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St. Francis of Assisi

FINAL SUNDAY OF SEASON OF CREATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan, Presider
The Reverend Claude St-Denis, Preacher
The Reverend Claude St-Denis, Deacon
Dr. Neil Cockburn, *Organist & Director of Music*

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Welcome to the Cathedral

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: www.thecathedral.ca. Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour on the plaza right outside the Burrard St. doors, weather permitting.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.
Dean & Rector



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We invite you to tell us more about yourself by completing our short connection form. You may find this form at tinyurl.com/CathedralConnection or by scanning the QR code on the left.

A message to children and their grown-ups

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school. Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion.

The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is livestreamed so you can follow the worship.

Need to reach us?

Visit us at www.thecathedral.ca/pages/our-team or scan the QR code on the right to access our clergy and staff contact information.

We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



Cathedral parish announcements will commence shortly before 10:30 a.m.
The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

This Day at Thy Creating Word

(CP 6)

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

***All* From many peoples and with all creation, we come to give thanks to God.**

Presider In this time and place, we meet the living God — Creator of earth and sky, river and forest, all that lives and breathes.

***All* The Creator who is the source of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Presider In this time and place, Christ is with us, the firstborn of creation, reconciling all things in heaven and on earth.

***All* Our Companion on the path of justice and peace.**

Presider In this time and place, the Holy Spirit moves, renewing the face of the earth.

***All* Come, Holy Spirit, make us one with all creation in Christ.**

Presider In this time and place, together, people of God from every language, culture and nation.

***All* We are being made new by the holy and life-giving Trinity, one God.**

Canticle of Praise

Benedicite (“A Song of Creation”)

Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

The congregation may be seated.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

All Grant us, Almighty God, after the example of your holy servant Francis
to do what you would have us do, and always to desire
what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love,
enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit,
we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son
and make our way to you, O God most High;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Sirach 50:1.3—4.6-7

At the conclusion of the reading:

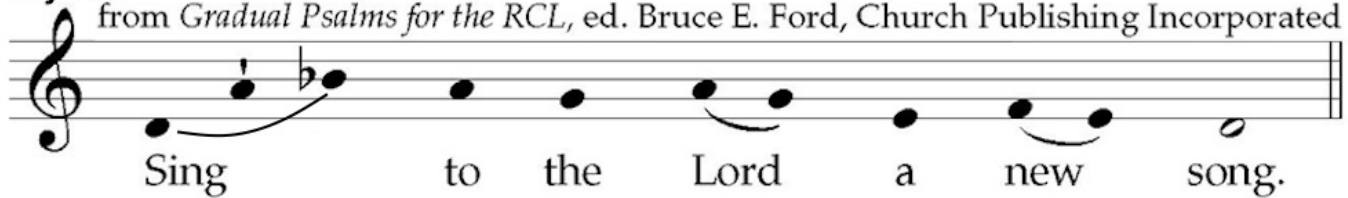
Reader Word of God, word of life.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:7-14

Refrain

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated



Refrain after verses 8, 12, and 14

The Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

At the conclusion of the epistle:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O God, Beyond All Face and Form

(CP 412)

Text: Herbert O'Driscoll (1928-2024).

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Deacon The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Claude St-Denis

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Apostles' Creed

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 scan the QR code at the back of the bulletin.

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Silence may be kept.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have wounded your creation by waste, neglect, and selfishness. Have mercy upon us, forgive us, and renew us, that we may delight in your will, walk in your ways, and care for the earth you have made. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has reconciled all things in heaven and earth, forgive you your sins, restore within you the divine image, and renew you in the Spirit to live in justice and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

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

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Your generous gift of any amount matters, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

Offertory Hymn *God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living* (CP 67)

**Text: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020).

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Loving God, join our offering to the sacrifice of your only Son, that our service may be stamped with his humility and bear the image of his obedience; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer 1 (From Enriching Our Worship)*

Presider The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful [...] Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(CP 719)

Music: LAND OF REST, American trad.; adapt. **Marcia Pruner (1936-2013); harm. John Campbell (1950-2020).

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life [...] Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Acclamation

Christ Has Died

(CP 720)

Music: LAND OF REST; American trad.; adapt. Richard Proulx (1937-2010); harm. John Campbell (1950-2020).

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection [...] Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Amen

(CP 721)

Music: LAND OF REST; American trad.; adapt. Richard Proulx (1937-2010); harm. John Campbell (1950-2020).

Ringling of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer

Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)

Found in BAS p.918

Fraction

Presider The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei
(from *Messe pour deux voix égales*)

**Cécile Chaminade (1857-1944)

The Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove. Please respect the confidentiality of the people praying by not entering the alcove during prayer time.

During Communion

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

**Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

Hymn

When At This Table (Sing a New Creation 32)

Sung by the choir.

**Music: Jane Marshall (1924-2019).

**Text: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020).

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. God of all goodness,

All who gave to your servant Francis a will to be the servant of all, grant us in our service of your gospel to hold back nothing of ourselves for ourselves, that Christ may receive the whole of our lives into the habitations of light and glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

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.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

All We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]

The Blessing

May God the Creator, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of God's creation.
May God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers in his harvest.
May God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth, give you joy in serving them and all creation.
And the blessing of God, the Creator of all, the Christ who reconciles all, and the Spirit who renews all, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

(CP 355)

Dismissal

Deacon Go now to love and serve the Lord, walking gently upon the earth, seeking justice, and rejoicing in all creation. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*Postlude on Lasst uns erfreuen
("All Creatures of Our God and King")*

Anders S. Börjesson (1975-)

Eucharistic Prayer 1 (EOW)

Today's Eucharistic Prayer is from *Enriching Our Worship*, a liturgical supplement of the Episcopal Church that offers expansive, inclusive language and a global vision of God's redeeming work. Chosen to celebrate God's ongoing creation and our call to faithful stewardship, the prayer highlights themes of hope, community, and the transforming power of Christ's love. Its rhythmic, participatory style invites the congregation to enter fully into the mystery of the Eucharist and to rejoice in God's gift of creation and life in all its diversity.

** Music Notes: Women's History Month

October is Women's History Month in Canada, and to highlight and honour women in the Christian tradition our Director of Music Dr. Neil Cockburn has selected music either composed by, or set to texts written by, women. These pieces are indicated by a double asterisk in the bulletin.

The Chronicle Newsletter

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The Prayers of the People

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The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider	The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan	Regimental Alcove	Jane Hope
Preacher	The Reverend Claude St-Denis	Regimental Alcove	The Reverend Stuart Mennigke
Deacon	The Reverend Claude St-Denis	ASL Interpreter	Lisz Keallen
Subdeacon	Megan Otton	Music	The Cathedral Choir
MC	Esther Aneke		Dr. Neil Cockburn
Servers	Terry Love, Kion Aneke, Diogo Portela	Sound/Livestream	(Organist & Director of Music)
	Carol Cook, Ed Friesen	Duty Trustee	Cathedral Staff
Readers	Liz McCausland	Welcoming Team	Jane Dittrich, Ed Friesen, Anne Fletcher, Kayoko Wear & Juan Carlos Riaño Jaimes
Intercessor	Carol Cook		Sarah Nation, Hannah Lupton, Almaz Ketema
Breadmaker	Matthew Nichiporuk	Altar Guild	Colin Miles, Joan Seidl
Gospel Station	The Reverend Matthew Senf	Healing Prayer Team	
Gospel Station	Jim Riva		
Preacher Station	Sarah Nation		
Presider Station			

Today

Godly Play | October 5 | 10:30 a.m.

Unpacking our faith | October 5 | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Sundays @ 4 | October 5 | 4:00 p.m.

Compline | October 5 | 8:00 p.m.



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Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations, in the heart of Vancouver.

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