CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Choral Eucharist

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Sunday, August 24, 2025 11.00 a.m.





Welcome to the Cathedral Church of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia. Here we respectfully acknowledge that we gather to worship on the ancestral lands of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, with whom we are in relationship to seek reconciliation.

As an Anglican centre for spirituality, learning, culture, heritage and community, this cathedral upholds a daily rhythm of worship in the heart of Victoria. From daily spoken and sung services to the weekly celebration of the Eucharist and Choral Evensong, we mark the important events of the Christian calendar and in the life of our diocese and the wider community.

Christ Church Cathedral is a fully inclusive community where all are invited to hear God's Word and partake of God's bread, regardless of upbringing or creed. Please join as fully as you wish in every action of our worship, including communion. This is God's house and all are welcome.

If you would like to sign up for our E-news, or would like more information about the Cathedral, please visit our website www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

You can also use the QR code to make a donation, use our Welcome Card or to download the service leaflets and more.



Presider: The Reverend Canon Ian Powell

Musical Setting: Missa prima sexti toni Giovanni Croce (d. 1609)

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

The words to the hymns can be found in the blue hymnal "Common Praise". Copies of the hymnals can be found in the book racks in the pews. If you are unable to locate a copy, please ask the sidespeople for assistance.

Prelude: Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654 J. S. Bach (d. 1750)

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Entrance Hymn #434—The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Dominical Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all.

People And also with you.

Collect for Purity

please remain standing

Tune: Aurelia

Presider Almighty God,

All 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.

Kyrie eleison sung by the choir

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy. Christe eleison. Christ have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us hold this moment open to God's grace.

Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

First Reading

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Response to the Reading: Psalm 71.1-6

remain seated

Jeremiah 1.4-10 / all seated



IN YOU, O Lord, do I seek refuge; let me nev-ër bë put to ^ shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me <u>and</u> set me free; incline your ear to <u>më</u> änd save me.

Be for me a stronghold to which I may <u>ev</u>-er resort; send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand <u>of</u> the wicked, from the grasp of the evildoer and <u>thë</u> öp-pres-sor.

For you are my <u>hope</u>, O Lord God, my confidence, ev-<u>ën</u> fröm my youth.

Upon you have I leaned from my birth, * when you drew me <u>from</u> my ^ moth-er's womb; my praise shall be äl-wäys of you.

Second Reading Hebrews 12.18-29

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

All stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it is carried into the midst of the community.



Choir I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, but by me.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 13.10-17

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

The Nicene Creed all standing as able

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

please stand, sit or kneel as preferred

Leader Lord in your mercy.
People Hear our prayer.

The Exchange of the Peace

all standing as able

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please exchange the peace with your neighbours using a suitable gesture.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn #469—Sing Praises Old and New

A basket is passed to receive monetary gifts which will be offered along with bread and wine at the altar. Our donation kiosk can be found at the Quadra St doors and our easy to use Tap machines are available at the Quadra St. and Burdett Ave doors. Please use the QR code at the beginning of the leaflet if you would like to make an online donation. Thank you!

Prayer over the Gifts

Deacon God of glory,

receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,

and increase in us that true and perfect gift.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

many prefer to stand

Tune: Fondren

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word,

through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us,

to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will

he stretched out his hands in suffering,

to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Holy, holy, holy, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Lord God of hosts. Pleni sunt coeli et terra Heaven and earth are full gloria tua. of your glory. Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit

and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and 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 "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All Taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are they who trust in God!

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

All are invited to receive communion, which will be distributed at the communion rail. A reminder that intinction (or dipping the bread into the cup) is considered unsafe, and is thus not permitted. If you have mobility issues, you may remain seated and communion will be brought to you.

Anthem

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

> Text: Sarum Primer of 1558 Music: H. Walford Davies (d. 1941)

Prayer after Communion

please stand

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Living God,

increase in us the healing power of your love.

Guide and direct us

that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

Presider And the blessing... Amen.

Hymn #440—For All Your Blessings Tune: Bunessan (Common Praise #3) / remain standing

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary: Praeludium in C major, BuxWV 137 Dieterich Buxtehude (d. 1707)

Thank you for being part of this morning's service.

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The Flowers in the cathedral are placed to the Glory of God.

Sources: BAS

Readings for Next Sunday (August 31, Proper 22)

Jeremiah 2.4-13 Psalm 81.1, 10-16 Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 Luke 14.1, 7-14

Monthly outreach

At present, Christ Church Cathedral is involved in two new and different refugee projects. Members of the cathedral are working in partnership with Gleams of Hope to sponsor a Syrian/Palestinian widow and her two teenage daughters. The second project is with a refugee program known as Rainbow Haven to create a safe house in Kenya for African LGBTQ+ refugees as they await finding a new home in a safe country. Your prayers are asked for the safety and well-being of all refugees, but especially for those we are sponsoring as they await word of safe transport to Canada. Donations for Refugee Support and Rainbow Haven can be made to Christ Church Cathedral by cheque, credit card or e-transfer at giving@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca Please ensure you note Refugee Support or Rainbow Haven with your donation.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Sundays from 7.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Monday 8.45 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, said Evening Prayer, said	Lady Chapel Lady Chapel
Tuesday 8.45 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, said Evening Prayer, said	Lady Chapel Lady Chapel
Wednesday 8.45 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 12.15 p.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, said Walking Group Holy Communion, said Evening prayer, said	Lady Chapel See Website for Location St Christopher's Chapel Lady Chapel
Thursday 8.45 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, said Evening Prayer, said	Lady Chapel Lady Chapel
Friday 8.45 a.m. 5.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer, said Evening Prayer, said	Lady Chapel Lady Chapel
Saturday 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Walking Group Summer Recital Series: A Mighty Voice	See Website for Location Nave
Sunday 8.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Holy Communion, said Cathedral Eucharist Choral Evensong	Lady Chapel Nave / Livestreamed Nave / Livestreamed

*For information on joining or attending, contact the Cathedral Office This schedule is subject to change, visit www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/events for the most up-to-date information.

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