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Season of Creation
Fifteen Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Service
September 6, 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

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Sue Hamblin

Sidespeople are Jose & Barney Perena Pratt

Ministry of the Chalice – Joan Hoffman & 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: MV 2 Come All You People

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Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.

Sentence of the Day: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

Collect of the Day: Grant us, O God, the courage to choose Jesus' way even at great cost, bearing our cross and releasing our possessions, for the liberation and healing of your world; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: If I Were a Butterfly (Vs 2)

Author: Brian Howard. © 1974, 1975 Celebration

If I were an elephant, I'd thank you, God, by raising my trunk.
And if I were a kangaroo, you know I'd hop right up to you.
And if I were an octopus, I'd thank you, God, for my fine looks,

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: Exodus 12:1-14

Bill Van Sickle

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down

every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm: 149

Sue Hamblin

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; * **sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.**

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; * **let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**

Let them praise his name in the dance; * **let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.**

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people * **and adorns the poor with victory.**

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * **let them be joyful on their beds.**

Let the praises of God be in their throat * **and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

To wreak vengeance on the nations * **and punishment on the peoples;**

To bind their kings in chains * **and their nobles with links of iron;**

To inflict on them the judgement decreed; * **this is glory for all his faithful people.**
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Linda Van Sickle

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and

put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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

Gradual Hymn: VU 453 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

Author: Fred Kaan. © 1968 Hope Publishing Company; Music copyright © 1974 Ron Klusmeier.

Out of deep, unordered water God created land and life;
world of bird and beast, and later, twosome people, husband, wife.

Refrain: There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.

Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,
is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road. [R]

Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore.
Life is hallowed by the knowledge: God has been this way before. [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 18:15-20

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for

you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Ingrid Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Sue Hamblin

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – Creator, in your love and 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: G 665 Healing River of the Spirit

Author: Ruth Duck. © 1996, The Pilgrim Press; Harm. © 1978, Lutheran Book of Worship

Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness deep within your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side,
we discover in your presence peace that world cannot provide.

Wellspring of the healing Spirit, stream that flows to bring release,
as we gain our selves, our senses, may our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your church enact your grace.
As we meet both friend and stranger, may we see our Savior's face.

Living stream that heals the nations, make us channels of your pow'r.
All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us; guide our winding human course,
Till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our source.

Prayer over the Gifts: Great and holy God, **accept our offering of labour and love.**
May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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 bed 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 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: As I Went Down in the River to Pray *(Sung by Choir)*

Text and music: American trad., arr. Michael Capon © 2008

Prayer after Communion: Father, **your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

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/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island. And the Rev. Canon Blair Haggart.

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 Westshore Lodge.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

SHARED MINISTRY

Welcome Back Sunday – September 13th – Next Sunday we kickoff the season with our Sunday School registration. Please see Rudo in the Narthex after the service next week to register your child for the coming Sunday School year.

Workshop & Potluck Lunch - Also next Sunday the 13th is a Parish Memory/Storytelling Workshop, followed by a potluck lunch in the hall. Signup sheets are in the Narthex.

Sunday School Teacher Needed - 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. 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).

Book Sale - Mark your calendars for our giant annual book sale, coming soon on **Saturday, October 3rd, 9 am to 3 pm!** Of course, there will also be the pre-sale on the evening of **Friday, October 2nd, 6 to 8 pm.**

We are now accepting donations of gently used books. Books can be dropped off during office hours Monday through Thursday, or you can call the parish office to make alternate arrangements.

What we are not accepting:

- Please no encyclopedias or Reader's Digest.
- No very old musty, dusty books. Some of our volunteers suffer from severe allergies to dust and mold. Thank you!

Book Sale Prep Week: Sign up sheets will soon be in the Narthex for volunteers to sign up to help with the book sale preparations, all happening from September 28th through to October 2nd, and on the day of the Sale.

Posters: Please pick up a poster or two from the Narthex and display them wherever you can in the community. Help spread the word!

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. A light lunch will be provided.

September Training Opportunity with Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) - 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: Did you take a book out before July 1? If so, it's now overdue, so please read and return it as soon as possible. To return a book, fill out a yellow slip from the middle shelf of the small bookcase in the narthex, and put it in the pink box marked Library. Leave your book under or beside the box. Thanks!