

**June 24, 2026**  
**9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist**  
**St. John the Baptist**

*The birth of John the baptizer is told in the gospel according to Luke, where it serves as a bridge between the Hebrew Scriptures and the time of Christ. Echoing other important Jewish figures, John's beginning is miraculous: the hand of God firmly on him from the womb. Quotes from the Scriptures underscore how the prophecies of the Old Testament have been pointing towards this time when John will exhort people to prepare the way of the Lord.*

**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: Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### ***The First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11***

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' <sup>6</sup>A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Canticle: the Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)***

<sup>68</sup> **'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.**

<sup>69</sup> **He has raised up a mighty saviour for us  
in the house of his servant David,**

<sup>70</sup> as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us.  
<sup>72</sup> Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
<sup>78</sup> By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

### ***The Gospel: Luke 1:57-66 & 80***

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.**

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

<sup>59</sup> On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. <sup>60</sup> But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' <sup>61</sup> They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' <sup>62</sup> Then they began motioning to his father to find out what

name he wanted to give him. <sup>63</sup> He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. <sup>64</sup> Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup> Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. <sup>80</sup> The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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: God of our salvation,

**All: accept all we offer you this day, and free us to worship you without fear, in holiness and righteousness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *the Great Thanksgiving*

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.**

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: We thank you, Lord, for your word and your table which give us the knowledge of salvation. Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn; guide now our feet into the way of peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 for ever. Amen.**

### ***The Dismissal***

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Next Sunday's Readings for Pentecost 4, June 28, 2026:**

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew  
10:40-42



## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

### Thursday

Pastoral Care Series, 4-5 pm in the Lounge

Vespers 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

### Saturday

Ordinations 10:30-12:30 at Christ Church Cathedral

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon in the Upper Hall

Crafternoon 2-4 pm in the Lounge

### Sunday

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. \*

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am\*

Service for Morgan: carpool leaves for St. Dunstan's 12 noon

### Wednesday

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am\*

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

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