HOLY TRINITY
ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
NEW WESTMINSTER
AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH
WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, WE GATHER ON THE TRADITIONAL AND UNSURRENDERED TERRITORY OF THE HALQ'EMELYN-SPEAKING COAST SALISH PEOPLES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ḳʷaːn̓ƛ̓ən̓ (KWANTLEN), QAYQAYT, kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (KWIKWETLEM), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (MUSQUEAM), səlilwətaɬ (TSEIL-WAUTUTH), AND sc̓ts̓'əwaθən məstejəxʷ (TSAWWASSEN). WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF RECONCILIATION AND 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 hymnbooks in the pews.*

Prelude

Welcome

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Hymn
'People Look East'
Common Praise 91 (tune Besançon)

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Confession and Forgiveness

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 unsurrendered 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.

Silence is kept

Presider: Gracious God,
People: have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you
And given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion, forgive us our sings,
Known and unknown, things we have done
And things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit,
So that we may live and serve you in newness of life
Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Presider: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
That Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
People: Amen.

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle: East

Reader: Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.
We face East: to your symbol colour red,
the hue of revelation;
To your animal symbol the eagle, strong and nurturing.
To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit
in harmony with brothers and sisters;
To invoke your wisdom and grace,
the goodness of the ages, We pray:
All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

'Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free'
Common Praise 113 (tune Maranatha) verse 1

Come, O Lord, and set us free. Maranatha.

Desert and dry land shall grow green in praise;
clay will rejoice with full bloom:
showers of flowers given birth in dead earth;
in colours they echo Love's song.
Come, O Lord, and set us free. Maranatha.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,
All: God of unveiled truth,
in times of darkened sun and waning moon,
lift up our hearts and waken our love
to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—[2] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! [3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. [4] From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. [5] You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. [6] We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

[8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. [9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Psalm: 80:1-7 & 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Refrain: Lord, let us turn to you.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
Refrain: Lord, let us turn to you.

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Refrain: Lord, let us turn to you.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
Refrain: Lord, let us turn to you.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
Refrain: Lord, let us turn to you.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
Refrain: Lord, let us turn to you.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader: A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians,

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gospel Hymn

'You Servants of the Lord'
Common Praise 93 (tune Narenza)

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.

The Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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

24 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon
will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in
the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds"
with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect
from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these
things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you,
this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 'But about that day
or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is
like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will
come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may
find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all:
Keep awake.'

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

Gospel Hymn continued

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.

Teaching The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

The Prayers of the People

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us pray for the creation. To the bidding, 'God of all time', please respond, 'hear our prayer'.

Grant that the Church, as a faithful servant, shall be vigilant and diligent in performing the will of her Master. We lift up clergy and lay leaders. May your people make ready for the coming joy of the nativity with watchfulness, penitence, and humility. God of all time,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide all in authority to discern for signs of opportunity to help with wisdom and justice. We are mindful of those places where there is ongoing conflict, oppression, disaster, and climate emergency… Open the minds of governments, rulers, and the elite to direct their wills beyond immediate advantage or personal gain. May we work together for the lasting good of creation. God of all time,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: At this Advent time, give us grace to serve by example. May those close to us- our families, friends, and neighbours- know our words and actions reflect a spiritual understanding of this season. As we look towards Christmas, may we remember with humble thanks the love of the Father who sends us his Son. God of all time,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We name those who have asked for our prayers, calling on God's healing in their lives… We ask your Spirit to send light to those who are in dark places, and for us to be lamp-bearers where we live and work. God of all time,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We remember those who have known the coming of the Lord in the endings of their days. May they rest in the peace to which Christ has called them, and may we be ready when it is our turn for the calling. God of all time,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for the blessings that sustain and gladden our hearts. Give us minds to know and hearts to praise you. God of all time,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray in the name of Christ, the Word who will never pass away.
All: Amen.

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 distance and touch.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Hymn

'Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending'
Common Praise 114 (tune Helmsley)

Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending,
swell the triumph of his train:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all His saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own;
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Halleluiah! Come, Lord, come!

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,
All: **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 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *ELW III*

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: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Common Praise 735 (tune Deutche Messe, F. 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: Presider: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life;
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider: With this bread and this cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, One God, now and forever.

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 (Deutche Messe, F. 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. Low gluten 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.

During Communion

'Give Me Oil in My Lamp'

Songs for a Gospel People 130 (traditional)

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

Refrain: ***And I will sing hosanna, sing hosanna,***
Sing hosanna to the servant King.
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising…
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving…
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving…
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning…

Last refrain: ***And I'll be ever ready, ever ready,***
Ever ready for the King of Kings.
Ever ready, ever ready,
Ever ready for the King.

Anthem- HTC Choir

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:
All: **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, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: All your works praise you, O Lord,
All: **and your faithful servants bless you.**
Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
We, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
We, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us,
So that we and all your children shall be free,
And the whole earth live to praise your name,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Sending Hymn
'O Come, Divine Messiah'
Common Praise 95 (tune Venez Divin Messie)

O come, Divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.
Dear Saviour haste!
Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, Divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sigh for, whom priest and prophet long foretold,
come, break the captives' fetters; redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Saviour haste!
Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, Divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be;
all clothed in human weakness shall we your Godhead see.
Dear Saviour haste!
Come, come to earth.
Dispel the night and show your face,
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
O come, Divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The flowers at the altar today are offered to the glory of God
by Barbara August, in loving memory of her daughter Pearl.
May light perpetual shine upon her.

Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Sandra Wrigley
Greeters, 10 am:	Gerry Rowse & Kate Abel
Reader:	Kate Abel
Chalice Administrators:	Carole Murdoch & Jackie Lewis
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Music Director:	Nathan Badue
	& *the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Wednesday Midweek Service 9:30-10 am
Wednesday Fellowship Time, 10-10:30 am in the Lounge
Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am in the Lounge
Thursday Vespers, 5:30-6 pm online by 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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Readings for Advent 2, Sunday December 6, 2026:
Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8