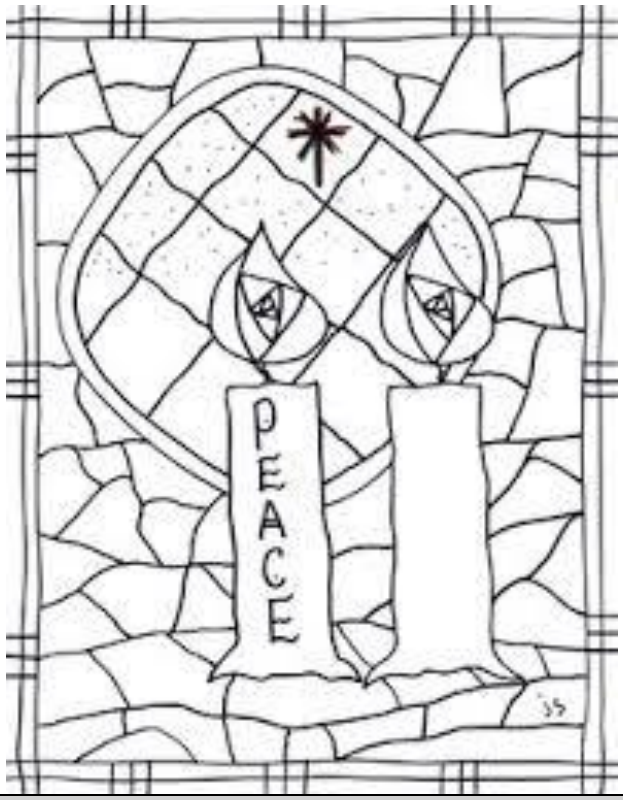

OUR VISION

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Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Human Rights and
Stopping Violence Against Women Sunday

December 7, 2025 – 10.30 a.m.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood

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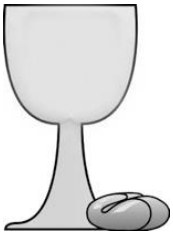
Welcome to Holy Trinity, Guildwood

At Holy Trinity, Guildwood, we welcome all who come to worship with us. Though we are people of diverse background, lifestyle, and opinion, we are one in our desire to follow Jesus Christ. We seek to live as diversity in unity, offering a community in which we can all grow together as one Body: God's Church. We hope the order of service will help you find your way, but feel free to ask your neighbour for help. We are truly pleased that you have chosen to worship with us.



Holy Communion: All are welcome in this church and at this altar. All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive the bread and wine at Christ's table. Those not receiving communion may wish to receive a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion. The Anglican Church supports the ancient use of the common cup. Those receiving the chalice are asked to assist the chalice bearer by grasping the cup at the base and guiding the cup to their lips. **For health purposes the practice of intinction, dipping the bread into the wine, is discouraged**. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please feel free to receive the bread only. Simply cross your hands over your chest when the chalice bearer passes by to indicate you do not wish the wine. The ancient teaching is that the whole Christ is received whether one receives only the consecrated bread or both bread and wine. Please come forward (should you wish) to the altar rail, at the indication of the sides person (usher) to fill the altar rail from the outside in. Those with mobility concerns may also receive Holy Communion while remaining in place, please notify a sides person (usher).

Children are always welcome at Holy Trinity - On Sundays, children are invited to take part in the wonderful age-appropriate activities offered by Church School downstairs in the church hall during the Liturgy of the Word, after which they return upstairs to join in the Celebration of the Eucharist. Parents are always welcome to join their children for some or all of the time downstairs. For more information contact Melanie McLeod, Family Ministry Coordinator, at 416-261-9503 or melanie.mcleod777@outlook.com. Children are always welcome to join in the fun and adventure of growing in Christ.

As you are invited to stand or sit, please feel free to do as best fits your health, comfort, and circumstances.
Please silence your cell phones.

Second Sunday of Advent (A) **December 7, 2025– 10:30 a.m.**

Celebration of The Holy Eucharist

Prelude – Creator of the Starry Night EISENACH

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The Gathering of the Community *please stand*

Gathering Hymn **#106** – There's a Voice in the Wilderness ASCENSION

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As the Gathering Hymn is sung, Melanie, youth and children follow the Processional Cross into the sanctuary and gather around the Advent Wreath.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgment

Lay Assistant Today we honour and acknowledge that this land and locality are on the historical traditional lands of the Indigenous Peoples of what we call Turtle Island and what is commonly called North America.

We acknowledge the leadership of Indigenous Elders, who continue to teach us about what it means to live in a balanced and good way with all creation. May our time of worship together be blessed, as we give respect to the First Peoples of this land and seek to live in right relationship with ourselves, Creator, and one another.

We pray that the Spirit will lead us into all truth, into repentance for the wrongs of the past and into true reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters that we may be partners in healing and peace, to the glory and thanksgiving of God our Creator.

(National Indigenous Archbishop Chris Harper)

Greeting and Advent Wreath Candle Lighting. *Please stand*

Presider 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.**

On this second Sunday of Advent we hear stories
of the dreams and longings of God's people.
The Hebrew people dreamed of a king
who would rule with justice and peace.
The apostle Paul had a dream that all people would belong to God.
John the Baptist invited people to dream with him
about the coming of God's reign.

We share these dreams that can lead to life-changing action.

God's people have long dreamed of the coming of peace,
justice and faithfulness to God's ways.
In our own time we dream of equality and good life for everyone.
Such dreams come from God and inspire us
to work for justice and peace.

With John the Baptist we dream of making crooked paths straight,
of making a smooth highway, broad enough for all God's people
to move on together in peace and harmony.

Our actions can help build that highway.
God's dream of peace can become our dream.

The flame of this second candle reminds us
that just as candles can be given a flame,
so God's dreams can become real in our world.

the second blue candle is lit

Presider Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
All **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

All **May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace**
in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As the young people go out to Sunday School, we sing

All Sing **Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,**
giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

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The Collect of the Day *Please remain standing*

Presider God of peace,
in a world of conflict and confusion,
you call us to prepare the way of your Son.
Smooth the rough places of our hearts,
and make us ready to receive the Prince of Peace,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word *Please sit for the readings.*

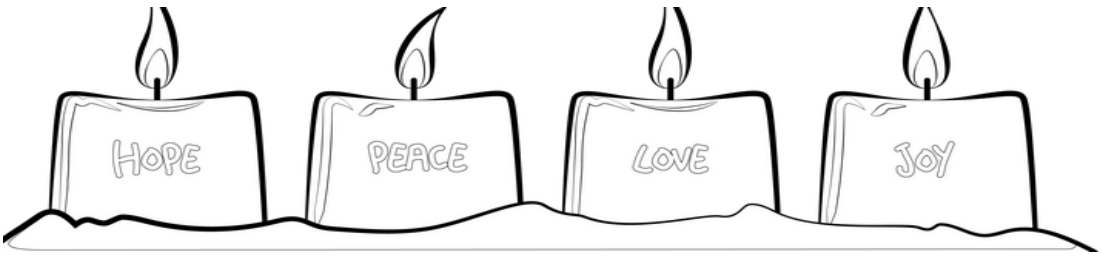
First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

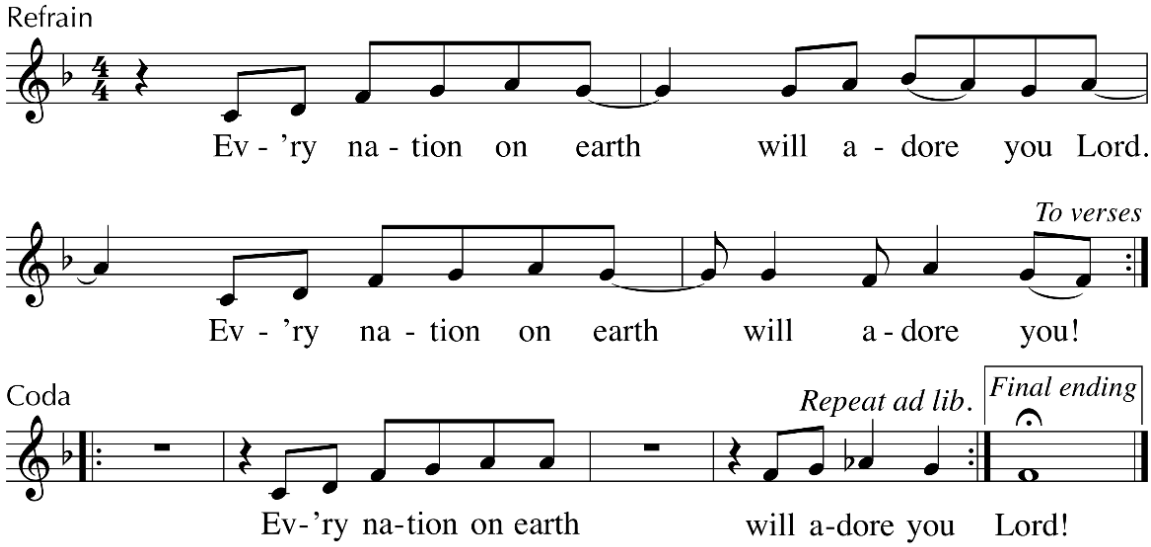
Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, - Every Nation on Earth *Please remain seated*

Refrain 1: Instrumental 2: Choir 3. Congregation



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Second Reading Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Acclamation **#107** – Prepare the Way PREPARE THE WAY

(Sung three times before and after the Gospel)
Prepare the way of the Lord,
prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Reader. The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

Sermon The Reverend Canon Stephen Kirkegaard

Silence for reflection.

Our Response to the Word *Please stand*

Affirmation of Faith

Today I put my trust in God the Creator,
who made me and the world I inhabit,
and calls me to be a responsible steward
of all that is seen and unseen.

Today I put my trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ,
whom I call Lord,
and who in turn calls me to follow
and walk with him as his friend.

Today I put my trust in the Holy Spirit
who gives me life,
and calls me to share in life with all whom I encounter.

Today I put my trust
in the community of those who walk in love and goodwill,
as we compassionately work for healing,
justice, and peace for all.

Dr. Rob Voyle

The Prayers of the People

Please feel free to sit, stand or kneel - however you are most comfortable to pray.
Prayers are offered for the church, all in authority, the world,
the local community, those in need, and the departed.

Lay Assistant John the Baptist calls on us to prepare a way for the Lord
and in that spirit we now pray, saying,
"Lord, inspire us to prepare your way".
People **Lord, inspire us to prepare your way.**

Lay Assistant May the Lord open our eyes to see his coming into our lives this Advent;
may he open a pathway into our hearts.
People **Lord, inspire us to prepare your way.**

Lay Assistant May the Lord bring us a new awareness
of the person he wants each of us to be;
may he help us grow in goodness.
People **Lord, inspire us to prepare your way.**

Lay Assistant We pray for the church . . .
We give thanks for the generosity and commitment
of the Saints of Holy Trinity Guildwood,
and pray for God's blessing on our Grateful Giving Campaign,
and on our land lease development initiative.
We pause in silence, each of us,
to think of somebody whom we will keep in our heart during Advent
and invite to share in the joy and hope that is Christmas.
[Silence]
May we have the boldness of John the Baptist
in inviting others to support and share
in our vision of preparing a better world.
People **Lord, inspire us to prepare your way.**

Lay Assistant We give thanks for all people like John the Baptist,
who challenge the hypocrisy and injustice in society.
People **Lord, inspire us to prepare your way.**

Lay Assistant We pray for the world
We pray for a society free of sexual and gender-based violence.
for a society where all, especially women and girls,
are treated with dignity and respect,
and where honesty, openness, inclusivity, compassion, courage,
fairness and equality are embraced by all.
May the Lord come with hope into the sorrows of our world;
with harmony into the violence of our world;
with integrity into the corruption of our world.

We pray that the light of Christ's coming
will break through the darkness.

People **Lord, inspire us to prepare your way.**

Lay Assistant We pray for the sick and those in need,
for those who have asked for our prayers. . .
For any others known to you . . .
May the Lord bring a feeling of relief and release
to people whose lives are filled with struggle and tears.

People **Lord, inspire us to prepare your way.**

Lay Assistant We pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones . . .
We pray for all who have died . . .
For the fourteen women who lost their lives in the
École Polytechnique Massacre.
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,

People **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lay Assistant We offer these prayers with hearts full of expectation
of the coming of Christ,
who is our Lord and Saviour, now and forever. **Amen.**

Eucharist: Enhancing the Prayer, Donal Harrington (adapted).

Confession and Absolution p. 191

*Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us,
putting us in right relationship with one another and with God.*

The Peace *please stand*

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the Peace of Christ.

Announcements

The Celebration of the Eucharist *please remain standing*

The Preparation of Gifts

While the hymn is sung, a collection is taken.
The bread and wine, the offerings of the people, are then brought forward and received.

The Children and Youth return for the family meal – Eucharist.

Offertory Hymn **#105** – Where Jordan Cuts the Wilderness MORNING SONG

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The Prayer over the Gifts *Please stand.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

Sursum Corda Robert Graham

Presider May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks through Isaiah and Mary,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory, singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

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Presider Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew that death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,

Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, “Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said “Drink this, all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ’s undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
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 the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider 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

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God #747

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Everyone is welcome to receive communion.

You may receive both bread and wine, or just the bread, if you wish.

Cross your arms to receive a blessing instead.

Communion can be brought to you if needed: just ask a sidesperson.

Communion Hymn **#612** – Healer of Our Every Ill HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

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Communion Hymn - Christ Would Not Cast the Judgment Stone O WALY, WALY
#541 (tune only)

Christ would not cast the judgment stone
At one who stood afraid, alone;
He stopped the violence in that place
By speaking truth and showing grace.

To one the world would not protect,
Christ offered care and showed respect;
In one whom others cast away,
He saw a child of God that day.

May we show Christ's compassion here
To girls and women bound by fear,
To those who live in silent pain,
To those who can't go home again.

We pray for those who from their birth
Are never shown their human worth;
We pray for women hurt this day
While others turn their eyes away.

O God, may we who call you Lord
Now labour for a world restored,
Where, in your image, all will be
Protected, valued, safe and free.

A hymn lamenting violence against women and girls.
This hymn was originally written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for the Ecumenical International Women's Day Service at the request of Jill Bolander Cohen.

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The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer after Communion *please stand*

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Sending Hymn **#101** – Hail to the Lord's Anointed *please stand in body or spirit*

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Blessing
Dismissal

Presider Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
go and serve the world God loves.
All. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude 1 – Go Now In Peace – *Please join the choir in singing*

Verse 1
Go now in PEACE,
Never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Verse 2
Go now in FAITH,
Stead-fast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Verse 3
Go now in LOVE,
and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watch-ing from a-bove.

Go now in PEACE, in FAITH and in LOVE.
A-men, A-men, A- - men

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Postlude 2 –Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring. ST. THOMAS

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Naba Gurung

Evan Desaulnier
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Joshua Park
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Thank you for worshiping with us today; you have enriched our community, and we hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you will be returning to a distant home, we wish you the Lord's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live anywhere near us, and you are not an involved member of a faith community and might be seeking one, we invite you to return here any Sunday so that we may continue to worship with and respond to you. Please visit us on the web at www.trinityguildwood.org and take one of our welcome brochures to learn more about opportunities for personal spiritual growth and service to others.

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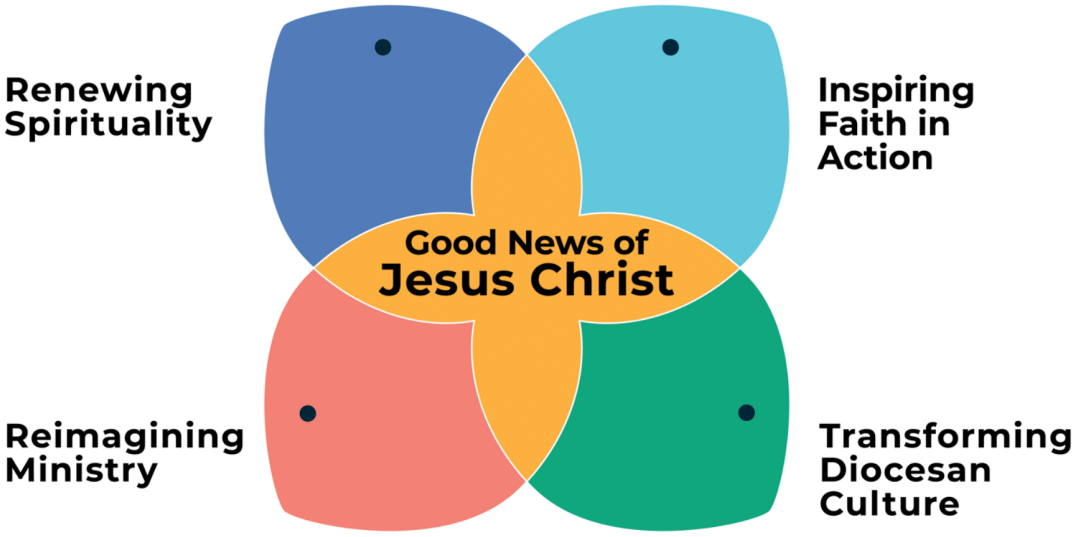

- We are disciples of Jesus Christ, whose Good News is the joy and challenge at the heart of our common life.
- We are renewed daily in our spiritual lives and share our faith with others.
- We seek justice for all, walk alongside those in need, and respond with loving service and prophetic advocacy.
- We support and encourage faithful and fruitful ministry by all who serve the life of the church.
- We live and work as the Body of Christ, each member connected to the whole, and each valued for their unique gifts.

The Propers (the Prayers and the readings appointed), for the Second Sunday of Advent are found on page 270 of the Book of Alternative Services.

This Week, in our Cycle of Prayers for the Church, we remember:

The Church: We pray for the Church of Bangladesh; our Primate, Archbishop Shane Parker, and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada; Toronto East Deanery; All Saints, Sherbourne Street, its daily drop in and nursing program, weekly breakfast for women involved in the sex trade; for Anne, our Metropolitan Bishop; Christopher, our National Indigenous Archbishop; and Andrew, our Diocesan and Area Bishop.

Our Parish Family of Holy Trinity, Guildwood:

For: Margaret Wasmund; Tim Wiebe and Ellen Anderson; Jim and Marilyn Wilson.

For those celebrating a birthday: Richard John Sr.

For our Bookkeeper and Treasury Assistant: Janet Tangness.

For: Stephen our Priest.

For the Sick, for those in need and those who have asked for our Prayers: Dorothy and Kaizen Brown; Kate Bull; Carol Gooding; Scott and Maricel Heald; Nancy Lees; Ruth Mattinson; Allan Mawson; David and Nancy Mills; Don & Mary Beth; Isobel Wilton. Christine Gowdy; Richard Kipin; Max, Celine and Karen Rego; Carlos Rodrigues; Joey Sitwell.

For Those Who Have died: Abena**;** for the fourteen women murdered in the École Polytechnique massacre.

The red carnations in front of the altar are donated by Robbie and Beverley Rhodes in memory of the fourteen young women engineering students murdered on December 6, 1989, at the École Polytechnique in Montreal.

The École Polytechnique massacre

Also known as the Montreal massacre, was an antifeminist mass shooting that occurred on December 6, 1989, at the École Polytechnique de Montréal in Montreal, Quebec.
Lépine killed 14 women (12 engineering students, one nursing student, and one employee of the university) and injured 14 others, 10 women and four men.

- *Geneviève Bergeron (born 1968) (aged 21), civil engineering student*
- *Hélène Colgan (born 1966) (aged 23), mechanical engineering student*
- *Nathalie Croteau (born 1966) (aged 23), mechanical engineering student*
- *Barbara Daigneault (born 1967) (aged 22), mechanical engineering student*
- *Anne-Marie Edward (born 1968) (aged 21), chemical engineering student*
- *Maud Haviernick (born 1960) (aged 29), materials engineering student*
- *Maryse Laganière (born 1964) (aged 25), budget clerk in the École Polytechnique's finance department*
- *Maryse Leclair (born 1966) (aged 23), materials engineering student*
- *Anne-Marie Lemay (born 1967) (aged 22), mechanical engineering student*
- *Sonia Pelletier (born 1961) (aged 28), mechanical engineering student*
- *Michèle Richard (born 1968) (aged 21), materials engineering student*
- *Annie St-Arneault (born 1966) (aged 23), mechanical engineering student*
- *Annie Turcotte (born 1969) (aged 20), materials engineering student*
- *Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz (born 1958) (aged 31), nursing student*

As we mourn the loss and remember the lives of the fourteen young women, we reaffirm our commitment to fight the hatred that led to this tragedy, and the misogyny that still exists today. In Canada and around the world, women, girls and 2SLGBTQI+ individuals face unacceptable violence and discrimination.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is about remembering those who have experienced gender-based violence and those who we have lost to it. It is also a time to ***take action****. Achieving a Canada free from gender-based violence requires everyone living in this country to educate themselves and their families and communities on gender-based violence, centre the voices of survivors in our actions and speak up against harmful behaviours.*

On this day, we wear a white ribbon to honour the victims and call for an end to gender-based violence. The White Ribbon Campaign is a global movement of men and boys in more than 60 countries working to end male violence against women and girls. It began in Toronto in 1991 in response to the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre.

https://www.whiteribbon.ca/?lng=en

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Readers: Beth Raymer, Myriam Hill

Welcome: Mike Henley

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent (A)
December 14, 2025
Isaiah 35:1-10;
Psalm 146:4-9;
James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11.

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