



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

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist  
(Book of Alternative Services)**

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**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: CANDLE OF JOY**

**Opening Sentence**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61.1*

**The Gathering Hymn: CP#89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv 1-2, 6-7)**

***(Please be seated)***

Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: **O Come let us adore him.**

Celebrant: So far in this Advent Season we have lit the first two candles, the first for hope and the second for peace.

***(The first two candles are lit)***

Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy.

***(The third [pink] candle will now be lit)***

Celebrant: When the three candles have been lit we pray together, saying

All: **Lord grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**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 for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The First Reading**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

*(Ch. 35:1-10)*

### **Canticle 18**

#### **Luke 1:47-55**

**REFRAIN My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. **R**

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **R**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. **R**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever. **R**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **R**

### **The Second Reading**

A Reading from the Letter Of Letter of James

*(Ch. 5:7-10)*

**The Gradual Hymn: CP#103** On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry (vv 1-3)

### **The Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *(Ch.11:2-11)*

**Hymn CP #103** On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry (vv 4-5)

**The Offertory Hymn: CP #259** For the Fruit of all Creation

**Prayer over the Gifts**

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Proper Preface**

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 to us 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.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**All: Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

**Hymns during Communion**

**CP #70** Jesus, The Joy of Loving Hearts

**Prayer after Communion**

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Recessional Hymn**

**CP # 154** Joy to the World

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***With special thanks to:***

- *The Rev. Jenny Replogle for celebrating the Eucharist with us this morning.*
- *Doug Sowden, Frances Tester, Don Gillett, Sharon Wishart who served as greeter & communion assistant, reader, prayer leader & musician.*

*Your leadership, support and example are greatly valued and appreciated.*

***THANK YOU!***

**Announcements**

**Dec 17:** Men's Breakfast - 8:30am - Country Grocer Café, Bowen Rd

**Jan 1:** Celtic Music for Mediation - 2pm - St. George's Church, Cadboro Bay

**Jan 1:** Old Music for the New Year - 2:30pm - Christ Church Cathedral

**Jan 27:** The Bishop's Dinner - 5:30pm - Laurel Point Inn. Purchase tix through Eventbrite or [click here](#)

All detailed event information can be found on the St. Philips website under the Events page: [www.stphiliplantzville.ca](http://www.stphiliplantzville.ca)

***In the Worldwide Anglican Community, we pray for:*** Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

***In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for:*** Abbey Church & Emmaus Community.

***This week in our Parish of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for:*** Bob and Sue Se, Chris and Joy Sheppard, David Skipsey, Ann and Les Smith, Ferris Snyder, and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

**UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDERS**

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, **7:00pm**

**Nine Lessons and Carols**

Service Leader: Nicole McDaid

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, 9:30am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Service of Morning Prayer (BCP)

Service Leader: Doug Sowden

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, **4pm**

**Christmas Eve**

Service of Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Celebrant: Caleb Lawrence