



**VESPERS**  
**on the eve of the Lesser Feast of**  
**John Raleigh Mott**  
**1955**

**2025 October 2**

As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth and Tsawwassen nations.

# The Preparation

## *Officiant*

John Raleigh Mott was born in Livingston Manor, New York, on May 25, 1865, and moved with his family to Iowa in September of that same year. After graduating from Cornell University in 1888, Mott became student secretary of the International Committee of the YMCA and chairman of the executive committee of the Student Volunteer Movement. In 1901, he was appointed the Assistant General Secretary of the YMCA. His ecumenical work was rooted in the missionary slogan “The Evangelization of the World in this Generation.” Convinced of the need for better cooperation among Christian communions in the global mission field, he served as chairman of the committee that organized the International Missionary Conference in Edinburgh in 1910, over which he also presided. Speaking before that Conference, Mott summed up his view of Christian missions: “It is a startling and solemnizing fact that even as late as the twentieth century, the Great Command of Jesus Christ to carry the Gospel to all mankind is still so largely unfulfilled ... The

## The Preparation (Cont'd)

church is confronted today, as in no preceding generation, with a literally worldwide opportunity to make Christ known.” Mott continued his involvement in the developing ecumenical movement and was Vice-President of the Second World Conference on Faith and Order in Edinburgh (1937). In 1946, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in establishing and strengthening international organizations which worked for peace. The World Council of Churches, the founding of which was largely driven by Mott’s efforts, elected him its life-long Honorary President in 1948. Although a Methodist, the Episcopal Church recognized his work by making him an honorary canon of the National Cathedral. Mott died in 1955.

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# The Preparation

*Officiant*

O God, make speed to save us,  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

From the rising of the Sun to its setting  
**your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.**  
**Amen.**

# Act of Praise

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ  
(Common Praise 14)

## *Officiant or Cantor*

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the  
Father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blest is he,  
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps  
are lit to pierce the night. Praise Farther, Son, and  
Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God,  
life giving Lord; wherefore you are through  
all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

# The Psalm

Psalm 133

*Psalmist*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
**when brethren live together in unity!**

It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
**that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
**life for evermore.**

# The Psalm Prayer

Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Reading

## Luke 7: 11 - 17

### *Reader*

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favourably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.



# Response

*After a brief period of reflection  
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall  
inherit the Earth.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Affirmation of Faith

## *Officiant*

Let us affirm our Faith as we recite the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

# Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

## *Officiant*

God of salvation,  
who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost, we offer  
our petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of those who are  
lost in our day as we respond to the bidding “Loving God” with  
“Hear our Prayers”.

In the Anglican Communion cycle, we pray for The Diocese of  
Oxford – The Church of England, The Rt. Revd. Steven Croft,  
Bishop; and for the members, associates, and companions of  
the Society of Ordained Scientists as they strive to bring faith  
to the scientific community, science to the church, and both to  
the world at large. Loving God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican - Lutheran - Moravian cycle, we pray for The  
Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and  
people of The Territory of the People; The Labrador Mission  
Province (Moravian); and acknowledging that  
every child matters we remember the Indigenous children  
who did not return home from residential school; and pray for  
survivors and their families; for truth, healing, and  
reconciliation. Loving God, **Hear our Prayers.**

# Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

## *Officiant*

In our Diocesan cycle, we pray for our Primate Shane Parker, our archbishop John Stephens, our priest Stephanie Shepard; St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby, Archdeacon Ruth Monette, curate the Rev. Neil Jongblaed; The Vancouver School of Theology, The Revd Richard Topping, Principal, The Revd Rob James, The Revd Alisdair Smith, faculty, staff, and students. Loving God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In our Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for those in need of healing: Garry J, Sheila G., Marilyn L., Robert R.; give thanks for continued healing: George R.; pray for those who mourn, especially the Kendall and Roberts families; and for all who assist in caring for our facilities and grounds: parish administrator, janitorial staff, wardens and parish council, volunteers, and the wider community  
Loving God, **Hear our Prayers.**

Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but also by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. **Amen.**

# The Collect

## *Officiant*

Everlasting God, who leads your people's feet into the ways of peace; Raise up heralds and evangelists of your kingdom like your servant John Mott, that your church may make known to all the world the unsearchable riches and unsurpassed peace of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

## *Officiant*

Believing in the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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,  
and 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 Sending Forth

*Deacon (or Officiant)*

Let us go forth into the night, rejoicing  
in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

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

**Amen.**