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Choral Evensong

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost [Proper 30]

Christ Church Cathedral

October 26, 2025

4:00 PM

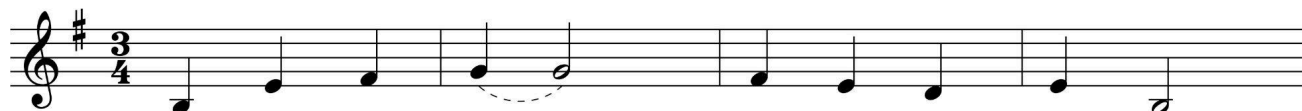
You are invited to join in the prayers and singing of the hymns, as we make our offering of prayer and worship.

October is Women's History Month in Canada.

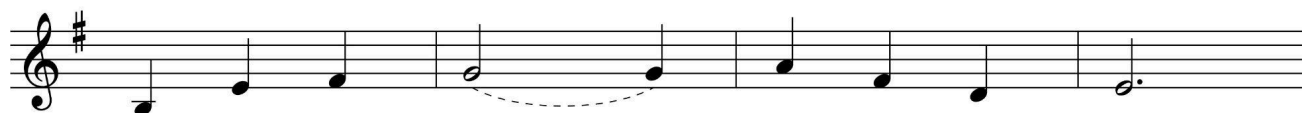
*The symbol ** next to a title or name indicates an artistic creation by a woman.*

Hymn

Longing for Light (*Sing a New Creation, 2*) **



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple,



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.
man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.
Make us your liv - ing voice.
shared un - til all are fed.
walls made of liv - ing stone.
mak - ing your king - dom come.



Text: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
 Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b.1957
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The Dean/Officiant The Cathedral sits on the ancestral lands 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.**

Officiant For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. (Isaiah 57:15)

The Confession

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Officiant May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Preces and Responses

Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

Officiant/Choir *O Lord, open thou our lips.*
 And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
 The Lord's Name be praised!

Psalm 103 ***Benedic, anima mea*** (*Sung by the choir*)

Chants: John Robinson (1682-1762)
 C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)
 William Russell (1777-1813)

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all the benefits of the Lord.
- 3 The Lord forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 redeeming your life from the grave and crowning you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 satisfying you with good things, and renewing your youth like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 O Lord, you made your ways known to Moses
 and your works to the children of Israel.
- 8 You are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 You will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger for ever.
- 10 You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our sins from us.
- 13 As parents care for their children, so do you, O Lord, care for those who fear you.

14 For you yourself know whereof we are made; you remember that we are but dust.
15 Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;
16 when the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.
17 But your merciful goodness endures for ever on those who fear you,
 and your righteousness on children's children;
18 on those who keep the covenant and remember the commandments and do them.
19 The Lord is enthroned in heaven, and has dominion over all.
20 Bless the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who do the bidding of God,
 and hearken to the voice of the word of the Lord.
21 Bless the Lord, all you hosts, you ministers who do the will of God.
22 Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord, in all places of the dominion of the Lord;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Sirach 18: 19-33



1. O _____ Blest Cre - a - tor of _____ the _____ light,
 2. Whose _____ wis - dom _____ joined in meet _____ ar - ray
 3. Lest, _____ sunk in _____ sin and whelm'd with _____ strife,
 4. But _____ grant them _____ grace that they _____ may _____ strain
 5. O _____ Fa - ther, _____ that we ask _____ be _____ done,



1. who _____ mak - kest day _____ with rad - iance _____ bright, _____
 2. The _____ morn _____ and eve, _____ and named them _____ Day: _____
 3. They _____ lose _____ the gift _____ of end - less _____ life; _____
 4. The _____ heav'n - ly gate _____ and prize _____ to _____ gain: _____
 5. Through Je - sus Christ, thine on - ly _____ Son, _____



1. And o'er _____ the _____ for - ming _____ world didst _____ call
 2. Night comes _____ with _____ all _____ its _____ dark - ling _____ fears;
 3. While, think - ing _____ but _____ the _____ thoughts of _____ time,
 4. Each harm - ful _____ lure _____ a - side to _____ cast,
 5. Who with _____ the _____ Spi - rit _____ and with _____ thee



1. The light _____ from cha - os first _____ of _____ all;
 2. Re - gard _____ thy peo - ple's prayers and _____ tears:
 3. They weave _____ them chains of guilt _____ and _____ crime.
 4. And purge _____ a - way _____ each er - ror _____ past.
 5. Doth live _____ and reign _____ e - ter - nal - ly. A - men. _____

Canticle

Magnificat from Second Evening Service in E-flat Major Charles Wood (1866-1926)
The congregation may stand for the Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. *Gloria Patri.*

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 3: 17-22

Canticle

Nunc Dimittis from Second Evening Service in E-flat Major Charles Wood
The congregation may stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel. *Gloria Patri.*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant
All

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated or kneel.

Responses [Officiant/Choir]

Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

<i>The Lord be with you</i>	And with thy spirit
<i>Let us pray</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
	Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant
All

Our Father,
which art in heav'n,
hallow'd be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Choir

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, save the King;
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
and make thy chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people;
and bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us;
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. [*CHOIR: Amen*]

A Collect For Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. [*CHOIR: Amen*]

A Collect For Aid Against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. [*CHOIR: Amen*]

Anthem

I Saw the Lord

John Stainer (1840-1901)

I saw the Lord, sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face,
and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
And one cried unto another, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.
And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried,
and the house was filled with smoke.

O Trinity! O Unity!
Be present as we worship Thee,
And with the songs that angels sing
Unite the hymns of praise we bring.
Amen.

Officiant

The Intercessions, followed by the Prayer of St. Chrysostom:

God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All

Amen.

Hymn

Christ Sophia (Sing a New Creation, 150)

Words: Ellen Clark-King (b. 1962)**

Tune: ST. AUDREY, Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

1 Christ So - phi - a, Child of Wis - dom:
2 Broth - er Je - sus, Child of Mar - y:
3 God in - car - nate, our true moth - er,
danc - ing in our deep - est dreams,
walk - ing with us on life's way,
birth - ing us to joy and pain,
call - ing us to love un - bound - ed,
show - ing us God's hum - ble king - dom,
show - ing us the steps to dance to,
dar - ing us to God's ex - tremes—
shar - ing both dark night and day,
lov - ing us to life a gain:
peace and gen - tle - ness and jus - tice,
break - ing through death's seem - ing end - ing
grow us in to your true im - age
king - dom val - ues, wis - dom's themes.
in - to new life's dawn - ing ray.
as we strive for your love's reign.

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

Postlude *Introduction and Fugue* Adela Douglas-Pennant (1858-1955)**

Sundays@4

Sundays@4 features a different music-centered worship each Sunday at 4 p.m. based on the service of Evening Prayer, following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Please join us in-person for Sundays@4. These services are not livestreamed.

November 2 - All Saints Sunday - Organ Vespers

November 9 - Remembrance Sunday - Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

November 16 - Sung Evening Prayer with music from the Taizé Community

November 23 - The Reign of Christ - Sung Evening Prayer to the setting by Marty Haugen:
“Holden Evening Prayer”

Sunday November 30 - Advent Sunday at 4pm
An Advent Carol Service with the Cathedral Choir

December 7 - Christmas around the world: a multi-cultural celebration of Christmas music

December 14 - Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Schola

Sunday December 21 at 4pm
A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas with the Cathedral Choir

December 28 - There will be no Sundays@4 service
January 4, 2026 - There will be no Sundays@ 4 service

January 11, 2026 - weekly Sundays@4 resumes

Participants

Clergy The Rev. Claude St.-Denis
Reader Allan Morgan
Music Christ Church Cathedral Choir
 Dr. Neil Cockburn (*Organist & Director of Music*)

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