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WE GATHER ON THE TRADITIONAL AND UNSURRENDERED TERRITORY OF THE
HALQ'EMÉYN-SPEAKING COAST SALISH PEOPLES. WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF
RECONCILIATION AND HEALING WITH ALL.

10 am Eucharist
The Baptism of Our Lord
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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

Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Song

'Out of Deep Unordered Water'
Songs for a Gospel People 78

**Out of deep unordered water
God created land and life,
World of bird and beast and later,
two-some people- husband, wife.**

***Refrain: There is water in the river
bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver:
there is water in the font.***

**Water on the human forehead,
birth-mark of the love of God,
Is the sign of death and rising:
thro' the sea there runs a road.**

Refrain

**Standing round the font reminds us
of the Hebrews' climb ashore.
Life is hallowed by the knowledge
God has been this way before.**

Refrain

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.

Silence is kept

Presider: Holy One,

People: we long for you.

You know our wounding and our broken-heartedness.

**You know how others have hurt us,
and how we have hurt others.**

You alone have the healing we need.

Yours is the love that changes everything. 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.

Young People's Time

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

All: Holy One of Israel,

**you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son.**

**Keep all who are born of water and Spirit
faithful in your service,**

**so that we may rejoice to be called children of God,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,
- 6 and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord *
splits the flames of fire;
- 8 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.*
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to this people; *
the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles,
¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song
'O Healing River'
Common Praise 578 (tune Healing River)

**O healing river, send down your waters,
Send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
And wash the blood from off of the sand.**

**This land is parching, this land is burning,
No seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, send your waters down.**

**Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies.**

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying 'Lord, hear our prayer.'

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful God, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for John our bishop, Benny the bishop of our companion diocese of Northern Philippines, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all those with responsibility in government, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority: that your people may lead just and peaceable lives.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for this city of New Westminster and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, First Nations, settlers and newcomers: that you will show your goodwill to all.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who are marginalized in our society and for ways to minister with them: that you will be our help and our defence.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who need healing in body, mind, and spirit, especially those we name silently or aloud at this time...

pause

...: that all who look to you will receive the gift of your loving presence.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those preparing for baptism, those recently baptised, and all who are committed to living more deeply into their baptismal covenant: that we may all be strengthened in the faith.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, those whom we have known and loved, and those whose names are known to you alone: that we too may be counted amongst your faithful witnesses.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for all the blessings in our lives, and lift up in gratitude the ways you have touched us this week...

pause

...: Help us always to give you praise and glory, for you Lord are good and loving, and your peace passes all understanding.

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 Song

'Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer'
Common Praise 565 (tune Cwm Rhondda)

**Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him,
Who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

BAS Eucharistic Prayer 5

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: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

Sanctus

Common Praise 732 (tune Mass of Hope)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are 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 you thanks and praise, God our Mother and Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which is shed for you, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Holy One, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**People: God here among us, light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

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.

During Communion

'Let There Be Light'

Common Praise 572 (tune Concord)

**Let there be light, let there be understanding.
Let all the people gather, let them be face to face.**

**Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
Open the door of concord, opening into grace.**

**Perish the sword, perish the angry judgement,
Perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain.**

**Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
Hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language,
Thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade.**

**Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.**

Anthem
"Baptized in Water"
(One License A-742578)
HTC Choir

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Lover of all,
By this sacrament you make us one family
in Christ Jesus your Son:
One in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.
We ask this in his name. 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.**

Sending Song

'We'll Sing in the Morning'

Common Praise 37 (tune the Bells of St. Mary's)

**We'll sing in the morning a song of creation,
Of your breath that stirs up the waters to birth;
And here at the fount of Christ's mercy we join you,
Co-heirs of heaven and stewards of your gracious earth.**

**We'll sing in the noontime a song of redemption:
How Naaman was cleansed in the flow of your grace;
How, when we were sick, in our sin you released us
To laugh in health and dance in love before your face.**

**We'll sing in the evening a song of your pastures,
Of rivers that gladden the city of God;
And when we arrive on the bank of our Jordan,
You'll help us through its cold by fords your saints have trod.**

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Robert Rothwell
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Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
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Music Director:	Kyumin Lee & the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Wednesday Midweek Eucharist, 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 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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Next Sunday's Readings for Epiphany 2, January 19, 2025

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11