

THE HOLY EUCHARIST FOR  
**Epiphany 2024**

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF  
**ST. THOMAS, VANCOUVER**

**The community of St. Thomas' Anglican Church respectfully acknowledges that we worship on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish Nations.**

**We acknowledge the time honoured role of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples of Canada as stewards of the land.**

**We also recognize the historical effect of colonialism on Indigenous communities and the need to address negative practices which continue to affect these communities today.**

**We commit ourselves to the process of reconciliation**

*Whether you have been a life-long Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you with us this morning! If you are unaccustomed to the Anglican way of worship, simply let the words, music and symbols gently 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 you find is most helpful to your prayer.*

*The Hymns and Readings will be found in the Sunday bulletin along with important announcements and other information.*

*You are invited to join in the responses printed in **bold text***

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Greeting

In this time and place, we acknowledge that we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

**From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Opening Hymn**

**Collect of the Day**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading**

*At the end of the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm of the Day**

**The Second Reading**

*At the end of the Reading*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**

**The Gospel**

*Before the Gospel*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

### Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings

#### The Exchange of the Peace

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

*The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory Hymn

### The Prayer over the Gifts

*The Presider offers the appointed prayer for the day*

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of heaven and earth;

you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,

and have shown your Son Jesus Christ

to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels

we raise our voices in joyful praise

to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

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,

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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 the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

*The congregation sings,*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,**

**Grant us peace.**

## **The Communion**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*It is the practice of the Anglican Church of Canada to welcome to communion all who have been baptized and admitted to communion in their own church.*

## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

### The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

*Standing, the community prays in silence.*

*The Presider leads the appointed prayer for the day*

### The Parish Prayer

Let us join in our parish prayer

**Life-giving God, you have fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son, and given us hope and steadfastness in our life as a parish. You have instilled generosity and compassion within us and among us. Encourage us to hold fast to this within our parish, and fill us with vision and courage, as we seek to be more deeply connected with our wider community and our neighbourhood. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to seek your justice and peace, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### The Notices

*News is shared concerning the life of the community and the work of the church in our neighbourhood.*

### Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

### Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sending Hymn