



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Holy Eucharist

HOLY CROSS DAY, YEAR C

Sunday, September 14, 2025 9.15 a.m.



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
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 Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

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 #418—Draw the Circle Wide

Tune: Browning

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.

Ever present God,
whose Son was lifted high upon the cross
that he might renew all Creation through himself:
Mercifully grant that we,
who glory in the mystery of our restoration,
may have grace to take up our cross
and follow the way that brings new life to all things;
through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Numbers 21.4b-9 / *all seated*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the Reading: Psalm 98.1-6

remain seated



Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.

Refrain

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. *Refrain*

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

Refrain

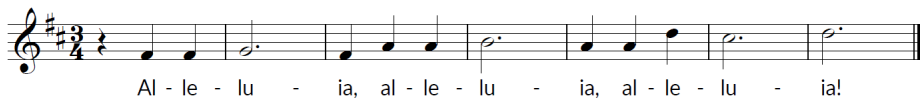
Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.18-24

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

Gospel Acclamation

All stand and join in singing the Gospel Acclamation.



One Far be it from me to glory
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 3.13-17

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Reverend Dr Adela Torchia

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 By our Saviour's cross and passion,
People **Lord, help us and save us.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider God of compassion,
All **have mercy upon us.
Heal our relationship with all creation.
Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect
of the creatures who share the earth with us.
We are truly sorry**

and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them,
and for what we have not done to help them.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may care for one another
and for all creatures,
according to your will
and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
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 #386—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Tune: Rockingham

*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

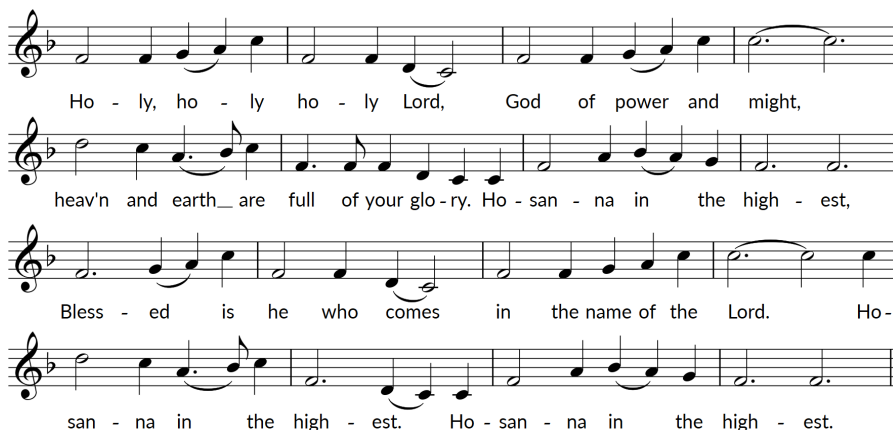
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 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 gave it to his friends
and said: "Take and eat,
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.
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 this 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 reconciliation with you;
with one another: and
with all creation,
draw close to this mystery.
In being broken, spilt and buried,
life springs 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 new life to come.

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.

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 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.

Anthem

Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

Music: Samuel Webbe (d. 1816)

Prayers after Communion

please stand

Presider Faithful God,
 in the wonder of your wisdom and love
 you fed your people in the wilderness
 with the bread of angels,
 and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.
 We thank you for feeding us with this bread.
 May it strengthen us
 that by the power of the Holy Spirit
 we may embody your desire
 and be renewed for your service
 through Jesus 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 #431—Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

Tune: Breslau / *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.

The Flowers in the cathedral are placed to the Glory of God and in the Lady Chapel in loving memory of Margaret Perry and Vera Lundquist. The flowers in St Christopher's Chapel are in loving memory of our friend Neil Allan Lowe, March 7, 1968—September 13, 2008.

Sources: BAS, A New Zealand Prayer Book

Readings for Next Sunday (September 21, Proper 25)

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1

Psalms 79.1-9; 1

Timothy 2.1-7

Luke 16.1-13

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



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>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>Chapel of the New Jerusalem</i>
5.00 p.m.	Emily Carr String Quartet: Forest Echoes (ticketed event)	<i>Nave</i>
6.00 p.m.	In Conversation	<i>Chapter Room</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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