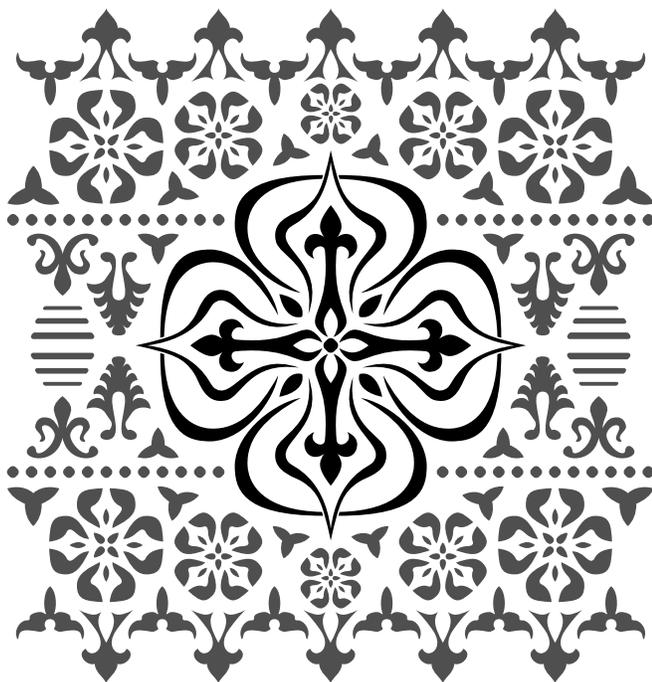




# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Vancouver, BC · *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*



The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
MARCH 22, 2020

**CATHEDRAL VISION** | We envision a Cathedral which is radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and in community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city, and the world. We recognize our history and traditions, while seeking renewal and growth. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for all voices. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, and regardless of what you may bring or are searching for, you are welcome here.

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**WELCOME!** Thank you for joining the Cathedral community for worship during the *Fourth Sunday in Lent*. You are welcome to this historic Anglican Cathedral Church on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations located in the heart of Vancouver.

If you have any questions about the Cathedral, its ministries or congregations, please speak with a member of the Greeting Team, someone wearing a Cathedral name badge, or a member of the clergy. If you enjoyed the sermon this week, audio versions and sermon texts are available at [www.thecathedral.ca](http://www.thecathedral.ca) or can be delivered to your email inbox through the Cathedral's weekly email newsletter.

*Please help us to be stewards of our resources by returning unused connection cards, bulletins and envelopes to the front desk for re-use or recycling. Thank you!*

## CATHEDRAL SERVICES & DAILY READINGS

### MONDAY, MARCH 23

*Gregory the Illuminator,  
 Bishop of Armenia, c. 322*

Daily Reading • Matthew 5:11-16

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

*Lenten Feria*

Daily Readings • John 5:1-18

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

*The Annunciation of the Lord  
 to the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Daily Readings • Luke 1:26-38

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

*Lenten Feria*

Daily Reading • John 5:31-47

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

*Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of  
 the Philippines & of Western New York, 1929*

Daily Reading • John 17:20-25

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

*Lenten Feria*

Daily Reading • Psalm 7:1-2, 9-12

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

10:30AM

Choral Eucharist via Livestream

Preacher: Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur

Music: Rupert Lang,

*Organist & Director of Music*

Daily Reading • Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11:1-45

# To the Community of Christ Church Cathedral from Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur

MARCH 22, 2020

Jesus said: *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor let them be afraid.”* (John 14:27)

You have likely been anticipating a letter from your Cathedral as the world deals with the Covid-19 virus.

Out of principal concern for the well-being and health of all, the Cathedral leadership team of your Wardens, Trustees, Vicar and myself, determined on Monday, March 16 to suspend all public worship at the Cathedral beginning March 17 and for the time being.

Archbishop Melissa Skelton has just written this afternoon requesting the same of all churches in the Diocese of New Westminster (*please see letter on page 18*).

The Cathedral staff has been focused on shifting Sunday worship services online, complete with the production of digital Sunday bulletins to enable at-home worship across the parish, and indeed the diocese.

For many of us it may feel odd to log-into the Cathedral website for worship at 10:30am on Sunday morning with cup of coffee at hand. But try it. Download the bulletin in advance. Join in singing the hymns as Rupert leads the song of praise. Join in the prayers.

There was a time long ago when the people of Israel could no longer go to the Temple. They asked, how can we still know God? If we cannot worship together, offer sacrifice, experience the magnificence, is the Lord of hosts still with us? And the answer came, “yes.”

*The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge, (Psalm 46:7) and underneath are the everlasting arms. (Deuteronomy 33:27)*

We can do this. We will discover other ways of being the Body of Christ and faithfully give witness to the risen Christ in our midst.

What your Cathedral staff and leaders recognize is that a significant opportunity is open before us at this moment to enlarge the ministry of the Cathedral in new

forms. As public worship ceases across the diocese, the Cathedral can play a key role in the online presentation of excellence in worship, song, preaching, prayer and praise. We anticipate other Sunday liturgies such as Compline, and indeed the liturgies of Holy Week, to be added once the technical learning curve is complete.

Archbishop Melissa wrote us on March 16, “I see this time as an opportunity for the Cathedral to strengthen its positive relationship with the rest of the diocese.”

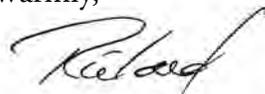
Your Cathedral is not closed. Our ministry and community will continue in new ways as we live with, *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*.

- Please check the Cathedral website for new postings of pastoral reflections and updates on our evolving ministry.
- Please know that you are in our prayers. Let us keep connected, support one another and especially reach out to the vulnerable around us who might welcome a phone call in their isolation, or assistance with groceries, etc.
- Please remember the needs of the Cathedral. Your financial support is very important through this period. Consider going to [www.thecathedral.ca/donate](http://www.thecathedral.ca/donate) to make an additional donation of support or slide the “Set up automated giving” button to join the automatic giving.

The great news of this past weekend is the appointment of our new Rector, the Venerable Dr. Chris Pappas. He will join us on June 1 as a new chapter in the life of the Cathedral begins afresh (*please see page 14 for more information*).

May I wish you good health, safety and every blessing in the Risen Christ.

Warmly,



# 10:30am Sung Eucharist

THE BOOK of ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

## Gathering of the Community

*Welcome*

*Introit*

Kyrie (*Missa Brevis XIII*)

Healey Willan

*Presider*

In this holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples and raise our hands to elders past and present as we seek reconciliation amongst all people who call Canada home.

*All* May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

*Collect for Purity*

*All* Almighty God,  
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.

*Presider*

Bless the Holy One who forgives all our sins

*All* God's mercy endures forever.

*Presider*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

*All* 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.

*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.

*Lenten Prose*

Traditional Plainsong



Hear us O Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us: For we have sin - ned a - gainst Thee.

*Choir* Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition now no more we veil them:  
grant us Redeemer, loving absolution.

*All* Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us...

*Collect*  
*Presider*

Let us pray (*silence*)

*All*  
Almighty God,  
through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light.  
May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## *Proclamation of the Word*

*First Reading* Samuel 16:1-13

*After the reading the reader will say:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 23*

Setting: Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
And fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,  
There is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,  
All the days of my life,  
And I will live in Her house,  
Forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,  
And to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

*Second Reading* Ephesians 5:8-14

*After the reading the reader will say*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand & join in the singing of the hymn.

Sequence Hymn

God, Whose Almighty Word (CP 560)

Text: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.;

Music: Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); adapt. *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, 1875;

desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971); Moscow



1 God, whose al - might - y Word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
2 Sav - iour, who came to bring on your re - deem - ing wing  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
4 Gra - cious and ho - ly Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed on your flight! Move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might, bound - less as o - cean's tide roll - ing in



gos - pel - day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
in - ly blind: now for all hu - man - kind let there be light!  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light!  
full - est pride: through the world far and wide let there be light!

Deacon

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Before the Gospel

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 9:1-41

After the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Archbishop Melissa Skelton

Silence for Reflection

*The Apostles' Creed*

*Presider*

*All*

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.

 *Prayers of the People*

In the *Anglican Cycle of Prayer* we pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. In the *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer* we pray for Melissa Skelton our Archbishop and Metropolitan; our companion diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines and the Rt. Rev.

Brent Alawas; our companion parish, All Saints Cathedral, Bontac, Philippines and the Very Rev. Padi Luc; and the Archdeacons. In our Parish we pray for the Truth and Reconciliation Circle.

*Response*

Linnea Good



O God we call, O God we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you.

*The Peace*

*Please refrain from physical contact at the Peace.*

*Please do bow with your hands folded across your heart*

*and say, "Peace be with you" as a sign of this important greeting.*

## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

*The Offertory*

*During the singing of the hymn you are invited to make a financial offering to further God's mission through the work of the church by texting "Give" to 639.739.0843 and following the instructions; or by clicking on this link [www.thecathedral.ca/donate](http://www.thecathedral.ca/donate). Tax receipts are issued annually for gifts totalling \$20 or more. Your financial gifts matter and together with the bread and wine they are presented in spirit at the Altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God from whom all blessings flow.*

*If you are participating in this livestream worship from another church please give generously to your local parish.*

Offertory Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (CP 393)

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.;

Music: Melody Welsh trad.; adapt. John Roberts of Henllan (1806–1876),

*Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; ST. DENIO



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Great Source of all glo - ry and wis - dom and light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes;  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but nought chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

All

God of light,  
your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory.  
Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider

All

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Presider

All

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.

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

*Presider* It is right to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

*Presider* At your command all things came to be:  
the vast expanse of interstellar space,  
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,  
and this fragile earth, our island home;  
by your will they were created and have their being.

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

*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,  
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

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

*Presider* But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another.  
Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

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

*Presider* Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles,  
and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,  
to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Sanctus* Choir

Healey Willan

*Presider* Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ,  
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he 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 all people for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

*Presider* Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,  
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.  
We who have been redeemed by him,  
and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,  
so that we who eat and drink at this holy table  
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

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

*Presider* Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation.  
Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
where peace and justice are revealed, so that we, with all your people,  
of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;  
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
all honour and glory are yours, Creator of all.

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

*Breaking of the Bread*

*Presider* We break this bread,  
*All* **communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Presider* Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.  
*All* **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*During Communion* The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter



### *Share the Gifts*

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in Communion. As the choir sings, please place your hand over your heart and say, “Come Lord Jesus, come.”



### *Prayer & Laying-on of Hands for Healing*

Our usual practice of having prayer stations for those who wish to receive healing prayer is temporarily suspended at the request of the Archbishop. If you have a special intention for which you wish to receive prayers, please email your prayer request to [reception@thecathedral.ca](mailto:reception@thecathedral.ca).

*While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence—this is a time for quiet prayer and meditation.*

## *Sending Out of the Disciples*

### *Prayer after Communion*

*Presider*

Creator of the universe,

*All*

**through your goodness**

**we receive your Christ in word and sacrament.**

**May we always have faith in him,**

**Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

### *Doxology*

*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.**

### *The Blessing*

Closing Hymn

King of Glory, King of Peace (CP 506)

Text: George Herbert (1593–1633);  
Music: General Seminary, David Charles Walker (1838–)

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;  
3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee:

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.  
in my heart, though not in heaven. I can raise thee.

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;  
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;  
Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.  
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.  
e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

Dismissal

Deacon

All

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*The service of the Church into the World — begins again this week.*

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If you enjoyed this morning's livestream,  
please go to  
— [www.thecathedral.ca/donate](http://www.thecathedral.ca/donate) —  
to make a donation to help us continue  
this important ministry.  
Thank you!

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# Christ Church Cathedral Welcomes a New Rector

THE VENERABLE CHRISTOPHER A. PAPPAS

The wardens and trustees of Christ Church Cathedral are pleased to announce that the search for a new rector has come to a successful conclusion. Archbishop Melissa Skelton, working with the Cathedral Search Committee, has appointed the Ven. Christopher A. Pappas as the Cathedral's next rector.

Christopher brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Christ Church Cathedral. He grew up in the Greek Orthodox Church and was later received into the Episcopal Church. Chris was ordained deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Eau Clair and priest in the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton where he most recently served as the rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church and Diocesan Archdeacon for Congregational Development.

Because of this rich background in the wider church, Chris is a strong proponent of ecumenism and interfaith activities. He also has a deep love and reverence for the mystery of our faith and the rich liturgy and symbolism of the Anglican Church.

In his time as an Anglican priest, Chris has served as a regional dean and a member of executive council; he has been involved in church growth and has served on various church and community committees. He has an MDiv. from Yale Divinity School and recently completed a Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Studies at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California.

Before becoming a priest, Chris was a research scientist; he has a PhD in Biomedical Science and worked as a research scientist at the Yale University School of Medicine.

He is an avid reader of Science Fiction and Fantasy, as well as enjoying history and current events. Although retired from rugby and riding a motorcycle, he still enjoys yoga, cardio and weight training, bike riding, squash, snowshoeing as well as other physical activities. Chris is a fan of Monty Python, the New York Yankees, the Boston Celtics, and the University of Connecticut Huskies basketball teams and a soccer fan. Chris has acted in a number of Fringe Productions at Holy Trinity where he also hosted their monthly Open Stage. He is active in promoting the Arts, supporting artists and providing good, life affirming art for the community.

Chris is married to Elisabeth Thompson, a family physician and priest in the Diocese of Edmonton and they have four children between the ages of 12 and 24.

The Ven. Christopher Pappas will begin his new role at Christ Church Cathedral on June 1, 2020.

A brief message from the newly appointed rector:



*Dear Siblings in Christ,*

*I am very excited to be called to be your rector and by the endless possibilities that lie before us to be beacons of light in the world through proclaiming God's Kingdom. After reading about your hopes and dreams in your profile and speaking to the outstanding people on your search committee I can't wait to meet the rest of you and be part of such a passionate and creative faith community. I look forward to meeting each of you over a cup of coffee or other suitable beverage and hearing your stories, your ideas and your dreams for helping to make the World as it Is more like the World as It Should Be. I feel that I have been called to the best ministry in the entire North American Church and I can't wait to see where God is taking us!*

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There will be several opportunities to meet Chris once he begins his ministry at the Cathedral. Until then, if you have any questions regarding this appointment, please contact the parish trustees and wardens.

# Cathedral CHRONICLE

Please make your Chronicle submissions online at [www.thecathedral.ca/chronicle-submissions](http://www.thecathedral.ca/chronicle-submissions).  
If you have any questions please contact Alicia at [communication@thecathedral.ca](mailto:communication@thecathedral.ca) or 604.682.3848, ext. 26.

**IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY...** and are interested in becoming either a *Member* or a *Friend of the Cathedral*, you are invited to fill in the Cathedral connection card, add it to the collection plate or hand it to a greeter. Find out how you can participate by speaking to a member of the welcoming team.

**ASSISTANCE: ASL INTERPRETER** for the deaf community communicates the 10:30am service from in front of the ambo.

**LOOP SYSTEM** in the nave and chancel, simply adjust the settings of your personal hearing device.

**LARGE-PRINT BOOKS & BULLETINS** are available from greeters prior to the 10:30am service.

**KNEELER CUSHIONS** are available in the Narthex for those who wish to kneel in prayer.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH:** Activities for children of all ages are available during the 10:30am service. Details can be found on the Youth Page.

## CATHEDRAL NEWS & NOTES

### TRCircle Calls to Action in Lent

Lent is a time when our own spirituality, its health, its liveliness might well be on our minds. It can also be a good time to think of the spirituality of others, for instance of our Indigenous neighbours. It's a good time perhaps to consider *Call to Action #61* issued by Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Anglican Church of Canada is, after all, a church party to the Settlement Agreement mentioned in this Call

*Call to Action #61* | We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement, in collaboration with survivors and representatives of Aboriginal organizations, to establish permanent funding to Aboriginal people for:

- i. Community-controlled healing and reconciliation projects.
- ii. Community-controlled culture-and language-revitalization projects.
- iii. BCommunity-controlled education and relationship-building projects.
- iv. Regional dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth to discuss Indigenous spirituality, self determination, and reconciliation.

### Easter Flower Donation Collection

The annual collection for Easter flowers has been extended until Sunday, April 5. Please make your donation online at [www.thecathedral.ca/donate](http://www.thecathedral.ca/donate). In the "Give To" field, click on the arrow and select "Easter Flower Dedications". Please be sure to enter your dedication in the "Note/Memo" field. Thank you for the donations. The flowers will add to the beauty of the Cathedral for parishioners and the many visitors who will tune in for our Easter Day livestream service!

### Centering Prayer Via Zoom

Tuesday Evenings | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Centering Prayer is a silent prayer practice aimed at settling one's attention upon the presence of Christ within. All are welcome to participate via Zoom on Tuesday evenings—March 24 is next—in this simple healing practice reaching back to the early years of Christian faith. Join us from 6:30pm–7:30pm. We pray in silence for 30 minutes and there is opportunity afterwards for group reflection. Please contact Luke Primus for more details at [lukasprimus@gmail.com](mailto:lukasprimus@gmail.com).



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES MINISTRY

Anne Kessler, *Children, Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator* ([youth@thecathedral.ca](mailto:youth@thecathedral.ca))

**Children's Church** happens Sunday mornings for children ages 1 – 4, grades K – 3 and grades 4 – 7 (see below for today's details). We begin downstairs at 10:30am, and rejoin parents and the whole community for the Eucharist. All children, including visitors and guests, are welcome to join us. The youngest group (aged 1 – 4) meets in the Lounge for Nursery with our nursery staff. The K – 3 and 4 – 7 groups meet for Godly Play.

**Godly Play** is a Montessori-based faith formation program that engages children in Biblical and liturgical stories, making-meaning, creativity and prayer while immersed in a supportive community of peers and adults.

The space to the right of the Altar is open with carpets, books and toys for parents who want to stay in the service with their children. This is an unsupervised space so please keep an eye on them. Kids are welcome to take books, items for colouring, or toys back to their seats – just make sure to return them afterwards! Activity packs are available at the entrance.

**Join the Weekly eNewsletter** by sending an email Anne at [youth@thecathedral.ca](mailto:youth@thecathedral.ca) for more children's and youth info, straight to your email.

## Children, Youth & Families Update

During the suspension of Cathedral activities, the *Children, Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator*, Anne Kessler, will be working on video Godly Play stories, resources for kids, youth and parents, and support for families at this time.

Please subscribe to the weekly newsletter or request more information at [youth@thecathedral.ca](mailto:youth@thecathedral.ca).

## Youth Group

**Junior Youth Group** (grades 4–7) and **Senior Youth Group** (grades 8–12) are currently suspended.





Dear People of the Diocese of New Westminster

First, let me say how grateful I am to all of you as you do your best to adjust to this ever-changing situation in our diocese, region, country and the world as the COVID-19 outbreak continues to expand.

The Reverend Canon Richard LeSueur, Interim Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church Cathedral (who is self-isolating on account of international travel) was speaking to me about the story of Jesus asleep in the boat in the middle of the storm and the disciples' understandable fear that the boat would be swamped. Jesus awakens and calls a halt to the storm and then questions the disciples about their trust in him. In this COVID-19 situation part of me just wants to say, "Wake up, Jesus!" while another part of me has to trust that God is present in the middle of this storm, this weird, dangerous storm.

Let me just say that I feel privileged to be in the boat with all of you (even if we are not physically together) as we rock back and forth and as we do our best to be disciples of Jesus, even with all our fears, all our fatigue and all our questions at this time.

I was listening to an interview with Dr. James Towne, the medical director of the medical intensive care unit at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. The interviewer asked him how the hospital was coping with the situation there. This is what he said:

"You know, we're all preparing for the worst so that we can make sure that we still retain the ability to offer services that we normally offer as well as services for an expected influx of patients. There's a strong esprit de corps at Harborview and at a lot of hospitals like ours where we know that this is our job and we're here to help. But at the same time, you know, people are scared. People are not sure what's going to happen next."

The interviewer then asked whether he had ever seen anything like this.

"No," he said. "A friend of mine said it best. This could be one of the defining moments in our careers or in our lives."

Dear people of the Diocese of New Westminster: let's nurture our esprit du corps, the Spirit that animates the Church itself. Let's lean on one another as we meet a defining moment in our lives. It is a moment that none of us would ever have chosen for this world of ours. It is a moment that asks us to be a community rather than act as if we were only individuals, to share rather than hoard and to pray rather than panic.

With love and prayers for you all,

In Christ,  
*J. LeSueur*

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New to the Cathedral? Thinking about making this your home parish? To be a member here means that you have a vote at our Annual Vestry Meeting (usually held in February), and you will receive regular Cathedral communications (including *Contact Magazine*). You would also be invited to be part of a Liturgy of Inclusion and a newcomers luncheon.

*You may request a membership form 2 ways:*

- speak to the Receptionist in the Parish Office
- or email our Director of Parish Administration, Vincent Carey, at vincent@thecathedral.ca

Once the form is complete, please forward to Vincent's attention and he will ensure that you are officially added as a new member. Unfortunately, we are not able to automatically make someone a Parishioner, this is something which you must request, and you may only be a member of one Parish. We look forward to welcoming you soon!

- *Cathedral Clergy, Staff & Leaders*



### Friends of Christ Church Cathedral

**Who are we?** The Friends of the Cathedral are supporters of Christ Church who are unable to attend services regularly. Many of us are visitors or belong to another parish. We receive a subscription to *Contact Magazine*.

**How do we help?** We foster enthusiasm for Christ Church Cathedral and assist in beautifying it in every sense through our financial support. Significant gifts from Friends have helped to restore and conserve the Cathedral's heritage building and to fund the compassionate care of Vancouver's homeless and hungry population.

**Join us!** You are invited to sponsor the Cathedral's mission and ministry with an annual donation.

**Contact us!** Please contact Kathy Irwin if you have any questions or would like to arrange to make a donation: kathy@thecathedral.ca or 604.682.3848.

10:30AM | CHORAL EUCHARIST | MINISTERING THROUGH LITURGY



*Presider* The Rev. Marnie Peterson  
*Preacher* Archbishop Melissa Skelton  
*Readers* Ed Friesen, Donna Wong-Juliani  
*Intercessor* The Rev. Helen Dunn  
*Deacon* The Rev. Alisdair Smith  
*Sacristan* Vincent Carey  
*Music* Quartet with Lucy Smith,  
Kira Fondse, Ian Bannerman,  
and Jake Gramit  
Erin Marks, *oboe* with  
Rupert Lang, *Director of Music*  
*Interpreter* Lizz Keallen



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