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THE QAYQAYT, MUSQUEAM, KWITWETLEM, KWANTLEN, TSAWWASSEN. AND TSEIL-
WAUTUTH, WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF RECONCILIATION & HEALING.

**10 am Eucharist
Advent 1
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*Whether you have been a lifelong Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you this morning! If you are not familiar with Anglican worship, simply allow the words, music and symbols to speak to you. Participate as fully as you feel comfortable in doing. We stand to sing and sit to listen. Some people kneel for prayer, some sit and some stand. Please do what is comfortable for you. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type**. Music for the songs is found in the blue Common Praise or green Songs for a Gospel People hymnbook in the pews.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Welcome: Advent Cold Open

Gathering Song

'Sleepers, Wake!'

Common Praise 110 (tune Wachët Auf)

**Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us;
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
Their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"the time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
The bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
That you the wedding feast may share."**

**Zion hears the watchmen singing.
Her heart with joyful hope is springing;
She wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious
In strength of grace, in truth victorious:
Her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God's Son, incarnate Word, alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
To come into the banquet hall.**

**Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
Let saints and angels sing before you,
As harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals,
Through them we stream to join the immortals
As we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight;
No ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King:
Forever let our praises ring.**

Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: 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.

People: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Candle Song

'Will You Come and See the Light' by B. Wren

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**Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star; it will show you who you are;
Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
so that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 122



Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Refrain: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Refrain

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself.
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
For there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

Refrain

For my kindred and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

Refrain

The Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans,

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

‘Wait for the Lord’

Common Praise 94 (tune Taize)

(Sung three times through:)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁶ ‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn *(continued)*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Teaching

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. To the bidding, ‘O come Emmanuel’ please respond, ‘be with us.’
O come, Emmanuel,

All: Be with us.

Leader: May the Church be faithful and vigilant, ever on guard against evil as a good servant ready for the Master’s call. We hold up bishop-designate of Canterbury Sarah, our Primate Shane, national indigenous Archbishop Chris, our Metropolitan John, and the clergy who serve this parish. At this Advent time, grant to all ordained and lay people time for prayer and meditation to prepare for your nativity. O come, Emmanuel,

All: Be with us.

Leader: Speak to a heedless world where many have ceased to learn signs of future danger from past actions. We bring to prayer those places in the world where there is conflict, oppression, or need... *pause here*

Be merciful to those who fail in the duty laid upon them for the guidance of others. Open our eyes to follow the right path. O come, Emmanuel,

All: Be with us.

Leader: In all we do, in our work, in our homes, in our times of quiet, let us listen and live ready without fear at the call of God. O come, Emmanuel,

All: Be with us.

Leader: Have mercy on those who struggle with hope, those who value the present above the future, and those whose pain and sorrow makes it difficult to care for what will come. We lift up the names of those who need healing in body, mind, or spirit...*pause here*

... Give to your beloved the assurance that you are with them in this world and life beyond this life. O come, Emmanuel,

All: Be with us.

Leader: We pray for those who have already been called to the future judgment and the future peace. Welcome those who come with joyful expectation into the divine presence, and have mercy for those who come bewildered and unprepared. May the love of God enfold them all. O come, Emmanuel,

All: Be with us.

Leader: May our prayers be acceptable through Christ the Lord, who has come, is present here, and will come again in glory.

All: Amen.

Confession, Absolution, and Peace

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

All: 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.

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

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 distance and touch.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Hymn

'You Servants of the Lord'

Common Praise 93 (tune 350 St. Thomas)

**You servants of the Lord, each in your calling wait,
observant of his heavenly Word, and watchful at his gate.**

**Let all your lamps be bright, and trim the golden flame;
Attentive stand, as in his sight, for awesome is his name.**

**Watch: 'tis your Lord's command, and while we speak, he's near;
Mark the first signal of his hand, and ready all appear.**

**How happy shall we be if in his service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see and be with honour crowned!**

**Christ shall the banquet spread with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head amid the angelic band.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God of abundance,
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope
as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: 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 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:

Sanctus

Common Praise 735 (tune Schubert)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, 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

Presider: In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

*You are invited to use either the traditional or contemporary version in English
or the language you find most helpful for prayer.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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 forever. Amen**

Agnus Dei

Common Praise 747 (tune Schubert)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

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.

The Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. You receive the fullness of Christ's love if you prefer to take one kind (just the bread or the wine). If you would prefer to have a blessing, please let the priest know.

Hymn During Communion

'He Comes as One Unknown'

Common Praise 456 (tune Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen)

**He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred.**

**He comes when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart.
Half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart.**

**He comes to us in sound of seas,
the ocean's fume and foam;
Yet small and still upon the breeze,
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice to call us home.**

**He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving name
for every child of earth.**

**He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored:
The Christ in all the scriptures shown,
as yet unseen but not unknown,
Our Saviour and our Lord.**

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: God for whom we wait,
 in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
 when the hungry will be fed with good things.
 Send us forth to make known your deeds
 and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
 through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. 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 forever. Amen.**

The Announcements

Sending Hymn

'Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus'
Common Praise 88 (tune Stuttgart)

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The liturgy is based on the Book of Alternative Services, and the Collect of the Day is taken from "Alternative Collects RCL", Anglican Church of Canada. The prayers of the people are adapted from "Hear Our Prayer: Gospel Based Intercessions" by Raymond Chapman.

Flowers in the church today are donated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Pticek who was always treated like a VIP at HTC even though his attendance was limited.



Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Valerie Hobson
Greeters, 10 am:	Gerry Rowse & Susan Switch
Reader:	Sybil Collett
Chalice Administrators:	Carol Murdoch & Rob Sider
Presider:	the Rev. Michael Deck
Preacher:	the Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Music Director:	Kyumin Lee
	<i>& The Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir</i>

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Tuesday Advent Series, 7-8:30 pm online via Zoom
Wednesday Midweek Eucharist, 9:30-10 am*
Wednesday Fellowship Time, 10-10:30 am in the Lounge
Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 in the Lounge
Thursday Vespers, 5:30-6 pm via Zoom+
Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am- noon in the Hall
Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.*
Sunday Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 15, 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Christmas Movie Night in the Lounge

Sunday, December 21, 3:00-5:00 pm
A New Westminster Christmas

Featuring the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir, the Royal Westminster Regimental Band, and guest artist Benjamin Sigerson on piano.

Next week's Readings for Advent 2, December 7, 2025: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

