November 4, 2026
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist
Saints of the Old Testament

"The New Testament teaches us that Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, was born under the law of Moses and thereby fulfilled the long history of God's covenant with Israel. For this reason the Church believes that God gathered into the kingdom of heaven all those Hebrew forebears who bore faithful and holy witness to God in the ages before the Lord's coming in great humility to redeem the whole world"

- from "For All the Saints"

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 unsurrendered 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: Almighty God, in the midst of your people Israel
You raised up many saints
who through faith in your eternal covenant
conquered kingdoms, did justice,
and won strength out of weakness.
Grant us to hold in glad remembrance
their holy lives and fearless witness
that by your grace we may press onwards
towards the goal for the prize of our heavenly calling;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12, 23-28, & 32-12:2

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews,

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. [2] Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. [3] By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

[8] By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. [9] By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. [10] For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. [11] By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. [12] Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

[23] By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. [24] By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, [25] choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. [26] He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. [27] By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. [28] By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

[32] And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— [33] who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, [34] quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. [35] Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. [36] Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:28-36 (said responsively)

28 For the Lord loves justice *
and does not forsake those who are faithful.

They shall be kept safe for ever, *
but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.

29 The righteous shall possess the land *
and dwell in it for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, *
and their tongue speaks what is right.
31 The law of their God is in their heart, *
and their footsteps shall not falter.

32 The wicked spy on the righteous *
and seek occasion to kill them.

33 The Lord will not abandon them to their hand, *
nor let them be found guilty when brought to trial.

34 Wait upon the Lord and keep the ways of God,
who will raise you up to possess the land, *
and when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

35 I have seen the wicked in their arrogance, *
flourishing like a tree in full leaf.

36 I went by, and behold, they were not there; *
I searched for them, but they could not be found.

The Gospel: Matthew 23:23-32

Reader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

23 ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practised without neglecting the others. **24** You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!
25 ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. **26** You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean. **27** ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. **28** So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.
29 ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, **30** and you say, “If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.” **31** Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. **32** Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors.

The Gospel of Christ.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A member of the community invites us to bring our concerns and thanksgivings before 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: Grant us, Almighty God,
with the saints of ancient Israel,
so to be faithful in the grace of your covenant,
that our sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving
may have its truth and fulfillment
In the one oblation of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God now and forever. Amen.

the Great Thanksgiving *EP 3*

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; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise 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.

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 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.

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: **God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,**
Who set your law in the hearts of the righteous,
Grant us your love as the rule of our lives,
That we who have tasted the grace of Christ
May come to be seated at the banquet of his glory.
We ask this for his sake,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
Ever world without end. Amen.

Presider: Glory to God,

All: **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 for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for Remembrance Sunday November 8, 2026
Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 116; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 6:37-40

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday November 5
Vespers, 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+
Saturday November 7
Community Brunch, 11 am-noon in the Upper Hall
Sunday November 8
BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *
Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*
Wednesday November 11
NOTE: NO MIDWEEK SERVICE ON REMEMBRANCE DAY
Please consider attending the ceremony at your local Cenotaph

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