

**Advent 2**  
**7 December 2025**  
**8 am Holy Eucharist**

*The Book of Common Prayer Communion service is found in the accompanying seasonal booklet. The Congregation joins in the **bold font**.*

***Collect of the Day***

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Almighty God,  
Who sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,  
Inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,  
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,  
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,  
we may stand with confidence before his glory;  
Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever. Amen.**

***The Epistle: Romans 15:4-13***

Reader: The Epistle is taken from Paul's Letter to the Romans,

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name';

<sup>10</sup> and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people';

<sup>11</sup> and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him';

<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here endeth the Epistle.

***Gradual Psalm: 72:1-7 & 18-19***

<sup>1</sup> Give the king thy judgements, O God, /  
**And thy righteousness unto the king's son.**

<sup>2</sup> Then shall he judge thy people according unto right, /  
**and thy poor with justice.**

<sup>3</sup> The mountains also shall bring peace, /  
**And the little hills righteousness unto the people.**

<sup>4</sup> He shall keep the simple folk by their right, /  
**save the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.**

<sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun, /  
**and while the moon endureth, from one generation to another.**

<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, /  
**even as the showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time shall righteousness flourish; /  
**yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.**

<sup>18</sup> Let his name endure for ever; /  
**let his name continue as long as the sun.**

<sup>19</sup> Let all the tribes of the earth be blessed through him, /  
**and let all nations call him happy.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

## ***The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12***

Presider: The Lord be with you,

**All: and with thy Spirit.**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

### **Readings for Advent 3, Sunday December 14, 2025**

Isaiah 35:1-10; Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55); James 5:7-10;  
Matthew 11:2-11



## **This Week at HTC**

### **Tuesday**

7-8:15 pm Advent Series (online by Zoom, link in newsletter)

### **Wednesday**

9:30- 10 am Midweek Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

10:30-11:30 am Bible Study (Lounge)

### **Thursday**

5.30 pm Vespers (online by Zoom, link in newsletter)

### **Saturday**

11.00 am HTC Community Brunch (Parish Hall)

### **Sunday**

8.00 am BCP Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

10 am Choral Eucharist (Cathedral & Facebook Live)

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## **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.*