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Season of Creation
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Service
September 20, 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 Shaena Wallace

Sidespeople are Elaine & Art Youngson

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 x̱w̱sepsəm 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 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning.
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life, in oneness with their neighbour.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor
that all might have abundant life and peace endure forever.

Sentence of the Day: Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

Collect of the Day: Grant us, Creator God, to put wealth to use in relieving the suffering of others; so that we might hold fast to the love that endures; 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 1)

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: Exodus 16:2-15

Mike Armstrong

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with

hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 105:1-6, 37-45

Shaena Wallace

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; * **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to him, sing praises to him, * **and speak of all his marvellous works.**

Glory in his holy name; * **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Search for the Lord and his strength; * **continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done, * **his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,**

O offspring of Abraham his servant, * **O children of Jacob his chosen.**

He led out his people with silver and gold; * **in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.**

Egypt was glad of their going, * **because they were afraid of them.**

He spread out a cloud for a covering * **and a fire to give light in the night season.**

They asked, and quails appeared, * **and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**

He opened the rock, and water flowed, * **so the river ran in the dry places.**

For God remembered his holy word * **and Abraham his servant.**

So he led forth his people with gladness, * **his chosen with shouts of joy.**

He gave his people the lands of the nations, * **and they took the fruit of others' toil,**

That they might keep his statutes * **and observe his laws. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Kathy Middleton

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gradual Hymn: MV 127 I Saw The Rich Ones (Work for a World)

Author: Pat Mayberry; © 2000 Pat Mayberry, SOCAN; Arrangement © 2000 Margaret Stubington

I saw the rich ones, I saw what they gave;
the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved;
and I saw she was smiling and I knew she was glad;
and I wondered because she gave all that she had

Refrain: But with God the world is turned upside down
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found
Let's work for a world where all people are free;
where it's good to feel good about God loving you and me.

I saw Zaccheus, a sinner they said
but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread
and I knew something special had happened that day
when Zaccheus gave half of his riches away [R]

The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day
I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been paid
for the ones who came later were paid just the same
as the workers who greeted the dawn when they came [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 20:1-16

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening

came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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: VU 449 Crashing Waters at Creation

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Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death.

Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage, channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.

Prayer over the Gifts: God of power, **the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 in 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: Rain Down *(Sung by Choir)*

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Prayer after Communion: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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 388 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

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 Australia.

We pray for our Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan,

Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.

*In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for Holy Trinity, Saanich, and the
Rev. Denise Doerksen.*

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, Neil, and the
residents and staff of Sunset Lodge.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

SHARED MINISTRY

Don't miss Jazz Vespers tonight at 7pm! Anglican Church of the Advent is thrilled to welcome jazz vocalist Diane Pancel. Diane is a multi-award winning recording artist and international cabaret star. Known for her ability to connect with the audience, Diane brings her unique style to American Songbook Cabaret hits. Diane has performed alongside artists such as David Foster, Nelly Furtado, Michael Chiklis, Leanne Rimes, Matt Dusk, and more recently the Victoria Symphony. Diane will be accompanied by Ashley Wey on piano and Louis Rudner on bass. Suggested donation \$20.

Volunteers for Coffee Hour – Ed Robinson is seeking two volunteers to help with coffee/tea in the hall after the 10:00 services. The coffee service volunteers are on a rotational schedule so only need to commit to one service a month. For anyone interested, please either speak with Ed directly or contact the parish office.

Volunteers needed for community food project West Shore Food Share takes place in our church parking lot on Friday mornings 10-11 AM. It is a food rescue partnership between our parish and a Colwood community volunteer. Operating since April 2025, West Shore Food Share serves on average about 50 people, predominantly elderly women struggling to put food on the table.

What is food rescue? Local grocery stores pull items that they can no longer sell due to “sell by” dates, but is still well within the “best before” date, and is safe to consume. Jennifer Ronald picks up this food in her own van and brings it to our church. But she needs help here at the church for an hour and a half once a week.

Want to help? Jenn needs volunteers to assist with setting out food and serving clients and has approached us for help. This is an ideal opportunity for us as a parish to serve those in need in Colwood. If enough people volunteer, then people need serve only once or twice a month.

Would you like to be involved in this important food security ministry? Please reach out to Sr. Ingrid. Jenn has offered to show people the ropes on Friday 25th (next week), starting at 9.30.

Monday Home Church - The Monday Home Church study group resumed meeting weekly via Zoom last Monday at 7 pm. Bill and Linda Van Sickle serve as hosts for these sessions. This group enjoys fellowship with one another and a real desire to deepen our understanding of our faith and scriptures.

We focus our study by watching video lecture series published by the Great Courses Teaching Company, the Faith and Reason Organization and other sources. We open with a prayer, watch the video presentation, have an informal discussion about the lecture and close with the grace.

Last Monday, we began a 24 lecture series called “Comparative Religion”, by Professor Kimball, from the Great Courses organization. Here is a short course description: *Explore how five great world religions address core issues—including creation stories, concepts of the divine, and ultimate goals—in parallel and different ways.*

If you have any questions and/or are interested in joining in, please get in touch with Bill or Linda at 778 265 5347 or lindavs51@gmail.com. We can send you the link for the Zoom session.

In recent years, we enjoyed courses such as “The Challenge of Jesus”, “The Challenge of Paul”, “The History and Archeology of the Bible” and “Great Figures of the New Testament”.

Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) Training Opportunity -

Sept 25 & 26: We are hosting GVAT’s *Foundations of Community Organizing* intensive training course. There is no charge.

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. Register asap!

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

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: Signup sheets are now out 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. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers who can assist with the redistribution of unsold books.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sep 20 Jazz Vespers feat. Diane Pancel, Ashley Wey & Louis Rudner, 7 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

Taize, 5 pm

Oct 6 Election Town Hall, 7 pm

Oct 7 Community Coffee Social, 9:30 - 11 am

Oct 8-11 Ingrid away

Oct 11 Combined service, no 8:30

Oct 12 Parish Office Closed

Oct 17 Environmental Expo, 10 am

Family Movie Night, 6 pm, Hall

Oct 20 Parish Council Mtg, 6:45 pm

Oct 22 Prayer Shawl Mtg, 10 am

Oct 24 Spanish Service, 5:30 pm

Harvest Dinner, 6:30 pm

Oct 28 Community Lunch

Nov 7 Parish Council Working Morning & training with Canon Lisa,

9 am – 1 pm, St. John's Rm



FREE RECYCLING DROP-OFF FOR RESIDENTS

Accepted Materials:

- ✓ Foam packaging
- ✓ Flexible plastics
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Mixed containers
- ✓ Household batteries
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Lightbulbs
- ✓ Beverage containers (donation only)



Hub Locations:

Colwood Hub

Colwood Exchange Park & Ride, corner of Island Highway and Ocean Boulevard

Langford Hub

Westhills Bus Exchange, near the YMCA-YWCA Westhills

Oak Bay Hub

Cadboro Bay Road and Cranmore Road Parking Lot, near Oak Bay High School

Open year-round Saturdays and Sundays 9 am - 4 pm



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