

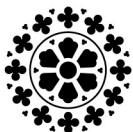


CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

# Choral Eucharist

HOLY CROSS DAY, YEAR C

Sunday, September 14, 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.

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](http://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 Ross Bliss

Musical Setting: Missa Brevis

Lennox Berkeley (d. 1989)

*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: Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein

Johann Gottfried Walther (d. 1748)

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

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Entrance Hymn #539—Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown

Tune: Surrey

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.**

Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.

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 mar-vel-lōus thīngs.

**His own right hand and his ho-ly arm /  
have won for him the vīc-tō^ry.**

The Lord has made known his sal-va-tion; /  
his deliv'rance has he openly shown in the sight of the nā-tiōns.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness \* towards the house of  
Is-ra-el, /  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salva-tion of oür Göd.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; /  
break into singing and make mü-sic.

Make music to the Lord with the lyre, /  
with the lyre and the voice of mē-lö^dy.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.18-24

*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*      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

*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*

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

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Holy and merciful God,  
*All* **we confess that we have failed to honour you  
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.  
We have walked heavily on your earth,  
overused and wasted its resources,  
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,  
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,  
holding future generations hostage to our greed.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.  
Renew in us the resolve to keep  
and conserve your earth  
as you desire and intend,  
with grateful and compassionate hearts,  
though your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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. 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 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 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 among 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:

*Choir* Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.



Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*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.**

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

## Anthem

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross.  
Therefore God exalted him and gave him a name which is above all names.

*Text: Philippians 2.8-9*

*Music: Anton Bruckner (d. 1896)*

## Prayer after Communion

*please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*The community prays in silence.*

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.**

Voluntary: Prelude in C minor, BWV546i

J.S. Bach (d. 1750)

*Thank you for being part of this morning's 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:

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### **Readings for Next Sunday (September 21)**

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1

Psalm 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](http://www.fpcf.ca)

### Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidespersons</i>	Janis Wheatley, Gwyneth Evans, Diana McNeil, Karen Young
<i>Verger</i>	Bob Fearnley
<i>Servers</i>	Members of the Guild
<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>	Margaret Ketchen, Ian MacIennan
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Harriet Kendrick
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Jen Purkis, Sue Black, Ian MacDonald, Janis Wheatley
<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>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 Quarter: Forest Echoes (ticketed event)	<i>Nave</i>
6.00 p.m.	In Conversation (potluck supper)	<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>

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