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Season of Creation – Feast of St. Francis
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Service
October 4, 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 – 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.

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 Marlyn Butler & Sharon Crews

Ministry of the Chalice – Lydia French & Mike Armstrong

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 355 All Creatures of Our God and King (Vs 1-4)

Sentence of the Day: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Collect of the Day: Most present, loving, good Creator, **grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of the human world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in shared life with your whole Creation in perfectness of joy; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: VU 577 I've Got Peace Like a River

African-American spiritual

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Carolyn Hamar

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

Psalm: 19

Shaena Wallace

The heavens declare the glory of God, * **and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

One day tells its tale to another, * **and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, * **and their voices are not heard,**

Their sound has gone out into all lands, * **and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * **it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * **the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * **the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * **the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * **sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, * **and in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can tell how often he offends? * **cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * **then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * **O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Jose Perena Pratt

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own

that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual Hymn: G 828 Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

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Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, ... only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal 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 21:33-46

Rev. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants

seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 mercy and love.

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: For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain: Lord of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light, [R]

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and minds' delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight. [R]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [R]

For your Church that evermore lifts its holy hands above,
off'ring up on every shore it's pure sacrifice of love: [R]

For yourself, best Gift Divine, to this world so freely giv'n;
Word Incarnate, God's design, peace on earth and joy in heav'n. [R]

Prayer over the Gifts: God of truth, **receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 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: Beyond *(Sung by Choir)*

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Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask 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 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ!**

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

For Igreja Episcopal Angliana do Brasil.

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, Sooke,
and the Rev. Dr. Wayne Short acting clergy in charge.*

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, Cena, Andrew, Tina, Jenny, Jim, Wayne, Neil, and
the residents and staff of Westshore Lodge.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 17:11-17

SHARED MINISTRY

Blessing of the Animals - You are invited to bring your beloved pet(s) to the “Blessing of the Animals” service that takes place today at 2 pm outside on the church lawn. All animals will receive a special prayer and blessing. There will be treats!

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct 6 Election Town Hall, 7 pm

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

Oct 8-11 Sr. 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

Nov 7 Parish Council Working Morning & training with Canon Lisa, 9 am – 1 pm, St. John’s Rm

Nov 8 Parish Coffee Welcome, after 10:00 service

Nov 10 Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Nov 13 Christmas Craft Fair Prep Day

Nov 14 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Nov 17 Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm

Nov 18 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am, Hall

Nov 21 Spanish Service & Potluck 6 pm

Nov 22 Jazz Vespers feat. Pablo Cardenas, 7 pm

Nov 26 Prayer Shawl Meeting, 10 am, St. John’s Rm.

Nov 27 ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE

Nov 29 Anniversary Eucharist Service with Bishop Anna, 10 am