CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Holy Eucharist

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Sunday, August 24, 2025 9.15 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

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.

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Hymn of Praise #434—The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Tune: Aurelia

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 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,

one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Jeremiah 1.4-10 / all seated

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

Tune: St Stephen (Common Praise #343)
remain seated

I find my refuge in you, Lord; let me not be dismayed; But in your justice set me free; hear me, come to my aid.

Be my strong rock, my stronghold, crag, my castle safe, secure; deliver me from wicked hands and from the evildoer.

You are my confidence, Lord God, my hope since I was young; And from the womb, since I was born, your praise has been my song.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12.18-29

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

Gospel Acclamation

All stand and join in singing the Gospel Acclamation.



One 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

Affirmation of Faith all standing as able

Presider Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

All I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

The Prayers of the People

please stand or sit 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 #458—Seek Ye First

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 (charitable tax receipt option available), as is our easy to use Tap machine for those who do not require a tax receipt. 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.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

many prefer to stand

Tune: Seek Ye First

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.

ΑII ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and ho - ly might, heav'n and earth_ are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san the high - est, na comes Ho-Bless ed is he who in the name of the Lord. - na in the high est. Ho - san - na the high - est. san

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,

Holy and gracious God,

Presider

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.

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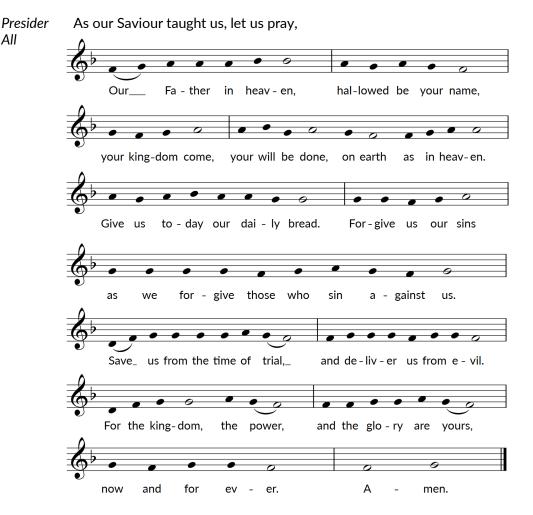
filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

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

ΑII



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 him!

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

Prayers for healing with the laying-on-of-hands and anointing may be sought in the Lady Chapel (to the left of the high altar) during Communion. You may ask for prayers for yourself, or for the needs of another. Information shared during these prayers is kept in the strictest confidence.

Prayers after Communion

please stand

Presider 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.

Thank you for being part of this morning's service. Please join us for coffee in the Chapter Room after the service.

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.



Assisting with Today's Liturgy

Sidespersons Gary Badgley, Bette French

Verger Bob Fearnley

Server Drew Brazier

Musicians The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers

The Parish Choir

Donald Hunt, Director of Music

Readers Susan MacRae, Carol Gregg

Deacon The Reverend Dr Adela Torchia

Assisting clergy The Reverend Jacqueline Stober

Prayers of the People Ted McLeod

Eucharistic Ministers Susan McKelvie, Brenda Mowbray

Healing Ministry Susan MacRae, Joyce Dreilich

Chancel Guild Maureen Lundquist, president

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 (by donation)	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
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