

March 25, 2026
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist
The Annunciation to Mary

Spring is a time of new life and fertility. Today is also nine months from the celebration of the incarnation in December at Christmas. So the Church keeps March 25 as a holy day to mark the beginning of Mary's pregnancy through the Holy Spirit. In her brave and gracious response to the angel Gabriel, Mary is the forerunner of every Christian. Her "yes" both prefigures Jesus' full obedience to God's will and our individual decision to let Christ enter within.

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: Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear

then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55, The Message version)

**I'm bursting with God-news;
I'm dancing the song of my Savior God.
God took one good look at me, and look what happened—
I'm the most fortunate woman on earth!
What God has done for me will never be forgotten,
the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others.
His mercy flows in wave after wave
on those who are in awe before him.
He bared his arm and showed his strength,
scattered the bluffing braggarts.
He knocked tyrants off their high horses,
pulled victims out of the mud.
The starving poor sat down to a banquet;
the callous rich were left out in the cold.
He embraced his chosen child, Israel;
he remembered and piled on the mercies, piled them high.
It's exactly what he promised,
beginning with Abraham and right up to now.**

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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: Almighty God, so fill us with your grace, that we in all things may accept your holy will and with Mary, full of grace, rejoice in your salvation; through 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, Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices 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. **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: Almighty God, your word proclaims our salvation; your table gives us life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary, that we too may respond as willing servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday March 27

Vespers 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

Saturday March 28

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon

Palm Sunday March 29

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

Tuesday March 30

Trinity Tuesdays 'Walking the Way', 4-5 pm in the Cathedral

Wednesday April 1

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am*

Followed by Bible Study 10:30-11:30 am in Lounge

7 pm Tenebrae service at St. Mary, Sapperton

+ link available by signing up for the weekly newsletter on

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**live-streamed over Facebook. You can also find the service feed through the event heading at www.holytrinitycathedral.ca*

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Holy Week and Easter

THE TRIDUUM

Thursday Vespers, 5:30-6 pm via Zoom+

Maundy Thursday service at St. Barnabas, starting at 7 pm

Good Friday service at Holy Trinity Cathedral, 10:30-12

New Westminster Cross Walk Stations, beginning at 12 noon at HTC

Followed by refreshments in the Lounge

Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am-noon in the Hall

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, beginning at 7 pm at St. Mary Sapperton

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2026

Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.*

Easter Breakfast 9-9:30 am in the Lounge

Sunday Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am.*

With Easter Egg Hunt to follow in the Lounge

