



***Welcome to the parish of
St. Philip by-the-Sea, Lantzville B.C.***

**Sunday December 15th, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer
(Book of Alternative Services)**



Lighting of the 3rd Candle (Pink) of Advent

Hope is a Star

Hope is the star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Prayer for Joy

**Dear heavenly Father, help us hear Your voice. Touch us
once again. Give us the courage to be Your beloved. Give
us the courage to choose Joy. We need you now, this
Christmas. Be born in us again, today. In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

Opening Sentence

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has
anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

Isaiah 61:1

**Gathering Hymn CP 106 - There's A Voice In The Wilderness
Crying**

The First Reading

From the Book of Zephaniah

(Ch.3:14-20)

CANTICLE 3 (Isaiah 12:2-6)

REFRAIN Ring out your joy, for the Holy One of Israel is in your midst.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, and he will be my Saviour. **R**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. **R**

REFRAIN Ring out your joy, for the Holy One of Israel is in your midst.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **R**

The Second Reading

From the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

(Ch.4:4-7)

The Gradual Hymn CP 103 - On Jordan's Bank, The Baptist's
Cry

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

(Ch. 3:7-18)

The Offertory Hymn CP 88 – Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus

The Offertory

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Recessional Hymn: CP 91 - People Look East! The Time Is Near

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Announcements

December 18th: Men's Breakfast – 8:30 am @ Country Grocer
Café, Bowen Rd

December 22nd: Advent Outreach - PWRDF

2025 Flowers for the Altar – calendar available for sign up

All detailed event information can be found on the St. Philips website
under the Events page: www.stphiliplantzville.ca

***In the Worldwide Anglican Community, we pray for: The
Anglican Church of Tanzania.***

***In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for: Abbey Church
+ Emmaus Community***

***This week in our Parish of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for:
Megan Villanueva, Tony Vokins, Diane Wade, Dorothy Wallace, and for
all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the
world.***

UPCOMING SERVICE REMINDERS

Sunday December 15th, 2024, 7.00pm

Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Presider: Caleb Lawrence

Sunday December 22nd, 2024, 9.30am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Service of Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: Caleb Lawrence

(Advent Outreach: PWRDF)

Tuesday December 24th, 2024, **4.00pm**

Christmas Eve

Service of Holy Communion (BAS) – with music

Celebrant: The Rev. Rosemary Mathews