



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Holy Eucharist

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Sunday, October 5, 2025 9.15 a.m.



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY



ANGLICAN DIOCESE
OF ISLANDS AND INLETS
RENEWED HEARTS, RENEWED SPIRITS, RENEWED PEOPLE

Welcome 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.

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 Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

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.

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Hymn of Praise #419—Let All Creation Bless the Lord

Tune: Mit Freuden Zart

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 of the Day

Presider Let us hold this moment open to God's grace.

God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to see all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Job 39.1-18 / *all seated*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes:
 O whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise?
 From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
 from God the Lord, who heaven and earth hath made.

He will not suffer that thy foot be moved: safe shalt thou be.
 No careless slumber shall his eyelids close who keepeth thee.
 Behold, our God, the Lord, he slumbereth ne'er,
 who keepeth Israel in his holy care.

Jehovah is himself thy keeper true, thy changeless shade;
 Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand himself hath made.
 And thee no sun by day shall ever smite;
 no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

From every evil shall he keep thy soul, from every sin:
 Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in.
 Above thee watching, he whom we adore
 shall keep thee henceforth, yea, for ever more.

*Text: Ps. 121; para. John Campbell, The Marquis of Lorne (1845-1914).
 Music: Charles H. Purday (1799-1885).*

Second Reading

Acts 4.32-35, 5.1-11

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

All stand and join in singing the Gospel Acclamation.



One Those who sowed with tears,
 shall reap with songs of joy.

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 Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 12.13-21

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

Homily

The Reverend Canon Bill Tarter, CFC

Affirmation of Faith

all standing as able

Presider Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
All I believe in God,
 the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

The Prayers of the People

please stand or sit as preferred

Leader O God, hear us,
People **And turn us toward you.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider God of compassion,
All **have mercy upon us.**
 Heal our relationship with all creation.

Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect
of the creatures who share the earth with us.
We are truly sorry
and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them,
and for what we have not done to help them.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may care for one another
and for all creatures,
according to your will
and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
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 Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another. 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 #423—How Great Thou Art

Tune: How Great Thou Art

*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 (charitable tax receipt
option available), as is our easy to use Tap machine for those who do not require a tax
receipt. 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 God of truth,
receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants,

strong to follow in the pattern
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
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 singing:

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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,

People

in songs of everlasting praise,
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Presider
All*

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our___ Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save_ us from the time of trial,_ and de-liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

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.**

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.

Prayers for healing with the laying-on-of-hands and anointing may be sought in the Lady Chapel (to the left of the high altar) during Communion. You may ask for prayers for yourself, or for the needs of another. Information shared during these prayers is kept in the strictest confidence.

Prayers after Communion

please stand

Presider Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of 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 God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**
God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn #344—From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen /
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.**

Thank you for being part of this morning's service. Please join us for coffee in the Chapter Room after the service.

The Flowers in the cathedral are placed to the Glory of God and at the High Altar with love and thanksgiving for our parents, Vi and Fred Barton, from John and Barbara Barton.

Sources:

BAS; A New Zealand Prayer Book; The Anglican Church of South Africa

Readings for Next Sunday (October 12, Harvest Thanksgiving)

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalms 100

Philippians 4.4-9

John 6.25-35

Monthly Outreach

For the month of October our outreach recipient is the Canadian Harambee Education Society (CHES). The mission of CHES is to improve the quality of life of impoverished women and their communities in Kenya and Tanzania by providing secondary education scholarships for bright girls with no means of paying secondary school fees. For more information visit www.canadianharambee.ca

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>Lady Chapel</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>
10.30 a.m.	Cathedral Eucharist	<i>Nave / Livestreamed</i>
4.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	<i>Nave / Livestreamed</i>

**For information on joining or attending, contact the Cathedral Office*

This schedule is subject to change, visit www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/events for the most up-to-date information.

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