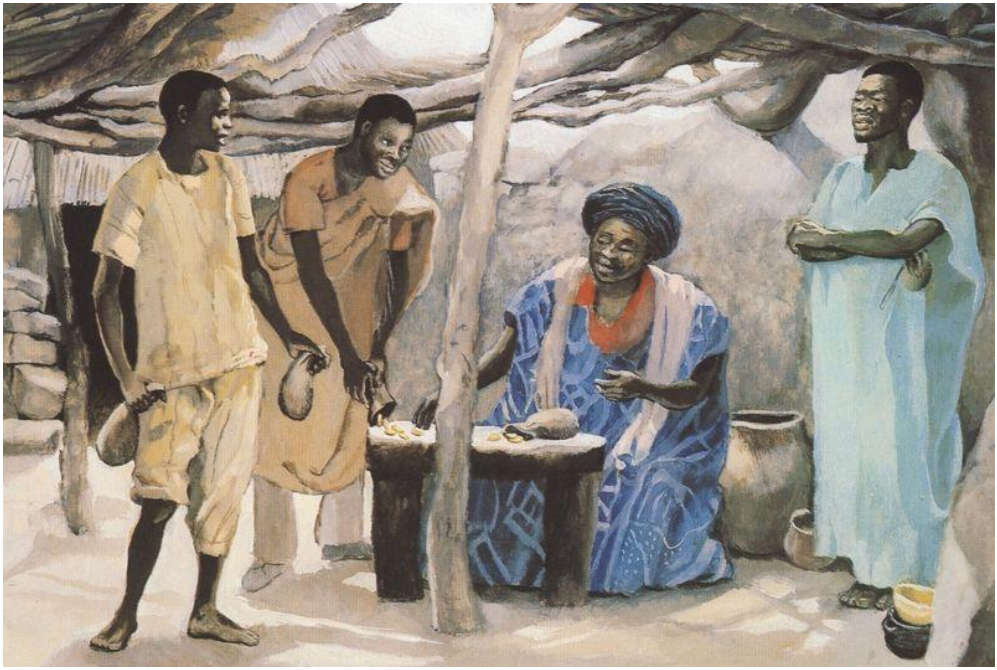
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Service
November 15, 2026



JESUS MAFA. Parable of the Three Servants, or, The Talents, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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
Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Sue Hamblin
Sidespeople are Marlyn Butler & Sharon Crews
Ministry of the Chalice – Carol Denton & Joan Hoffman
Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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 xʷsepsəm and Songhees, the first peoples and offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred here. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. We are thankful for the gifts of the People of the land, from ancient times to we who have called this place our home for forty years, we, the community of faith known as Anglican Church of the Advent. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Opening Hymn: CP 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sentence of the Day: I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: VU 646 We Are Marching (Siyahamba)
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We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, Ooo
We are marching, in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, Ooo
We are marching, in the light of God.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, Ooo, Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, Ooo, Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

First Reading: Judges 4:1-7 Mary Wills

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm: 123 Sue Hamblin

To you I lift up my eyes, *** to you enthroned in the heavens.**

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *** and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *** until he show us his mercy.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *** for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *** and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Janelle Jenstad

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 94 Wait for the Lord

(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 25:14-30 Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People: Sue Hamblin

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – Lord, 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 601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Prayer over the Gifts: Holy God, **in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer: #2 (BAS Pg. 196)

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!

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:
"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.
Give us this bread for ever.
"I am the vine, you are the branches."
May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: You Are Mine (Contigo Estoy) *(Sung by Choir)*
Author: David Haas, b. 1957 © 1991, 2005, GIA Publications, Inc.

Prayer after Communion: Gracious God, **in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. 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 212 Sent Out In Jesus' Name (Enviado soy de Dios)
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Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

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

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

For Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.
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. Andrew, Sidney, Rev. Kelly Duncan, and Rev. Rebecca Yeo.

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 Larry, Al, Lynne, Angel, Keith & Janet, Margaret, Don, Barb, Cena, Andrew, Tina, Jim, Wayne, and Neil.
We pray for the residents and staff of Sunset Lodge.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

SHARED MINISTRY

Jazz Vespers – We are thrilled to welcome Pablo Cardenas to our Jazz Vespers stage next **Sunday, November 22nd at 7 pm**. Pablo is a virtuoso pianist and composer of profound versatility. He bridges the gap between deep tradition and contemporary innovation while standing at the intersection of classical discipline and the rhythmic soul of Cuba.

Anniversary Weekend Celebrations – We're looking forward to our Ruby Jubilee Anniversary weekend!
This morning is your last chance to purchase tickets for the **Friday evening Dinner & Dance** for current parishioners, featuring The Shenanigans, playing 60s and 70s music. The event is catered by Food For Thought. If you would prefer something less formal on **Saturday afternoon**, join us to mingle with past and present parishioners and clergy at a High Tea. There is no cost - a basket will be available for donations. There will be a poster display of the parish history we have been working on during the year.
On Sunday, Bishop Anna will be celebrating a combined 10 AM Eucharist service, forty years to the day of our consecration. A group photograph of those attending will be taken after the service.

Fri 27 Nov - Anniversary Celebration Dinner/Dance (for current parishioners) 6.30 pm
Sat 28 Nov - Anniversary Appreciation High Tea 2-5pm
Sun 29 Nov - Anniversary Eucharist Service, (combined) 10 AM with Bishop Anna (group portrait of the congregation)

Christmas Gift Bag Giving - If you would like to put together a Christmas gift bag, please use the one provided, buy one from the Church Craft Fair or provide your own. The bags can be filled with treats, snacks, socks or other warm clothes toiletries or gift cards. Please bring your bag to the church by the end of November and Compassion in Action will distribute them to agencies that service the unhoused.

Christmas Pageant - We all look forward to the Christmas Pageant on the third Sunday of Advent! Our Christmas Pageant this year will be held on **Sunday, December 13th at the 10 AM service**, with the Dress Rehearsal the day before, **Saturday, December 12th from 11:30 to 1 PM**. The Pageant is open to all children and those young at heart. The children will be chosen to take on specific roles at the time of the Dress Rehearsal (we have a lot of costumes available).
We need adults to participate! Please let Rudo know asap if you wish to participate - her email is rudodmgodi@gmail.com

Community Christmas Carol Service – Join us on **Sunday, December 13th at 2 pm** for a special Community Christmas Carol service. We have invited key community leaders to attend and read at the service. Following the service is a reception where hot apple cider and cookies are served. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who can donate Christmas cookies.

Christmas Day Home Alone Luncheon – For these last few years, The Christmas Day Lunch for those who are alone on Christmas Day has been so well attended, and received with such enthusiasm, it is now a holiday tradition we endeavor to continue. So, mark your calendars because Anglican Church of the Advent will host the lunch again this year! **Sign-up sheets to help with the lunch are in the Narthex this week.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 presents Pablo Cardenas, 7 pm
Nov 26 Prayer Shawl Meeting, 10 am, St. John's Rm.
Nov 27 Anniversary Dinner/Dance
Nov 28 Anniversary High Tea, 2-5 pm
Nov 29 Anniversary Eucharist Service with Bishop Anna, 10 am

Dec 2 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am, Hall
Dec 5 Parish Council Christmas Dinner, 6 pm
Dec 9 Ladies Guild Christmas Appreciation Lunch, 12 pm
Dec 13 Community Christmas Carol Service, 2 pm
Dec 5 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm
Dec 19 Longest Night Christmas Service, 6 pm
Dec 20 Christmas Caroling, 2 pm
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services, 6:30 & 10 pm
Dec 25 Christmas Day Community Lunch, 12 pm