



VESPERS
on the eve of the
Commemoration of John Henry Hobart
1830

2025 September 11

As members of a parish within the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional, unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlam, Musqueam, Tseilwatuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

The Preparation

Officiant

John Henry Hobart was one of the leaders who revived the Episcopal Church, following the first two decades of its independent life after the American Revolution. Born in Philadelphia on September 14, 1775, Hobart was educated at the Universities of Pennsylvania and Princeton, graduating from the latter in 1793. He was ordained as a deacon in 1798 and as a priest in 1801. After serving parishes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Long Island, Hobart became assistant minister of Trinity Church, New York City, in 1800. Consecrated Assistant Bishop of New York on May 29, 1811, he later served as both diocesan bishop and rector of Trinity Church. A strong upholder of church standards, he was one of the first American scholars to produce theological and devotional manuals for the laity. Before his death, he had planted a church in almost every major town of New York State, had begun missionary work among the Oneida tribe of Native Americans, and was one of the founders of the General Theological Seminary. He died at Auburn, New York, September 12, 1830.

Adapted from *“Lesser Feasts and Fasts”*,
Episcopal Church of the USA.

The Preparation

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O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Act of Praise

O Light, Whose Splendour Thrills
Common Praise 16

Officiant or Cantor

O Light, whose splendour thrills and gladdens with
radiance brighter than the sun, pure gleam of God's
unending glory, O Jesus, blest, Anointed One;

as twilight hovers near at sunset, and lamps are lit,
and children nod, in evening hymns we lift our voices
to Father, Spirit, Son: one God.

In all life's brilliant, timeless moments, let faithful
voices sing your praise, O Son of God, our life
bestower, whose glory lightens endless days.

The Psalm

Psalm 78: 3 - 7

Psalmist

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.

The Psalm Prayer

God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Reading

Mark 8: 1 - 13

Reader

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, “I have compassion for the crowd because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.” His disciples replied, “How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?” He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute, and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish, and after blessing them he ordered that these, too, should be distributed. They ate and were filled, and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha. The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.” And he left them, and getting into the boat again he went across to the other side.

Response

*After a brief period of reflection
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall
inherit the Earth.

Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

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Let us affirm our faith as we recite “Hear, O Israel”

**Hear, O Israel,
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

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Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world, responding to the bidding “Gracious God” with “Hear our Prayers”.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Diocese of Oleh – The Church of Nigeria; The Rt Revd John Usiwoma Aruakpor, Bishop. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican - Lutheran - Moravian cycle we pray for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry; and for the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

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In our diocesan cycle, we pray for our primate, The Most Revd Shane Parker; our metropolitan, The Most Revd John Stephens; our priest, The Revd Stephanie Shepard; St. Mary Magdalene, Vancouver - The Revd Tasha Carrothers; The Archdeaconry of Loughheed - Archdeacon Andrew Halladay, Regional Archdeacon. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for - those in need of healing: Gerry J, Sheila G, Marilyn L., George R.; thanks for continued healing: Natacha W.; for those who mourn, especially the Kendall, Crawley, and Roberts families; for volunteers and guests at our Saturday community brunch. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. **Amen.**

The Collect

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Revive your church, Lord God of hosts, whenever it falls into complacency and sloth, by raising up devoted leaders like your servant John Henry Hobart; and grant that their faith and vigor of mind may awaken your people to your message and their mission; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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,
and 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 Sending Forth

Deacon (or Officiant)

Let us go forth into the night, rejoicing
in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant

May the peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep our hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.

Amen.