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**SUNDAYS**  
**@ 4**  
*Evening Prayer*

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*In the Season of Creation*  
*Holden Evening Prayer*

Christ Church Cathedral, September 21, 2025

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

*All stand*

**Hymn**

**SNC 93**

**Lord, Your Hands Have Formed This World**

*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.**

**SERVICE OF LIGHT** (*Standing*)

*Leader:*



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*



Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All:*



and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

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## Evening Hymn

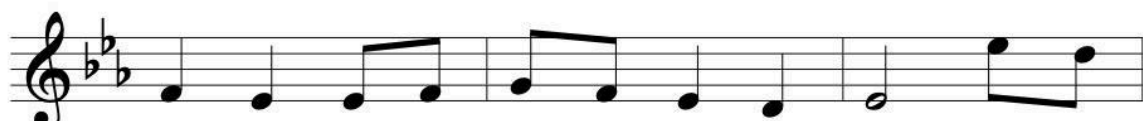
*All: a tempo*



1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing  
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the  
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle




sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our



you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new.  
 free and make us whole.  
 on to end - less day.

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*Leader:* May God be with you all, *All:* and al - so with you;

*Leader:* Let us sing our thanks to — God,

*All:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Leader:* Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

*All:* A — men.

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## PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES

### Psalm 141 (*All sit*)

*All:*

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

fore you, the lift - ing up of my

hands as an of - fer - ing to you. —

*Leader or Group One:*

— O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two:*

O God, I

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now; O hear my voice when I  
call to you, come to me now; O  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise  
hear my voice when I cry to you.  
up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an  
you. Keep watch with - in me, God;  
of - fer - ing to you. Keep

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deep in my heart may the light of your love be  
 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the  
 burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise  
 light of your love be burn - ing bright.  
 up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an  
 you. All praise to the God of all - Cre -  
 of - fer - ing to you. All

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a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all  
Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise  
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.  
up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
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*Leader*

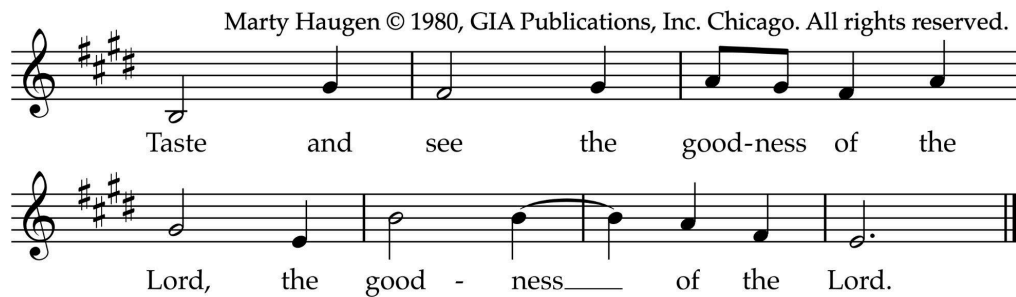
May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

*All*

**Amen.**

## Psalm 34 (Sitting)

Cantor first, then all repeat the refrain:



I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise ever in my mouth;  
Glory in the Lord forever, and the lowly will hear, and be glad. **Refrain**

Glory in the Lord with me, let us together extol His name;  
I sought the Lord and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. **Refrain**

Look to Him, that you might be radiant with joy, and your faces free from all shame,  
The Lord hears the suffering souls, and saves them from all distress. **Refrain**

**Reading** Esther 3:1 - 4:3

**Hymn** **SNC 78 O God of Matchless Glory**

**Reading** Luke 3: 7-18

**Antiphon:** **The Annunciation** (*All Stand*)

*Cantors: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favoured, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."*

## The Magnificat *(Standing)*

*All:*

1., 3. My soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, heart, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

*fine last time*

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

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**Affirmation of Faith** *Said by all, standing.*

**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 the great commandment.**


**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

*All stand, sit, or kneel for the Litany and Prayers, as is your custom.*

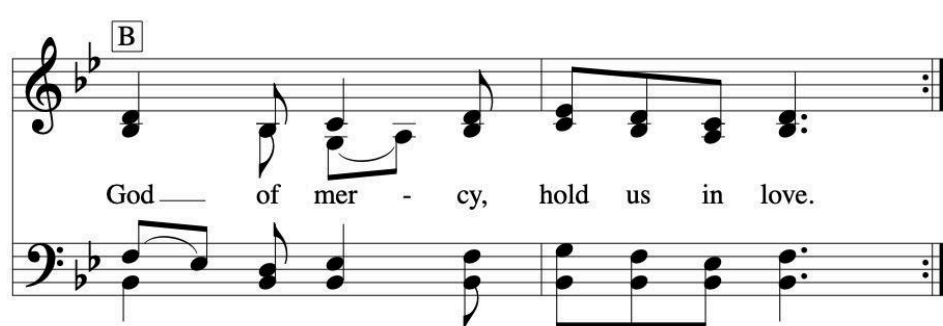
### LITANY AND PRAYERS

**A** *Repeat continuously*



(Hmmm)

**B**



God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

*Leader* Great and merciful God,  
source of all goodness and life,  
give to your people the peace that passes all understanding,  
and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Leader*  
*All*

God, remember us in your love, and teach us to 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.**  
**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.**

Hymn

SNC 84 Praise God for This Holy Ground

Final Blessing

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is for the Leader, and the second staff is for the All. The third staff is for the Presider. The fourth staff is for the All. The fifth staff is for the All. The sixth staff is for the All. The lyrics are: "Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you. May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days. A - men." The music is simple and melodic, with a final Amen.

*Leader:* Let us bless our God: *All:* praise and thanks to you.

*Presider:* May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days.

*All:* A - men.

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## Participants

<i>Clergy</i>	The Rev. Claude St. Denis
<i>Reader</i>	Allan Morgan
<i>Music</i>	Meruert Bestybay and Byron Hanson ( <i>Cantors</i> )
	Ben Dobyns ( <i>Pianist-in-Residence</i> )
	Dr. Neil Cockburn ( <i>Organist &amp; Director of Music</i> )

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