



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Holy Eucharist

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Sunday, September 7, 2025 9.15 a.m.



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A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY



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.

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.

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 Dr. Adela Torchia

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.

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Hymn of Praise #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 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.**



Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.
 You trace my journeys and my resting places
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

Refrain

You press upon me behind and before
 and lay your hand upon me.
 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 so high that I cannot attain it.

Refrain

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 I will thank you, because I am marvellously made;
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Refrain

My body was not hidden from you,
 while I was being made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.
 Your eyes beheld my limbs, as yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book;
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.

Refrain

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
 how great is the sum of them!
 If I count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

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

Gospel Acclamation

All stand and join in singing the Gospel Acclamation.



One 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

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 In gratitude let us pray to the Lord.
People **We give you thanks, O God.**

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 Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another. 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 #445—God the Creator
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Tune: Bunessan

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 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.
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.**

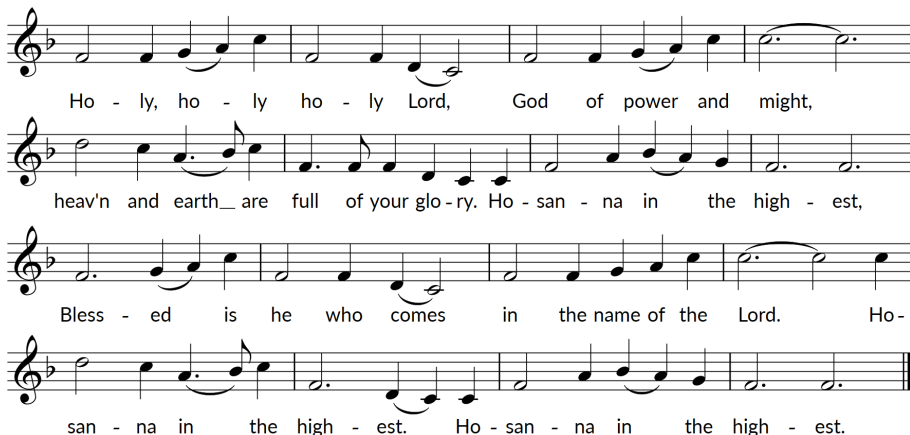
Presider You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven
and on the earth came to be.
Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements,
and you brought forth life in forms innumerable,
including our fragile earth,
and we amongst its inhabitants.

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:

All



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

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.

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___ Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save_ us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

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.**

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 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.

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 Go forth now to care for God's world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless 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.**

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

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 (school term time only)	<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>Nave</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 (ticketed event)	<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*

*This schedule is subject to change, visit www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/events for the
most up-to-date information.*

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