

December 14, 2025

10:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

**Holy Eucharist BAS**



*We recognize that our faith community gathers on the ancestral lands of the Tsartlip/WJOLELP, Tseycum/WSIKEM, Tsawout/STÁUTW, && Pauquachin/BOKEĆEN Nations. In a spirit of gratitude and respect, we seek a growing relationship that fosters healing and hope for all our relations on these islands and inlets of the Salish Sea.*

# **Holy Eucharist**

Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada  
and The New Zealand Prayer Book

## **Welcome**

*A special welcome to visitors and newcomers. Please consider taking a moment to fill in a Welcome card and hand it to a greeter.*

## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

Opening Song: *CP # 108 Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

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

**And also with you.**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires know, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Collect of the Day:

Let us pray,

**God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder Isaiah 61.1 for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Advent Wreath Lighting**

Advent Wreath Song: *Light the Advent Candle*

Light the Advent candle one  
Now the waiting has begun  
We have started on our way  
Time to think of Christmas day.

Light the Advent candle two  
Think of humble shepherds who  
Filled with wonder at the sight  
Of the child on Christmas night.

Light the Advent candle three  
Think of heavenly harmony  
Angels singing "Peace on Earth"  
At the Blessed Saviour's birth.

Chorus:  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

*First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-10*

*Psalms 146.4-9*

*Second Reading: James 5.7-10*

Gradual Hymn: *CP # 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Gospel Acclamation: *CP # 104 Joy Shall Come*

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.2-11*

*(Please stand as you are able).*

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Talk by The Rev. Denise

Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.

You came to us before we came to you.

You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you

Blessing of Rings for Jack and Heather

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God to bless these rings, that they may be a symbol of the vow and covenant Jack and Heather made on their wedding day, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Blessed are you, God of steadfast love, source of our joy and end of our hope. Bless these rings given and received that they may be a symbol of the vow and covenant Jack and Heather have made, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### Confession and Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(Silence is kept).*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

### The Offering

*(Now is the time to present your offering to God).*

*Offertory Song: CP # 102 Prepare the Way, O Zion*

## Eucharistic Prayer

You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light.  
Your light shines on in our darkness.  
For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

## Celebration of the Eucharist

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will  
and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow.  
In his coming among us the day of our deliverance has  
dawned, and through him you will make all things new  
when he comes in power and majesty to judge the world.

You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our  
sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to  
warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your  
witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as  
heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation  
and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

**Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just, glory and  
goodness come from you. Glory to you most high and  
gracious God.**

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

**God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

**Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

**Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer (*chanted*)

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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 the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

**Christ is the bread of life.**

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

**Christ is risen from the dead.**

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

## The Communion

*Please note: You may drink from the common cup but if you do not wish to then simply touch the cup. You must not dip the bread in the cup. We have gluten free wafers and will gladly extend the platter to you for you to take one from it. Please just let us know if you need one.*

## Prayer after Communion

Creator God, We praise you for your love in coming to us, unworthy though we are. Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name, and the courage to be Christ for others.



We praise and thank you, Creator God, for you have not left us alone. Each year you come to us, Emmanuel, God with us in a manger. Each time you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. In time or out of time you will be revealed and we shall see you face to face.

Give us courage, God our strength, to see your Christ in all who suffer, to be hands to the helpless, food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed. **Amen.**

### Benediction

May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

### Announcements

*Sending Hymn: CP # 111 Herald, Sound the Note of  
Judgement*

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In our Anglican Communion	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
In our Diocese	Anna, our Bishop, Abbey Church + Emmaus Community
In our Parish	Denise, our priest, Mariev Wade, John Wakelin, Scott & Annemarie Weston
Our Monthly Outreach	Rector's Discretionary Fund

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Spiritual Formation in Advent 2025**

Rev. Denise invites you to a series of sessions of Spiritual formation this Advent. Marvellous and knowledgeable facilitators will provide sessions of self-discovery and spiritual enrichment based upon the spiritual disciplines and practises they are most familiar with and excited to share with you. We will share a light supper together each evening. R.S.V.P. Rev. Denise at [incumbent@holytrinityns.org](mailto:incumbent@holytrinityns.org)

- **Tuesday, December 16th 5-7pm: Contemplating Religious Icons**

Fr. Bill Tarter will present the Icon of St. Symeon and guide us through a contemplative exercise to discover the benefits of praying with religious icons.

- **Christmas Services 2025**

Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm – Blue Christmas & Winter Solstice

Wednesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve 5pm and 7pm

Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup> Festival of Christmas Readings and Music  
10am One service only.

## **NOTICES**

- Please send requests for special prayers to Dianna Chown at the office 250-656-3223.
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Next Week's Readings, *Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18;*  
*Romans 1.1-7;*  
*The Gospel Reading Matthew 1.18-25*

Presider	The Reverend Denise Doerksen
<b><i>Todays Lay Leaders</i></b>	
Sides people	Lorne Seier
Reader	Jane Dunkerley
Prayers	Pat Dowdall
Chalice	Judy Meek
Counters	Lorne Seier/Pat Dowdall