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Truth & Reconciliation Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Service
September 27, 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 – 1 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.

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10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Liturgy adapted from Anglican Church of Canada and United Church of Canada
resources for Truth & Reconciliation Day
and the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery.**

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Paul Francoeur

Sidespeople are Lynne & Dana Taylor

Ministry of the Chalice – Rob Taylor & Joan Hoffman

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land: Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the x^wsepsəm and Songhees, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: CP 407 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

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Sentence of the Day: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

Collect of the Day: Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, Holy Friend, we are humbled in repentance for the way that Western European churches made your image in their own, rather than their image in yours. We acknowledge that this distorted image was used to dehumanize others, to conquer nations, and to forcefully expropriate land and resources in your name.

Creator God, in your mercy forgive us. With your Spirit lead us to see your face in all humanity, and your spirit of love in all of creation.

Creator God, Holy Friend, we are humbled in lament and sorrow for the Christian church coming to this land armed with the Doctrine of Discovery to confiscate land and to annihilate and dehumanize our Indigenous hosts. Pour your love into our hearts so that we might build right relations of mutuality, equity, and respect and be responsible keepers of the lands and waters.

Creator God, in your grace transform us. With your Spirit guide us in living out right relations with all people based on respect and equal rights.

Creator God, Holy Friend, we are humbled in seeking healing for our churches as we move from a legacy of colonization and domination, to creating a new history built on right relations and gracious mutual habitation on these lands. For the harm committed in your name against all the First Peoples of the land we are sorry. Despite inflicting such pain, we are aware of so much grace returned toward we who are settlers, as well as the great resilience among Indigenous Peoples themselves, as we share the hope of reconciliation.

Creator God, in your wisdom heal us. With your Spirit heal us and strengthen us to be agents of wholeness and wellness with all nations and peoples.

Creator God, Holy Friend, we are humbled in our need for encouragement within the Christian churches who repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery, that our repentance may go beyond words to actions of solidarity and justice. For this we

ask for your mercy and wisdom and courage, both to change all doctrines that a promote hate and violence by our presumed superiority, and to take up the way of humility, compassion, and caring.

Creator God, in your hope give us courage. With your Spirit may we change the churches to live in harmony with creation and be agents of care for humanity.

Creator God, Holy Friend, we are humbled as we pray for ourselves and for all Christian churches around the world, that we may faithfully follow the life of Jesus, the Nazarene who showed us the good path of justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding. It is the way of life he represented, based on providing for the common good and the sharing of all your Earth's resources that will enable us, together, to recreate your loving and compassionate empowerment on Earth.

Creator God, in your love give us faith and new life. With your Spirit help us to be co-creators of a world of justice and peace. Amen.

Confessional Hymn: VU 611 Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You

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Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.
Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.
Facing our lives, we need your love so much.
Here in this community, heal us by your touch.

Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.
Breaking the silences, the searing truth we seek.
Safe among friends, our grief and rage we share.
Here in this community, hold us in your care.

God of the loving heart, we praise your name.
Dance through our lives and loves; anoint with Spirit flame.
Your light illumines each familiar face.
Here in this community, meet us with your grace.

Absolution: Creator has sent us Jesus to teach us how to walk the good road. His life and death showed us that we must always work toward justice, peace and love for all of creation no matter the cost. Ultimately, in God, we have been forgiven. There is nothing we can do to separate us from the absolute love of God that embraces us all. Let God's peace fill your hearts, because when we follow Jesus,

every day is a chance to start over again. God's mercies are new every morning. Be at peace. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel: The Orange Shirt Story

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Mary Wills

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 78:1-4, 12-16

Paul Francoeur

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * **we will not hide from their children.**

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, * **and the wonderful works he has done.**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, * **in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**

He split open the sea and let them pass through; * **he made the waters stand up like walls.**

He led them with a cloud by day, * **and all the night through with a glow of fire.**

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness * **and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

He brought streams out of the cliff, * **and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Keith Denford

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 678 For the Healing of the Nations

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For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

(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 21:23-32

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Janet Denford

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – Lord, in your mercy.

Please respond with – **Hear our prayer.**

(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 821 Prayer of Peace

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Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.

Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.

Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.

Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia.

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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: In Beauty We Walk *(Sung by Choir)*

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Prayer after Communion: Father in heaven, **strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this 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: MV 135 Called By Earth and Sky

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Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.

This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified, called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas, deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain, the wash of love again. **Refrain**

Precious this gift. the air we breathe; wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. **Refrain**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong, creation's faithful song. **Refrain**

Precious the fire that lights the way, bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified,
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.

Benediction and Dismissal: Let us go forth called to God's holy covenant. God continues to guide us: attending to our stories, healing us as siblings, showing us how to live in right relations. God promises to bless and encourage us on the path of respect. So go with the peace and promise of God, the energy of the Spirit of Love, and the passion of Jesus. **Amen.**

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

For The Church of Bangladesh.

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 Mona Smart and
all in ministry at Christ Church, Gabriola 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 Margaret, Don, Barb, Audrey, Cena, Andrew, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne,
Neil, and the residents and staff of Broadmead Lodge.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

SHARED MINISTRY

Book Sale - Book Sale Prep Week starts next Monday! If you can spare some time, we need help throughout the week, on the day of the sale, and with the post-sale. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. We'll take any help you can provide!

Also, please grab a poster from the Narthex to post in your neighbourhood or anywhere in the community.

We are also accepting donations of gently used books right up until October 2nd. Books can be dropped off any day all through the week of September 28th, as volunteers will be busy here setting everything up.

The Book Sale is happening on **Saturday, October 3rd, 10 am to 3 pm**. Pre-sale is on the evening of **Friday, October 2nd, 6 to 8 pm**.

Help to keep our church gardens beautiful! - Our church gardens don't get the regular attention they need – and we're trying to do something about it!

We are grateful for our garden volunteers: Ed Robertson has a great team of people who mow sections of our large lawn area, Janelle and Earl Jenstad take the lead on beautifying our Garden of Remembrance, and Ariana Whitman co-ordinates an enthusiastic team of people who do a big clean-up in Fall and in Spring. This work is essential to keeping the gardens going. To keep the gardens looking great year-round, we need volunteers who would like to be involved on a regular basis for an hour or two or even for a once-off commitment.

We are looking to form a working group, co-ordinated by Rob Taylor, that gets together on a regular basis (weekly or twice a month) to tend to the gardens and grounds, performing tasks such as weeding, planting, trimming shrubs, weed eating, maintaining the median in the parking lot and other similar tasks. There may be other once-off events for tasks that fall outside of these regular, maintenance needs.

Interested in having fun in the outdoors with like-minded parishioners? Contact Rob Taylor via email at rob60taylor@me.com or by leaving a message at the church office. Everyone is welcome!

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.

From the Parish Library - In honour of Truth & Reconciliation Day, this week's Top Shelf contains books on the legacy of Canada's residential schools, as well as Bruce McIvor's book, *Standoff: Why Reconciliation Fails Indigenous People and How to Fix It*.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept 28-Oct 2 BOOK SALE PREP WEEK

Sept 30 – Parish Office Closed

Oct 2 Book Pre-Sale, 6-8 pm

Oct 3 BOOK SALE DAY, 9-3 pm

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 Prayer Service, no 8:30

Oct 12 Parish Office Closed

Oct 17 Environmental Expo, 10 am – 3 pm, Hall

Family Movie Night, 6 pm, Hall

Oct 20 Parish Council Mtg, 7 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

Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” - Mark 9:36–37

“I was taken into this big building that would become the fear of life. I looked around this big, huge building, and I see all these crosses all over the walls. I look at those crosses and I see a man hanging on that cross and I didn't recognize who this man was. And then I was taken to the infirmary, and there, you know, I was stripped of my clothes, the clothes that I came to residential school with, my moccasins. I was shaved, bald-headed.”

‘Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’ - Matthew 19:14

“We had Bible study every night. I didn't mind that. I thought, what are they preaching here about love? Where is that love? You know. There was no love for us. They made a liar out of Bibles and liars of themselves too.”

But now thus says the Lord ... ‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine’ - Isaiah 43:1

“My name was Lydia, but in the school I was, I didn't have a name, I had numbers. I had number 51, number 44, number 32, number 16, number 11, and then finally number one when I was just about coming to high school. So, I wasn't, I didn't have a name, I had numbers.”

