



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Choral Evensong

with Cathedral Choir Alumni

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Saturday, November 22, 2025 5.00 p.m.



CHRIST CHURCH
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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.

About this service

This afternoon's service is special for several reasons: We mark the feast day of the patron saint of music, St Cecilia, with the coming together of many of Christ Church Cathedral's musical forces. It is also a kind of "homecoming" service for our choir alumni. In addition, this year in particular, we are pleased to be dedicating a new set of nave choir stalls built by local craftsman, Andrew Chilton. Of these twelve choir stalls, seven were underwritten by private donors and bear the following inscriptions:

- *This stall is given in thanksgiving for the music ministry of Ian Alexander and Marilyn Dalzell and in celebration of Ian's seventy-fifth birthday, February 13, 2025.*
- *2025: Giving thanks for the Cathedral Choir, where four generations of Groos family members have sung for a century.*
- *In grateful memory of Joan Terry Thackray (1930-1996) who nurtured the love of music in children.*
- *In memory of the Tyrwhitt-Drake family who served this Cathedral in various capacities including the choir from 1859-2025.*
- *In loving memory of David and Mary Barlow, who dedicated their lives in service to Christ Church Cathedral.*
- *Given to honour the leadership of Brian Groos, whose commitment gave service to the advancement of Sacred Music in its highest forms in this Cathedral.*
- *In memory of Bruce Kirkpatrick Hill (1963-2012).*

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Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20
Officiant: Canon Ian Alexander, AAM, ODBC

Music for the Responses: Philip Radcliffe (d. 1986)
Setting for the Canticles: Evening service in C — Charles Villiers Stanford (d. 1924)

All stand as able when the chancel party enters.

Preces & Responses

remain standing

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Choir As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn

Tune: Angel-Voices (Common Praise #325)

Angel voices, ever singing,
round thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day or night;
thousands only live to bless thee,
and confess thee,
Lord of might!

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
artist's craft and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;

and for thine acceptance proffer,
in humility,
hearts and minds and hands and voices,
in our choicest
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity!
Of the best that thou hast given,
earth and heaven
render thee.

Text: Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.

Music: Edwin George Monk (1819-1900); desc. John Barnard (1948-).

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Dedication of Choir Stalls

Please be seated until invited by the Officiant to stand

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R: **Who has made heaven and earth.**

Praise the Lord in his holy places:

praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts:

praise him according to the excellence of his greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:

praise him with psaltery and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and choir:

praise him with strings and organs.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

V: The Lord be with you.

R: **And also with you.**

V: Let us pray.

Loving God, you take delight that your children here on earth should praise you with joy, and join their voices with saints and angels around your heavenly throne. We thank you for the gifts of craftsman's art and music's measure. We bless you for the generosity that has enabled the provision of these choir stalls. We dedicate them now to your service and your glory. We pray for harmony and unity among those who use them, for humility and diligence in their musical ministry, and for divine inspiration, so that the music they make may draw those who hear it closer to you. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Psalm 95 (Venite, exultemus Domino)

all are now seated

O come let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come let us worship and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God :
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
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.

First Lesson

2 Chronicles 5.2-12

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Magnificat

sung by the choir, all standing

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.
 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.

Second Lesson

Colossians 3.12-17 / *all seated*

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

Canticle: Nunc dimittis

all standing

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.
 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.

The Apostles' Creed

remain standing

Officiant I believe in God
All say **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.

Lesser Litany & the Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
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.

Suffrages

the congregation remains kneeling

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

Collect of the Day

Adapted from various sources

Officiant O God, who gladdens us each year with the feast day of your handmaid Saint Cecilia: Grant, we pray, that what has been devoutly handed down concerning her may offer us examples to imitate and proclaim the wonders worked in his servants by Christ your Son; Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Choir Amen.

Fixed Collects

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing, and honour, glory, and pow'r be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
Amen.

Words: Book of Revelation

Music: George Frederic Handel (d. 1759)

Prayers of the Community

all kneel with the officiant

Prayer of John Chrysostom

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Officiant Almighty 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 hear their requests: Fulfill 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.

People **Amen.**

The Grace

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

Hymn for the Offering

Tune: Laudate Dominum (Common Praise #330)

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O praise ye the Lord!
Give praise in the height;
rejoice in God's Word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Give praise upon earth;
in tuneful accord,
give thanks for new birth;
praise God who hath brought you
all grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you
the pathways of love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord
reecho around;
loud organs, God's glory
proclaim in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what God hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
be ever outpoured
all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

*Text: Ps. 150; para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).*

Sending Forth

Officiant Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Voluntary: Hornpipe, Water Music

George Frederic Handel (d. 1759)



Assisting with Today's Service

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