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Choral Evensong

Holy Cross Day

Christ Church Cathedral

September 14, 2025

4:00 PM

You are invited to join in the prayers and singing of the hymns, as we make our offering of prayer and worship.

Introit *O Saviour of the World* Frederick A. G. Ouseley (1825-89)

Hymn **386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross [ROCKINGHAM] Descant: Neil Cockburn**

The Dean/Officiant The Cathedral sits on the ancestral lands of the of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh nations. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Coast Salish Peoples. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion and respecting the dignity of every human being, we have a responsibility to acknowledge, honour and make visible the Cathedral's relationship to Native peoples.

All **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

Officiant For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isaiah 57:15)

The Confession

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Preces and Responses Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Officiant/Choir *O Lord, open thou our lips.*

 And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God make speed to save us

 O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

 The Lord's Name be praised!

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord who is good; the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."
- 5 I called to the Lord in my distress; who answered by setting me free.
- 6 The Lord is at my side, therefore I will not fear; what can anyone do to me?
- 7 The Lord is at my side to help me; I will triumph over those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to rely on the Lord than to put any trust in flesh.
- 9 It is better to rely on the Lord than to put any trust in rulers.
- 10 All the ungodly encompass me; in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- 11 They hem me in, they hem me in on every side; in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- 12 They swarm about me like bees; they blaze like a fire of thorns;
in the name of the Lord I will repel them.
- 13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell, but the Lord came to my help.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed! the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; those who are righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me and has become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 God is the Lord and has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the Lord who is good; the mercy of the Lord endures for ever. *Gloria patri.*

Office Hymn

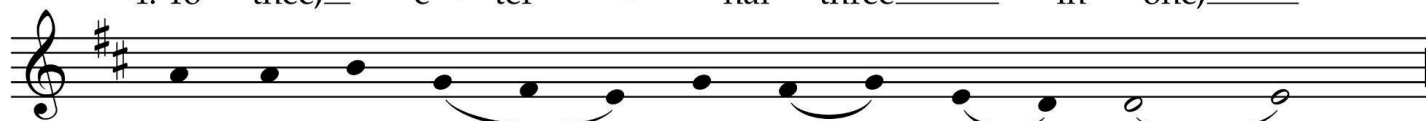
O Tree of Beauty, Tree of Light

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530-c.609)

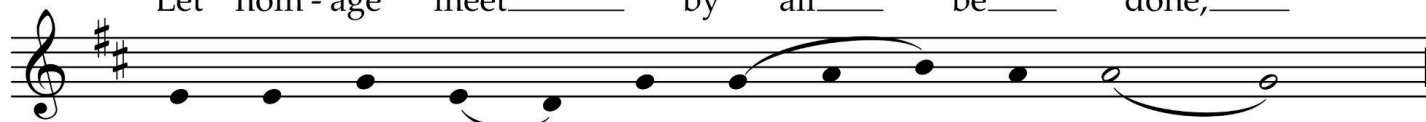
Tune: Vexilla Regis (Mode i)



1. O tree of beau - ty, tree of light,
 2. On whose dear arms, so wide - ly flung,
 3. O Cross, our one re - li - ance hail!
 4. To thee, e - ter - nal three in one,



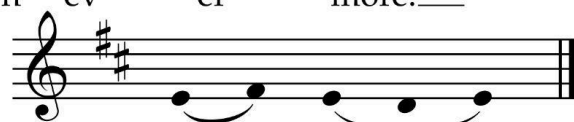
O tree with roy - al pur - ple dight,
 the weight of this world's ran - som hung,
 So may thy power with us pre - vail
 Let hom - age meet by all be done;



e - lect on whose tri - umph - al breast
 the price of hu - man - kind to pay
 to give new vir - tue to the saint,
 whom by the cross thou dost re - store,



those ho - ly limbs should find their rest.
 and spoil the spoil - er of his prey.
 and par - don to the pen - i - tent.
 pre - serve and gov - ern ev - er - more.



A - men.

Canticle

Magnificat from the Service in A major

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

The congregation may stand for the Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. *Gloria Patri.*

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3: 17-22

Canticle

Nunc Dimittis from the Service in A major

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

The congregation may stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel. *Gloria Patri.*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant

I believe in God,

All

**the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated or kneel.

Responses [Officiant/Choir]

Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	And with thy spirit
<i>Let us pray</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant
All

Our Father,
which art in heav'n,
hallow'd be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Choir

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the King;
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
and make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people;
and bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself,
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. [*CHOIR: Amen*]

A Collect For Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. [*CHOIR: Amen*]

A Collect For Aid Against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. [*CHOIR: Amen*]

Anthem

Crux Fidelis

Felice Anerio (1569-1630)

*Faithful cross, above all other, one and only noble tree:
none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be.
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee!*

Officiant

The Intercessions

Followed by the Prayer of St. Chrysostom:

God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common
supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together
in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions
of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge
of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All

Amen.

*Almsgiving
Hymn*

602 Lift High the Cross [CRUCIFER]

A collection is taken during the singing of the hymn

Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude

Carillon, from Suite Breve, Op. 6, No. 1

Rachel Laurin (1961-2023)

This worship takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x̱məθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations, in the heart of Vancouver.

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