November 29th 2026

10:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services



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We recognize that our faith community gathers on the ancestral lands of the Tsartlip/W̱JOŁEŁP, Tseycum/WSIḴEM, Tsawout/SṮÁUTW, & Pauquachin/BOḰEĆEN Nations. In a spirit of gratitude and respect, we seek a growing relationship that fosters healing and hope for all our relations on these islands and inlets of the Salish Sea.

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Welcome

A special welcome to visitors and newcomers. Please consider taking a moment to fill in a Welcome card and hand it to a greeter.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Song: *CP # 93 You Servants of the Lord*

The Gathering of the Community

Advent Litany

As we wait patiently for the Lord,
we pray that he will set our feet on a rock,
give us a firm place to stand,
and put a new song in our mouths,
a hymn of praise to our God.

Psalm 40

In obsidian darkness before God spoke
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

On the eve of Exodus with blood smeared door
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

On the mountaintop and the cleft of a rock
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

In the belly of the whale and the bottom of the pit
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

With Zechariah in his silent state
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

With Elizabeth in her seclusion
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

As Joseph watched over his new wife
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

As Mary caressed her growing form
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

In a world made strange by infection and disease
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

With a longing to hold once again those we love
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

In a season subdued, as a fallow year
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

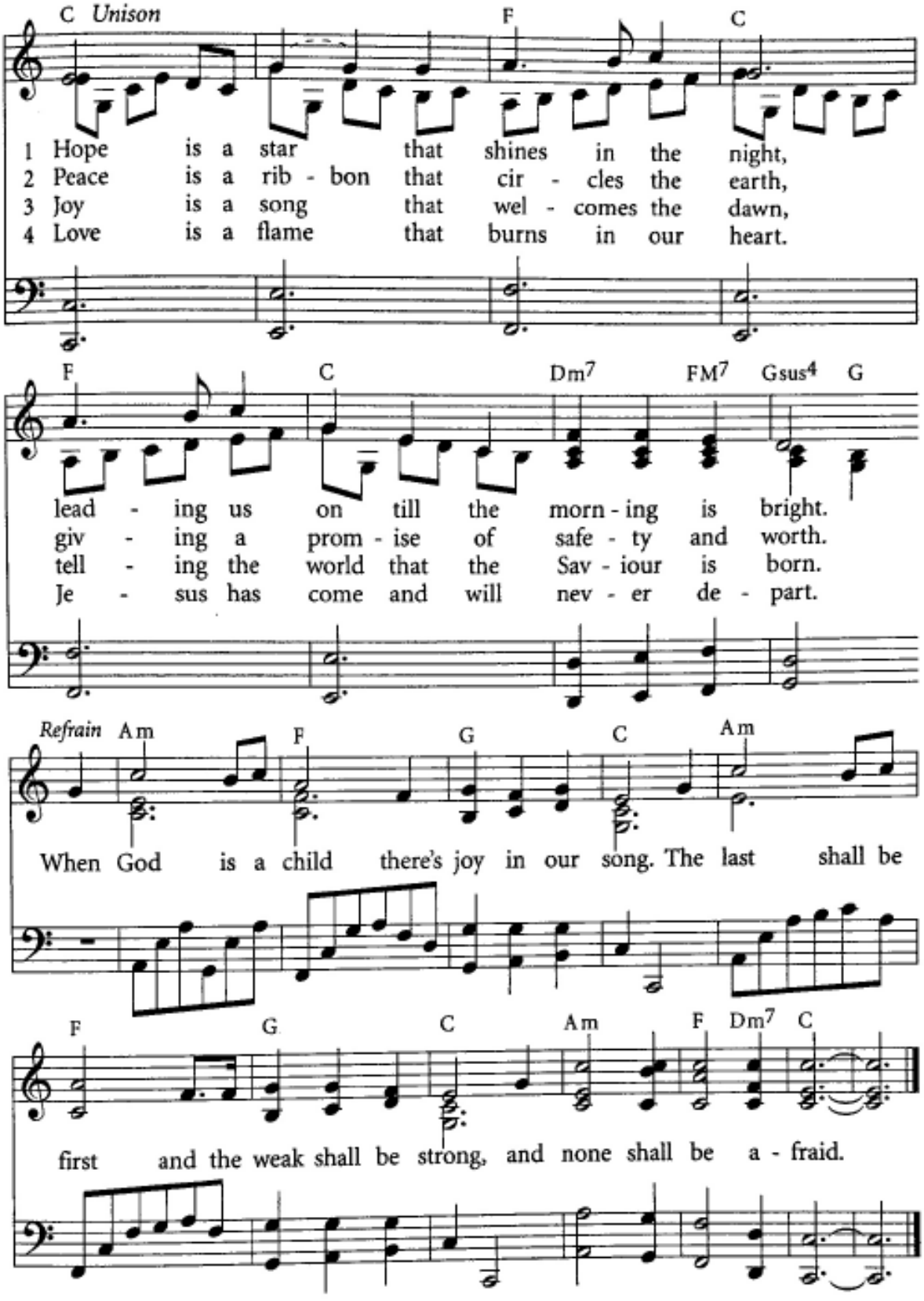
Until the time when it is done
We wait for the Lord, wait patiently for the lord.

Lighting of Advent Candles

Act of Praise: *SaNC #35 Hope is a Star*

(Lyrics and Music on following page)

Hope Is a Star 35



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MOON BEAMS

The Collect

Let us pray,

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 64.1-9

Psalm 80.1-7,16-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gradual Hymn: CP # *476 God, You Have Caused to be Written, vs. 1-2*

Gospel Reading: Mark 13. 24-37

(Please stand as you are able).

Gradual Hymn: CP # *476 God, You Have Caused to be Written, vs. 3-4*

Talk by Rev. Denise

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

The Offering

(Now is the time to present your offering to God).

Offertory Hymn*: CP# 111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement*

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Holy One

Let us give thanks to our loving God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you, Creator of all.
We praise you in this particular part of your creation here in the Salish Sea.
We praise you for the wonderful diversity of sea life, plants, animals and people who live in this place.
We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.
Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.
They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands.

They knew you in tents and cities, in families and dreams, and through wilderness prophets who prayed on mountains and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, whales and eagles, hemlock and fern,
we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Sanctus: (said)

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.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough.
He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
food of the poor, the work of field and hearth,
he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine,
fruit of the land,
gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying:
This is my blood, which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
and awaiting his coming kingdom,
we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of Creation.

Bring us with and all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,
child and beggar
which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ and Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (s*aid*)

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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 the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Please note: You may drink from the common cup but if you do not wish to then simply touch the cup. You must not dip the bread in the cup. We have gluten free wafers and will gladly extend the platter to you for you to take one from it. Please just let us know if you need one.

Prayer After Communion

God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn: *CP # 154 Joy to the World*

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



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Wardens: Debra Lange & Penny Donaldson

Organist & Choir Director: Marlon Narciso

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In our Anglican Communion	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
In our Diocese	Anna, our Bishop, St. Peter & St. Paul, Esquimalt BC.
In our Parish	Denise, our Priest, Liz Turner, Maryan & Rom Van Stolk, Mariev Wade, Arthur Watton, Jade and Joe Webber.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mid-day Prayer Services continue Wednesday December 2nd at 2:00PM in the chapel. You are invited to come and pray with us every Wednesday. Lay leaders, Susan, Jayne and Rev. Denise will take turns leading a service according to the Book of Alternative Services.
- A Circle of Prayer for Advent, Anglican Rosary Workshop, Today at 4:00PM in the Parish Hall. You are invited to make your own Anglican Rosary with Rev. Denise. Supplies will be provided and a donation of $5 would be gladly received towards the costs. Prayer cards will also be made available for you to take home and use in praying with this circle of prayer beads called a rosary. RSVP Rev. Denise at incumbent@holytrinintyns.org .
- On Sunday, December 6th, we will celebrate St. Nicholas Day. The 10:00AM service will be a kid-friendly service. We will bless Christmas Stockings during the service. Please consider bringing your own Christmas Stockings (empty) and Christmas Stockings for Others that you will fill and give away. Contact Rev. Denise for any questions.

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Next Week's Readings:
1 John 4.1-9,7-14; Psalm 107.33-43;
Mark 10.13-16

Presider	The Reverend Denise Doerksen
Today's Lay Leaders	
Server - Crucifer	Amelia Charlton
Sides people	Dan LeBlanc
Reader	Scott Weston
Prayers	Penny Donaldson
Chalice	Penny Donaldson
Counters	Debra Lange

NOTICES

- Sexton Needed: If you are interested in the position of Sexton for the Holy Trinity & St. Andrew's Cemetery, please contact Dan LeBlanc sexton@holytrinityns.org .
- Parish Council Reflections, Reports and Minutes of our monthly meetings are posted in the hall. We hope you take the time to see what your priest, wardens, treasurer and members are prayerfully working on for the benefit of this faith community.
- Rev. Denise is posting an audio file of her sermons on our website. To access a sermon go to our website https://holytrinityns.org and click on Sermons in the menu and choose the sermon for a particular week.
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Join us for an afternoon of song and story...
THE SHEPHERD
by Frederick Forsyth
A CHRISTMAS MEMORY
by Truman Capote
Sunday, December 13, 2026 | 4:00pm
Holy Trinity Church | 1319 Mills Road, North Saanich
The concert is free, but a goodwill offering will be accepted in support of
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