

**January 7, 2025
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist**

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'emeylem-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 and ever-living God,
you revealed the incarnation of your Son
by the brilliant shining of a star.
Shine the light of your justice
in our hearts and over all lands,
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer
in your praise and for your service;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: 1 John 3:18-4:6

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of John,

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him

whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. ⁴ Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² Why do the rulers of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and the Lord's anointed?

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.

⁵ Then God speaks to them in wrath, *
and the divine rage fills them with terror.

⁶ “I myself have set my anointed *
upon my holy hill of Zion.”

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the Lord, *
who said to me, “You are my heir; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰ And now, you monarchs, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and bow with trembling before the presence of the Lord;

¹² lest God be angry and you perish;
for the divine wrath is quickly kindled.*

Happy are they all who take refuge in God!

The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 & 23-25

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.**

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’ ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news^[d] of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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: **Gracious God,**
Accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your
people joined in praise and thanksgiving, In the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

the Great Thanksgiving

EP 2

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God, the Father and Mother of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation 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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

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
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: Glory to God, 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 Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Sunday's Readings for January 11, 2026
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday

Vespers 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

Saturday

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon

Sunday

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist with Baptism, 10-11:15 am*

Wednesday

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am in the Lounge

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

Please note that the Midweek service on Wednesday January 14th will take place in the Lounge.

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