



**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC**

# Choral Eucharist

**PROPER 23, YEAR C**

**Sunday, September 7, 2025 11.00 a.m.**



**CHRIST CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL**  
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY



**W**elcome 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.

### **A Note about the *Season of Creation***

The celebration of this Season began in 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I established September 1 as a Day of Prayer for Creation for the Orthodox Church. The World Council of Churches extended the celebration to October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. During the *Season of Creation*, we join with Christians around the world to celebrate in prayer and action our Gospel calling to protect the Earth that God entrusted to our care, using prayers and liturgies created all over the global Anglican Communion. Environmental degradation is an all-encompassing social crisis and moral emergency that impacts and interconnects every aspect of pastoral concern including health, poverty, employment, racism, social justice, and family life and that can only be addressed by a great work of direct intervention involving every sector of society, including the Church. Therefore, this is a season of both celebration of God's gift to us in creation and a time of repentance of our poor stewardship of that gift. You will experience both of those competing impulses in the liturgies of this season.

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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 Bill Tarter, CFC

Musical Setting: 'Little organ' mass

Joseph Haydn (d. 1809)

*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 sides-people for assistance.*

Prelude: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her, BuxWV186

Dieterich Buxtehude (d. 1707)

### **The Gathering of the Community**

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Entrance Hymn #585—Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Tune: Beach Spring

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*

*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.**

## Gloria in excelsis

*Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace  
to people of good will.

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
on account of your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly king,  
Almighty God and Father,

*Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
who takes away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
hear our prayers;.  
you who are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us:

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

For you alone are Holy,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

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

God of unchangeable power,  
when you fashioned the world  
the morning stars sang together  
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;  
open our eyes to the wonders of creation  
and teach us to see all things for good,  
to the honour of your glorious name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 18.1-11 / *all seated*

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

Response to the Reading: Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18

*remain seated*

I. 8.



O LORD, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; \*  
you discern my thoughts fröm a ^ far.

**You mark out my journeys and my rest-ing place  
and are acquaint-ed with äll my ^ ways.**

For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, O Lord, know it al-to-gë-ther.

**You encompass me behind and be-fore  
and lay your hand up-ön me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
so high that I can-not at-täin it.

**I thank you, for I am fearfully and won-der-ful-ly made;  
marvellous are your works, my söul knows well.**

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was made in secret \*  
and woven in the depths öf the ^ earth.

**Your eyes beheld my form, as yet un-fin-ished;  
already in your book were all my mem-bers wrüt-ten,**

As day by day they were fash-ioned  
when as yet there was nöne of ^ them.

**How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
How great is the süm of ^ them!**



If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,  
and at the end, I am still in your presence.

## Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

*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* Let your countenance shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

## 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 14.25-33

*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*

<i>Leader</i>	In gratitude let us pray to the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>We give you thanks, O God.</b>

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Merciful and sustaining God,  
*All* **we have sinned against you.**  
**We confess our lack of gratitude**  
**for the beauty and bounty of your creation:**  
**teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your earth:**  
**grant us amendment of life.**  
**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:**  
**strengthen us in self-control.**  
**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted:**  
**make us urgent now for its protection.**  
**Forgive and renew us now through our Saviour Jesus Christ,**  
**by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God,**  
**now and for ever. 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. **Amen.**

## The Exchange of the Peace

*all standing as able*

*Presider* The God in heaven has made a home on earth. Christ dwells among us and  
is one with us. The peace of Christ 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 #529—God, My Hope on You Is Founded

Tune: Michael

*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* Great and holy God,  
accept our offering of labour and love.  
May we bring you true and spiritual worship  
and be one with you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*many prefer to stand*

*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* You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven  
and on the earth came to be.  
Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements,  
and you brought forth life in forms innumerable,  
including our fragile earth,  
and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you,  
so our hope for the future rests with you.  
As we have turned from your way,  
so we turn again to the warmth of your love.  
Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks  
for the glories of your creation  
given into our care,  
and for the opportunities we have to share  
that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation  
and the songs of praise of all your creatures  
both in heaven and on earth  
we praise you now and for ever saying:

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,</i> <i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i> <i>Pleni sunt coeli et terra</i> <i>gloria tua.</i> <i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
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*Presider*    On the night that Jesus was betrayed,  
 he took bread, work of human hands,  
 gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God.  
 He broke the bread to speak to us  
 of the breaking of his body upon the cross.  
 He gave it to his friends  
 and said: "Take and eat,  
 for this is my body which is given for you.  
 Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, work of human hands,  
 gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator.  
 He poured out the wine to speak to us  
 of the pouring out of his blood.  
 He gave it to his friends saying:  
 "This is my blood of the new covenant,  
 shed for you and for all creation for  
 the forgiveness of sins.  
 Every time you drink of the wine,  
 do this in remembrance of me."

*All*            So we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died**  
**Christ is risen**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Presider*    Therefore God,  
 we who seek your reconciliation;  
 we who need reconciliation one with another;  
 we who hope for reconciliation with all creation,  
 draw close to this mystery.  
 In being broken, spilt and buried,  
 life sprang forth again.  
 In the breaking, there is an opening up;  
 in the spilling, there are the roots of sharing;  
 in death and burial,  
 there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world,  
in our lives, and in our hearts,  
for his second coming,  
keep us close to this vision  
that we have seen.  
Through the gift of bread and wine,  
reconcile us to our world  
and give us the broken oneness,  
the spilt unity,  
and the buried resurrection  
by which we can restore your creation  
and fulfil your will.

Send upon these elements,  
upon us, and upon all your creation,  
the life-giving Spirit  
who first moved upon the waters of the deep.  
Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.  
Unite us with you through the body  
and blood of your Son,  
your Word made flesh  
as your Word has made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of your Creative Spirit,  
with all that has been, is,  
and will be in your universe,  
we stand before you and worship you,  
God of all,  
in songs of everlasting praise,

*People*     **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.  
*All* **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

## The Communion

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

## Fraction Anthem

*many prefer to be seated*

*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.*

*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.*

## Anthem

*Domine, Jesu Christe, qui me creasti, redemisti, et preordinasti ad hoc quod sum;  
tu scis quæ de me facere vis; fac de me secundum voluntatem tuam cum miseri-  
cordia. Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast created and redeemed me and hast foreordained me unto that which now I am; thou knowest what thou wouldst do with me; do with me according to thy will, in thy mercy. Amen.

*Text: King Henry VI (d. 1471)*

*Music: Henry Ley (d. 1962)*

Prayer after Communion

*please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The community prays in silence.*

Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

*All*

*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* Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; savour its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit be upon you, that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

Hymn #435—Take My Life, and Let It Be

Tune: Mozart / *remain standing*

## The Sending Forth of the Community

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Voluntary: Toccata in F, BuxWV157

Dieterich Buxtehude (d. 1707)

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



**The Flowers** in the cathedral are placed to the Glory of God and at the High Altar in memory of Dorothy Greenhalgh, Kathy Wayman and Joyce Gibson. The flowers in St Christopher's Chapel are in loving memory of Duncan and Doris Frame.

### Sources:

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A New Zealand Prayer Book

Karen Turner for the Diocese of Toronto, Earth Sunday 2018

Anglican Church of South Africa

### Readings for Next Sunday (September 14)

Numbers 21.46-9

Psalms 98.1-6

1 Corinthians 1.18-24

John 3.13-17

### Monthly outreach

For the month of September our monthly outreach recipient is the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation. They are an Indigenous-led registered charitable organization that funds programs to support the revitalization of the languages, arts, and cultural heritage of B.C. First Nations. The First Peoples' Cultural Foundation partners with donors and allies who are committed to reconciliation and taking meaningful action through their contributions. For more information visit their website [www.fpcf.ca](http://www.fpcf.ca)

## Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidespersons</i>	Leah Ibbitson, Elaine Ellison, Heather Murphy, Sue Black
<i>Verger</i>	Bob Fearnley
<i>Servers</i>	Fisk Bocsik, Ian MacDonald, Karl-Lukas Steiniger
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Cathedral Choir Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Karl-Lukas Steiniger, Harriet Kendrick
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Dr Adela Torchia
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Mary Hendy
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Daniel Dempsey, Heather Murphy, Susanna Longridge, Elsie Hepburn
<i>Camera and Tech Team</i>	The Cathedral Technical Team
<i>Chancel Guild</i>	Maureen Lundquist, <i>president</i>

# 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.	Morning Prayer, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

## Tuesday

8.45 a.m.	Morning Prayer, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

## Wednesday

9.40 a.m.	School Chapel ( <i>School term time only</i> )	<i>Nave</i>
10.00 a.m.	Walking Group	<i>See Website for Location</i>
12.15 p.m.	Holy Communion, said	<i>St Christopher's Chapel</i>
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

## Thursday

8.45 a.m.	Morning Prayer, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>

## Friday

8.45 a.m.	Morning Prayer, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9.00 p.m.	Cathedral After Dark ( <i>ticketed event</i> )	<i>Nave</i>

## Saturday

10.00 a.m.	Walking Group	<i>See Website for Location</i>
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## Sunday

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9.15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	<i>Nave</i>
11.00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist	<i>Nave / Livestreamed</i>
4.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	<i>Nave / Livestreamed</i>

*\*For information on joining or attending, contact the Cathedral Office  
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