



***Welcome to the parish of
St. Philip by-the-Sea, Lantzville B.C.***

**Sunday, December 7th, 2025
2nd Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
(Book of Common Prayer)**

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: Preparing for Peace

Welcome and Announcements

(Please stand, as you are able)

The Opening Sentence

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All
flesh shall see the salvation of God. *(Luke 3:4, 6)*

**All: A voice cries out in the wilderness prepare the way of
the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our
God.**

Leader: We speak our hope in whispers; restore us again, O God of
our salvation.

All: “O God, give us your peace.”

Leader: In anticipation we prepare for your coming; Breathe life
into us once again, that we may rejoice in you.

All: “O God, give us your peace.”

Leader: Amidst rising hopes we turn to you, O God; Show us your
steadfast love.

All: “O God, give us your peace.”

Leader: Lord, let us hear your words to us in our time and place;
Speak peace to your people.

All: “O God, give us your peace.”

Leader: Faithful God, prepare our hearts to receive your joy; may
peace and justice kiss in our time.

All: “O God, give us your peace.”

Light the first and second Advent Candles

**All: Faithful God, help us prepare our heart and home for
the birth of the Savior. Show us how to make the path of
our lives and our world peace-filled, so that we can
joyfully receive the Messiah. We ask this through Christ,
our Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

REFRAIN In his time shall peace and justice flourish.

Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the
King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor
with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the
people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the
poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and
moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down
like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. **R**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of
peace till the moon shall be no more. Blessed be the Lord God, the
God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessed be his
glorious name for ever! And may all the earth be filled with his
glory. Amen. Amen. **R**

The First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

(Ch. 11:1-10)

The Second Reading

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Romans

(Ch. 15:4-13)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

(Ch. 3:1-12)

The Collect

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 Offertory

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.**

With special thanks to:

- *Catherine Cembella, Brent Barootes, and the Williams Family, who served as service leader, greeter and prayer leader and reader.*
- *Your leadership, support and example are greatly valued and appreciated. **THANK YOU!***

Announcements

December 11th: Parish Council Pot Luck and Meeting – 6pm

December 17th: Men's Breakfast – 8:30am – Country Grocer Café,
Bowen Rd

All detailed event information can be found on the St. Philips website
under the Events page: www.stphiliplantzville.ca

In the Worldwide Anglican Community, we pray for: The Church of Bangladesh.

In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for: The Parish of Trinity Anglican and Lutheran, Port Alberni.

This week in our Parish of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for: Don & Barbara Pettey, Margaret Pierce, Grace Plueckhahn, Barbara Samarin, Ernie Schwab and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDERS

Sunday December 7th, 2025, 9:30am
2nd Sunday of Advent
Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)
Service Leader: Catherine Cembella

Sunday December 14th, 2025, 9:30am
3rd Sunday of Advent
Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Celebrant: The Rev. Jenny Replogle

Sunday December 14th, 2025, 7pm
Nine Lessons and Carols
Service Leader: Nicole McDaid

Sunday December 21st, 2025, 9:30am
4th Sunday of Advent
Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)
Service Leader: Doug Sowden