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Sunday, November 30th, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

# SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Christ we are a caring community seeking and welcoming others to join us on our faith journey.

#### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN HELMSLEY



All remain standing. The presiding celebrant greets the community.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden.

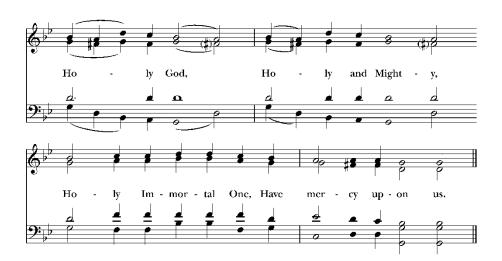
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy

Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name: through Christ our lord. Amen.

### TRISAGION

Sung three times by all.



## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In 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. Many 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. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

## PSALM 122

Said by all.



- 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 Je-**rusalem**.
- To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the **Lord**, \* the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the **Lord**.
- 5 For there are the thrones of **judgement**, \* the thrones of the house of **David**.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je-**rusalem:** \* "May they prosper who **love you**.

- 7 Peace be within your **walls** \* and quietness within your **towers**.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*
  I pray for your pro-sperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our **God**, I will seek to do you **good.**"

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 13:11-14

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; 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; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God** 

HYMN 110 WACHET AUF





THE GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 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, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON The Rev. Paul Richards

NICENE CREED BAS 188

All stand

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of Allall 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

All stand or kneel, as able.

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. We pray for Shane our Primate, John our Archbishop and Metropolitan, and for our own clergy. On our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the Deanery of Burrard, St. Andrew, Langley, St. Magdalene, Vancouver. And we pray for The Bishop, clergy and people of our companion Diocese of the Northern Philippines and our partner parishes, St. Michael the Archangel, Guina-ang, St. Joseph Church, Mainit, and Holy Trinity Mission, Dalican. For all bishops, clergy, and people, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith; let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For those we remember in our parish this morning: the Rev. Paul Richards, Lenore Richards, Janice Richardson, Boyd Richardson, Katelyn Richardson, John Ring, and Betty Ring; for those who travel by land, water, or air; for the sick and the suffering, including and all those on our parish prayer list; and for those you remember silently or aloud; for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, especially June Martin. For the Faithful Departed in our Memorial Book: Marjorie Baker, Ethel Pechy, Edith Kirkwood, Mary Harding, Vera Gowland, Arthur Warner, Beatrice Surtees, Martin Webber Holdom – Priest, Ruby Lindstrom, Lydia Lindsay, Julie Geddes, and for those you remember silently or aloud. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the ever-blessed virgin Mary and all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

# To you, O Lord.

The leader continues

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.** 

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BAS 191

Celebrant 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.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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 BAS 192

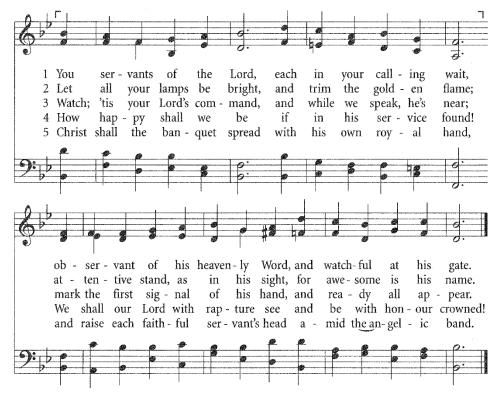
All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**OFFERTORY** 

HYMN 93 NARENZA



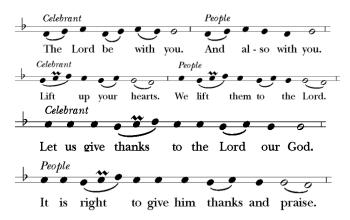
DOXOLOGY TALLIS CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

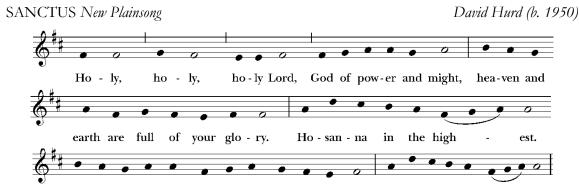
#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All remain standing. The celebrant says.

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.** 



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 to us 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.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The celebrant continues

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 and for many 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;

The celebrant continues

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. **Amen.**\*\*Receipter\*\*

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\*\*People\*\*

e - ver A-men.

The celebrant continues.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

BAS 211

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

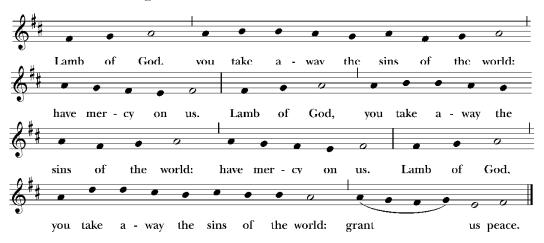
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BAS 212

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

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



THE COMMUNION BAS 213

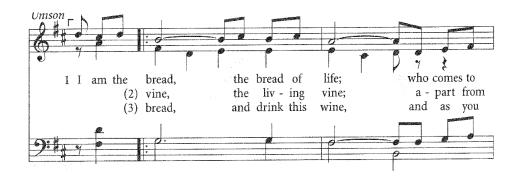
The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.

The gifts of God for the People of God

## People Thanks be to God.

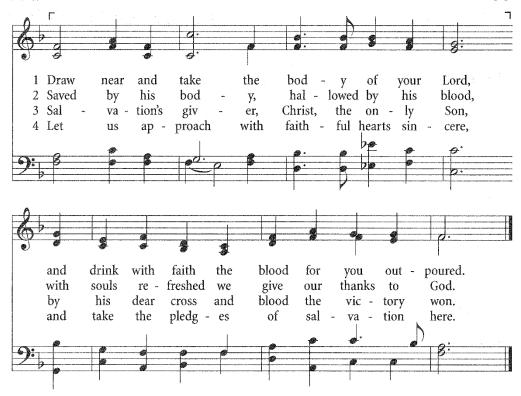
We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please receive the bread by holding out your hands. To receive the wine, please gently guide the chalice to your lips, or simply touch the base of the chalice if you prefer not to drink from it. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted in our diocese. All are welcome to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sides person to have Communion brought to you.

HYMN 56 PICKET WOOD





HYMN 49 SONG 46



- 5 The Lord in this world rules his saints, and shields; to all believers life eternal yields;
- 6 with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole; gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 7 Before your presence, Lord, all people bow. In this your feast of love be with us now.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand or kneel, as able.

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.** 

Celebrant 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, For ever and ever. Amen.

## NEANDER (UNSER HERRSCHER)



All remain standing.

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, all respond.

All Thanks be to God.

All remain standing for the retiring procession.

**POSTLUDE** 

# PARISH PRAYER LIST: For health, wellness, support, and comfort:

Stephanie, Jordan, Alison, Rebecca, Gillian, Eileen, Darren, Ralph, Pat, Alisa, Jacob, John, Bill, Tricia, Beth, Lindsay,, Gene, Antony, George, Alexandra, Steven, Graham, Susan, Nora, Catherine, Bob, Karen, Norm, Peter, Sherrill, Lynne, Hayley, Paul, Oakley

CelebrantThe Rev. Joseph DirbasPreacherThe Rev. Paul Richards

ServerKaryn EislerMusic DirectorMaria GolasOrganistUlo Valdma

**Greeters** Barbara Dickson & Judy Belanger

Welcome Veronica Wright
First Reader Karen Archer
Second Reader Linda Ingham
Prayers of the People Lenore Richards
Livestream Guild Henry Lazar

Coffee Set-up Kathy Van Allen & Elaine Peloquin

Coffee Clean-up TBA

Altar Guild Linda Ingham

Flowers at the altar this week are given to the Glory of God by Andrew Kendrick in loving memory of Luci Richards.

Please join us for coffee and tea in Griffiths Hall. If you are joining us for the first time, please ask for directions.

## Advent Wreath Making - Today After the 10:00 a.m. Service

Be sure to join us in the parish hall after the 10:00 a.m. service to make an Advent wreath you can take home! All are invited to participate! We'll also have prayer resources for you and 3

## **Angel Tree:**

The Angel Tree is available in the library. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for children from families in need who attend White Rock Elementary School. Please take a tag and help brighten a child's Christmas. Wrapped gifts, with the original tag attached, should be returned to the church by December 14, 2025.

## **Prayer Shawl Plus:**

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will be meeting on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> in the Library at 10 am. Come and visit with them and learn what projects they are working on. We have some amazing knitters.

## Advent Soup Lunch and Book Study – Beginning December 3

On Wednesdays in Advent (**Dec 3, 10, and 17**), we'll gather at noon for a soup lunch followed by a study of Watler Brueggemann's *Names for the Messiah*. Books are available in the office. Our advent program is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and learning. If you would like to make soup and/or supply rolls for the lunch, please sign up in the office.

## Food Bank Sunday - December 7

We invite you to bring non-perishable / shelf-stable food items to church at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services on Sunday, December 7 for delivery to our local food bank. Thank you for your generosity!

## Advent Lessons and Carols - December 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Be sure to join us for our Advent Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, Dec 7 at 5 p.m. This beautiful service of song and prayer is a perfect time to invite others to church.

# Community Christmas Carol Sing – Dec 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us on Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. for a fun and lively Christmas carol sing. Please invite all in the community to join us.

## Women's Group

All are invited to join the women's group. We meet on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the library. We hope to see you there.

## **Bible Study**

Our Bible Study continues with the Gospel of John. Last week we finished chapter 3. On Tuesday, December 2 we will read John chapter 4. We meet in the library on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us. The only prerequisites are an open heart and an open mind.

## Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve 3:00 p.m. - Family Service, pageant, and Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Choir

10:00 p.m. - Solemn "Midnight Mass"

Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharis

# WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We are a joyful, inclusive service-oriented community. Our church building is a sacred space and a house of prayer for all. Our parish is composed of people from infants to grandparents, from cradle Anglicans to seekers, and we pride ourselves in being a place where a diverse range of opinions are held and respected. While we are a varied group, we strive to be unified as the Body of Christ.

We centre ourselves around our baptismal vow to, "strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being." Our community also extends far beyond our pews as we seek to feed, clothe, and support people who are in need.

We pray you will feel at home here, no matter your reason for joining us. We welcome you with open arms regardless of your race, age, culture, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, previous religious affiliation, or socioeconomic status. All are welcome at The Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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