

Diocese of New Westminster

Education for Ministry,

Graduation 2021

14 June 2021 Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, British Columbia

Presider & Preacher
The Rt. Rev'd John Stephens
Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster

Holy Eucharist and Presentation of Certificates

To Graduates of EfM Groups in the Diocese of New Westminster, and On-line EfM Group CAN02, EfM Canada, Diocese of Kootenay

We Gather

Welcome and Housekeeping

The Rev'd Paula Porter Leggett

Territorial Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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

Hymn Sing a New Song unto the Lord

Refrain

Sing a new song unto the Lord, let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing "Alleluia!"

Our God's people dance for joy, o come before the Lord And play for him on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound. (refrain)

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord. The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Saviour lives. (refrain)

One 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.

One There is one body and one Spirit,

There is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Source of all.

Remembering our Baptism, water is poured into the Font and the following prayer offered.

One We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Collect for Ministry

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island.

We ask this in Jesus' name and for his sake.

Amen.

Sharing the Word

a brief silence is kept after each reading

First Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Acclamation: Alleluia

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. *Mark* 5:35-43

At the end of the Gospel:

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

All Thanks be to God!

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev'd John Stephens Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster

Presider Let us proclaim 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, God's only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day was raised again and 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, holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Conferral of Graduation Certificates

For the list of Graduates turn to the back page.

Graduates are presented to the Bishop by their Mentors

A short pause will be given for photographs. There will be time for group photos at the end of the service.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you!

at this time we offer simple bows to one another

Offering

The service tonight is being generously hosted by Christ Church Cathedral. Money offered here will help us to pay for the opening of the Parkade for our use, and the technician for recording and live-streaming the service.

Hymn The Trumpets Sound

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide and Jesus welcomes you inside.
The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain:

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight,
Come and revel in heaven's love and light;
Take your place at the table of the King,
The feast is ready to begin, the feast is ready to begin.

3 The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise;
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.
(Refrain)

Holy Eucharist (the congregation join on bold-font words)

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to Gd.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Holy God, for the gift of creation:

For the vast reaches of space and the boundaried places of land and sea and sky;

For the earth and all her variety of forms and life;

And for your people in all times and places.

You gave us the gift of life in the breath of your Spirit;

You gave us the gift of life as you called us into families and communities and peoples.

You continue to create in us and around us and you continue to give us life.

We thank you for the gift that we have been to each other this year; For the gift of learning and growing in faith and for the community and love you have formed in us.

Holy be your name.

We celebrate you, our blessed Lord, in all times and places.

From the beginning you reached out in love to redeem us for yourself.

Tine and again you overcame the powers that separated us from you, powers from within us and powers from beyond us.

You would not let us go but called us to live in your love and to share that healing, justice-making love with all creation.

In you fierce love for us you sent Jesus to us, to reveal you to us in our own flesh, To call us to be your people and to show us the way.

Now with all creation we raise our voices 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!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus walked the way of the cross in faithfulness and showed us the path for our life.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks.

He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said,

"Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As the supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and he gave it to his friends, and said: "Drink this all of you. This is my cup of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his suffering and death,
And proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer,

We bring before you these gifts;
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for us
the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your spirit within us, so your word may be pressed
upon the living tablets of our hearts,
That we may grow in the pattern of Christ and
be a means of grace in this wounded world.
May the feast we share be the bread of communion
and the drink of compassion.

Holy be your name.

Yours is the feast, Redeemer Lord, through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, In the unity of the Holy Spirit; to you be glory and praise now and forever!

Holy be your name, Amen.

Fraction: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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 forever. Amen.

Various Taizé chants will be offered during the sharing of communion.

We encourage those joining us digitally to join with us in your hearts and welcome Christ, who dwells within us.

After Communion

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.

And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing remarks

The Episcopal Blessing

Dismissal Go in peace and joy, to love and serve our Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, Draw the circle wide.

God the stillpoint of the circle 'round whom all creation turns; Nothing lost but held forever in God's gracious arms. (refrain)

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small; Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. (refrain) Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before; Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. (refrain)

> There will be no procession from the service. Graduates are invited to remain for a group photograph.

Presider & Preacher The Rt. Rev'd John Stephens
Deacon The Rev'd Juanita Clark
Reader Mr. George Lawson
Prayers of the People Dr. James Berger, Mr. Ken Peppin
(Christ Church Cathedral group's Co-Mentors)

Other The Rev'd Paula Porter Leggett EFM Coordinator, on-line Mentor and musician

The Eucharistic Prayer used tonight was composed by the Rev'd Paula Porter Leggett in 1998/ed 2002. Approved for use at 2021 EFM Graduation by The Rt. Rev'd John Stephens, Diocese of New Westminster.



Graduates

Juanita Clark (2020)
Manuella Dressler
George Lawson
Donna Marlotte
Leah Skuro

From the group meeting at Christ Church Cathedral January – December cycle

> Heather Esposito Constance Keen Lois Holmlund

From the group meeting at St. John the Apostle, Port Moody September – May cycle

Jan Nichol

EfM – CAN02 online group