

A Service of Thanksgiving for our Journey with Bishop Shane

Holy Cross (tr) | Saturday | September 20th | 2025

11 am | Choral Eucharist with Blessing of Oils
St. Anne's Mass | James MacMillan

Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Welcome

Thank you for joining in today's service of thanksgiving for our journey with Bishop Shane over these past five years.

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available in the bookshelves at the entrance to the Cathedral.

Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and can ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required.

Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

Following the service, please come to the Great Hall for a light festive reception.

Gathering

Prelude | Vivace (Sonata 6) | J.S. Bach

Welcome from the Dean

Hymn 602 | *Lift high the cross*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

God of compassion, Jesus was lifted up on the cross, a sign of your steadfast love and a pledge of your will to save. Grant healing of soul and life eternal to those who look upon the cross in faith; through Jesus Christ, our peace and our salvation.

Amen.

Proclaiming

Reading | Numbers 21:4b-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm | 98:1-6

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvellous things, whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory. O Lord, you have made known the victory; you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations. You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God. Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.

Holy Gospel | John 3:13-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

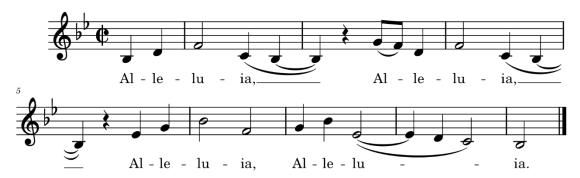
Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Motet | A Repeating Alleluia | Calvin Hampton



Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

Litany of the Saints | Becker | Adapted to reflect the names of congregations in our Diocese

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**. Lord, have mercy.

Mary the Virgin, **pray for us.** Bartholomew and Michael, **pray for us.** Columba and Julian, **pray for us.** Clare and John the Baptist, **pray for us.** Bernard and Patrick, **pray for us.** Barnabas and Helen, **pray for us.** Bede and Stephen, **pray for us.** Alban and Thomas, **pray for us.** All you holy men and women, pray for us.

Paul and Lawrence, **pray for us.** Margaret and Aidan, **pray for us.** Anthony and Clement, **pray for us.** Mary Magdalene, **pray for us.** James and George, **pray for us.** John, Apostle and Evangelist, **pray for us.** Matthew and Mark, **pray for us.** Luke and All Saints, **pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.**

Lord, be merciful, save your people. From all evil, save your people. From every sin, save your people. From everlasting death, save your people. By your incarnation, save your people. By your death and resurrection, save your people. By your gift of the spirit, save your people. Have mercy on us sinners, save your people. Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.

Lord, give your Spirit, hear our prayer. To us chosen, hear our prayer. By the grace of baptism, hear our prayer. O Jesus, Son of the living God, hear our prayer. Send your Spirit, hear our prayer. In its fullness, hear our prayer. On us your servants, hear our prayer. Who believe and profess you, hear our prayer. Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, **Creator, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, **Creator, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth, **Creator, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, **Creator, forgive.**

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee, **Creator, forgive.**

The lust which dishonours the bodies of human beings, **Creator, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God, **Creator, forgive.**

Silence.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn | Take up the song | Tune CP 362

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God, who gave the world its skies and lands and seas, then formed the fish and creatures of the earth; our God be praised for wondrous gifts like these!

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God, who gave the power of choice to humankind, that we might rule the earth through servanthood, and so find joy in all that God designed.

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God; proclaim to all the open mystery that Christ, whose death destroyed the power of sin, was raised by God and reigns in Trinity.

Take up the song, and sing the praise of God; with music make both earth and heaven ring, for God is good and loves all he has made; so now to him all thanks and praises bring!

Celebrating

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:



Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Breathe your Holy Spirit on these oils, that those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction may be made whole, and that those who are sealed with this chrism may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | The Prayer of St. Francis | John Sanders

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair let me sow hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Prayer after Communion

All your works praise you, O Lord.

And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Thanks

An Irish blessing | Philip Stopford

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. May the sun make your days bright. May the stars illuminate your nights. May the flowers bloom along your path; your house stand firm against the storm. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Episcopal Blessing

Returning the Diocesan Crozier

Archbishop Shane hands the diocesan crozier to our Chancellor to be held until the seating of the 11th Bishop of Ottawa.

Hymn | Be thou my vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, thou my true word; I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, thine own may I be: Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Postlude | Præludium in E flat (BWV 552) | J.S. Bach

Celebrant | Preacher | The Most Reverend Dr. Shane Parker
Gospeller | The Venerable Linda Hill
Reader | Rebecca Officer
Words of Thanks | Margaret Porter | The Reverend Canon Stephen Silverthorne
Duty Warden | Gillian Wheeler

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