wildfire evacuees by donating to local campaigns. *Soap for Hope* is collecting new containers of shampoo, conditioner, lotion and toothpaste, along with other hygiene items for families who have had to flee B.C.'s wildfires. Some of the suggested products include family-sized shampoos, conditioners and lotions; toothpaste, toothbrushes and floss; deodorant, nail clippers, tampons, diapers, shaving cream, razors, brushes and combs. The evacuees also need new blankets, towels and face cloths for when they return home, as well as cleaning supplies, toilet paper and paper towels. Donations can be dropped off at the Church.

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.

An exciting opportunity to learn how to transform our community - There is so much suffering in the world around us and responding in care for our cold, hungry or elderly neighbours can sometimes feel overwhelming. Real, measurable social change requires more – it needs collaboration between like-minded organizations, working together to effect significant transformation.

We, through the Diocese of British Columbia are members of Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT), GVAT is a diverse, non-partisan organization made up of member organizations working towards shared priorities for our community, representing everyone. GVAT comprises around 20 member organizations in the Capital Regional District, including faith groups, student organizations, non-profits, front-line service organizations, and unions. It is a training ground for developing leaders, who are building a permanent alliance for real change in Victoria. St

Andrew's Anglican Church in Sidney partnered recently with GVAT to successfully advocate for a cold-weather shelter for unhoused people.

September Training opportunity – Sept 25 & 26: We will be hosting GVAT's *Foundations of Community Organizing* intensive training course this September, over a Friday evening and a Saturday.

How to Register: See your newsletter for the registration link. You will receive an e-mail with zoom and event details closer to the event. This training is free for members of the Anglican Church of the Advent.

When: September 25th: 6-8pm (Online, via Zoom) and September 26th: 9-3:30pm (In person, hall)

From the Parish Library - This week's Top Shelf features books for the Season of Creation, including new-to-us-and-highly-recommended Darwin, Diversity, and the Dance of the Cosmos, by Bruce Sanguin; check last Thursday's newsletter for a review. Instructions for borrowing and returning a book are on the end of the pink box marked Library, underneath the book display.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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

Oct 6 Election Town Hall, 7 pm