

**December 3, 2025**  
**9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist**  
**Commemoration of Francis Xavier**

*Francis Xavier was one of seven priests who helped found the “Society of Jesus”, a body of missionary teachers whose goal was to win the world beyond Europe for the Church. The Jesuits, as they became known, travelled to Asia and North and South America with great fervour and few material resources. Francis sailed to Goa on the east coast of India. He moved on to Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Malacca, Vietnam, Malaysia and Japan. His apostolic work was primarily amongst the poorest, where his personal holiness drew followers to Christ.*

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

**All: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.**

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God of all the earth,  
You called your servant Francis Xavier  
and rejoiced to see him preach your Gospel  
among the outcasts of India and the warriors of Japan.  
Kindle our hearts with your truth,  
that we may give the whole of our lives  
to the working of your will and purpose;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### *The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4*

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### *Psalm 96*

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song; \*

**sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord and bless the divine name; \*

**proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations \*

**and the wonders of God among all peoples.**

<sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, \*

**more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*

**but it is you, O Lord, who made the heavens.**

<sup>6</sup> Oh, the majesty and magnificence of your presence! \*

**Oh, the power and the splendour of your sanctuary!**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*

**ascribe to the Lord honour and power.**

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the honour due the divine name; \*  
**bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
**let the whole earth tremble before God.**

<sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord reigns! \*  
**The Lord who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved  
will judge the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
**let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

<sup>12</sup> Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord who is coming, \*  
**who is coming to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup> The Lord will judge the world with righteousness \*  
**and the peoples with truth.**

### ***The Gospel: Luke 10:1-9 & 17-20***

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same

house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ <sup>18</sup> He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ***Reflection***

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

*A member of the community leads us in offering our concerns and thanksgivings to God.*

### ***The Exchange of the Peace***

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with touch.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### *Prayer over the Gifts*

Presider: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God, whose servant Francis Xavier drew people of many races and nations to believe in the gospel of your kingdom, grant us so to receive your Word that we may have no reason for fear in the offering of our service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *the Great Thanksgiving*

*EP 2*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God, the Father and Mother of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
*(please use the traditional version or another language  
you use for prayer if you desire)*

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as 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 power and glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## ***The Breaking of the Bread***

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking to them. See who you are and become what you see. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. Bread and wine are shared, but receiving in one kind carries the fullness of Christ's presence. You may also come forward for a blessing instead.*

## ***Prayer after Communion***

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: 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, now and forever. Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Readings for Advent 2, December 7, 2025**

Isaiah 11:1-11; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12



## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

### **Thursday**

Vespers 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom

### **Saturday**

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon

### **Sunday**

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. \*

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am

### **Tuesday**

'Searching for Emmanuel' Advent Series, 7-8:15 pm by Zoom

### **Wednesday**

Midweek Eucharist, 9:30-10 am\*

Coffee & Fellowship, 10-10:30 am

Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am

+ link available by signing up for the weekly newsletter on

[www.holytrinitycathedral.ca](http://www.holytrinitycathedral.ca)

*\*live-streamed over Facebook. You can also find the service feed through the event heading at [www.holytrinitycathedral.ca](http://www.holytrinitycathedral.ca)*

### **TO CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE:**

email [administrator@holytrinitycathedral.ca](mailto:administrator@holytrinitycathedral.ca)

514 Carnarvon, New Westminster or phone 604-521-2511

email the Rev. Stephanie Shepard [stephanie@holytrinitycathedral.ca](mailto:stephanie@holytrinitycathedral.ca)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, December 15, 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

Christmas Movie Night in the Lounge

**Sunday, December 21, 3:00-5:00 pm**

A New Westminster Christmas

*Featuring the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir, the Royal Westminster Regimental Band, and guest artist Benjamin Sigerson on piano.*