

**December 17, 2025**  
**9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist**

## **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 glory and compassion,  
at your touch the wilderness blossoms.  
Grant perseverance and patience  
to all who long for your Son's return,  
so that we may announce in word and deed  
the good news of the kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ whose day draws near.  
Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### ***The First Reading: Isaiah 44:1-8***

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! <sup>2</sup> Thus  
says the LORD who made you, who formed you in the womb and will  
help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have  
chosen. <sup>3</sup> For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry  
ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on  
your offspring.

<sup>4</sup> They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing  
streams. <sup>5</sup> This one will say, 'I am the LORD's', another will be called by

the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The LORD's', and adopt the name of Israel. <sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup> Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ***The O Antiphons***

O holy Word of God, you govern all creation  
with your strong yet tender care:

**Come and show your people the way to salvation.**

O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel,  
who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush,  
who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain:

**Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.**

O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up  
as a sign for all peoples, kings stand silent in your presence;  
the nations bow down in worship before you:

**Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.**

O Key of David, O royal power of Israel,  
controlling at your will the gate of heaven,  
break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death:

**Come, lead your captive people into freedom.**

O Radiant Dawn, splendour of eternal light, sun of justice:

**Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death.**

O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart,  
O keystone of the mighty arch of humanity:  
**Come, and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.**

O God-with-us, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations,  
Saviour of all people,  
**Come and set us free, Lord our God.**

### ***The Gospel: John 17:6-19***

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

[Jesus prayed] <sup>6</sup>‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the

truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified.

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: God our strength, we are nothing without you.  
Receive all we offer you this day,  
as you sustain us with your mercy,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***the Great Thanksgiving***

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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: Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever

**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.**

<p><b>Next week's Readings for Advent 4, December 21, 2025:</b> Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25</p>
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## 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

### **Wednesday**

No morning Midweek Eucharist on December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve family Service 4-5 pm

Christmas Eve Choral Service 7:30-9 pm

### **Thursday**

Christmas Day Service 10-11 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)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT HTC

**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.*

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