



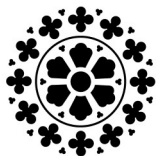
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Choral Eucharist

with Baptisms

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Sunday, November 23, 2025 11.00 a.m.



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY



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.

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

Musical Setting: Missa brevis

Zoltán Kodály (d. 1967)

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

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 sidespeople for assistance.

Prelude: Benedictus

Max Reger (d. 1916)

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Entrance Hymn #302—They Did Not Build in Vain

Tune: Little Cornard

Dominical Greeting

Priest 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.**

Priest There is one body and one Spirit,
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Priest One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
People **One God and Father of all.**

Collect for Purity

please remain standing

Presider Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.*

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
on account of your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly king,
Almighty God and Father,

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takes away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
who takes away the sin of the world,
hear our prayers;
you who are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us:

For you alone are Holy,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 23.1-6 / *all seated*

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

Response to the Reading: Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79)

remain seated
1. 2.



BLESS-ED be the Lord the God of Is-ra-el, /
who has come to his peo-ple and sèt them ^ free.

**AND HATH raised up for us a mighty Sa-viour, /
born of the house of his ser-vant Dä-vid.**

THROUGH HIS holy prophets God promised of old /
to save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all that häte üs,

TO SHOW mercy to our an-ces-tors, /
and to remember his ho-ly cö-vē^nant.

THIS WAS the oath God swore to our father A-bra-ham: /
to set us free from the hands of our ën-ë^mies,

**FREE TO worship him with-out fear, /
holy and righteous in his sight * all the days of öur life.**

AND YOU, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, /
for you will go before the Lord to pre-päre his ^ way,

TO GIVE his people knowledge of sal-va-tion /
by the forgive-ness of äll theïr ^ sins.

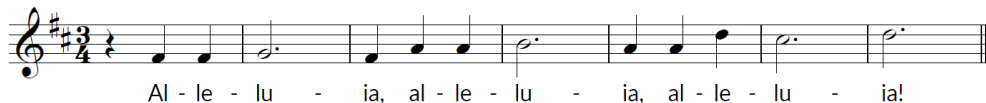
IN THE tender compassion of our God /
the dawn from on high shall break up-ön üs,

TO SHINE on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, /
and to guide our feet in-to the wäy öf ^ peace.

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

Gospel Acclamation

All stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it is carried into the midst of the community.



Choir Blessed is he who comes in the names of the Lord!
 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

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 23.33-43

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

Homily

The Reverend Canon Bill Tarter, CFC

Presentation of the Candidates

The congregation follows the Chancel Party and candidates to the font as the choir sings:

Anthem

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are: for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joy of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Text: Antiphon for the Dedication of a Church
Music: William Henry Harris (d. 1973)

Presider The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates are now presented.

Sponsor I present Mahshad & Majid Hashemizad and Azam Esfandi to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Sponsors I present Chidesiri Jyra Paemka to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Examination of the Candidates

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Presider Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Congregation's Vow of Support

please stand as able

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Prayers of the People

remain standing

- Presider* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.
- Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Presider* Grant, O Lord,
that all who are baptised
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son
may live in the power of his resurrection
and look for him to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the Water

Water is poured.

- Presider* The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

Presider We give you thanks, almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as your self?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

The candidates are baptized with water in the name of the Trinity.

Mahshad Hashemizad
Majid Hashemizad
Azam Esfandi
Chidesiri Jyra Paemka

Signing with the Cross

The Presider traces the sign of the Cross on the new Christian's forehead, using Oil of Chrism, consecrated annually by the Bishop for this purpose.

Prayer over the Newly Baptized

Presider Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon this your servant
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder
in all your works. Amen.

Deacon Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Welcoming of the New Christians

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All **we receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Exchange of the Peace

all standing as able

Presider The peace of the Lord 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 #378—Crown Him with Many Crowns

Tune: Diademata

A basket is passed to receive monetary gifts which will be offered along with bread and wine at the altar. Our easy to use Tap machines are available at the Quadra St. and Burdett Ave doors. 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 pledges at Ingathering

Presider Gracious God, we give thanks for these gifts, the promises of our members to participate in the mission and ministry of Christ Church Cathedral this coming year. We pray that you inspire us with the example of your freely-given love to serve our neighbours, heal the world, and strengthen our community. Bless these intentions, pledges, promises and the people who make them, that our shared wealth, works, and wisdom may glorify you and make your dream alive in our community. May these gifts honour the work you have given us to do here in this place. May we bless, break, and share these gifts of time, talent, and treasure with our neighbours, sharing our Good News with the world.

People **Amen.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Deacon Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things,
and formed us in your own image.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,</i>	Holy, holy, holy,
	<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	Lord God of hosts.
	<i>Pleni sunt coeli et terra</i>	Heaven and earth are full
	<i>gloria tua.</i>	of your glory.
	<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.

Presider Therefore we proclaim our hope.
All **Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider Recalling his death,
 proclaiming his resurrection,
 and looking for his coming again in glory,
 we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these gifts,
 that all who eat and drink at this table
 may be one body and one holy people,
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All **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.
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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.
All **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him.**

The Communion

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

Anthems

all seated

<i>Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
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*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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.

Prayer after Communion

please stand

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Presider Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People **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 And the blessing...**Amen.**

Hymn #520—The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Tune: Dominus Reget Me

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Voluntary: Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C major

Dieterich Buxtehude (d. 1707)

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



The flowers in the Cathedral are placed to the glory of God and at the High Altar in loving memory of Duncan and Doris Frame.

Readings for Next Sunday, November 30

Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

Sources

BAS; Common Worship

Monthly Outreach

The monthly outreach for November is The Food Bank at St John the Divine. "In 1995, St. John's started an emergency food service in response to the overwhelming need resulting from massive cuts in the B.C. welfare rates. In the past 25 years, we have become an exceptional community of volunteers, financial supporters, suppliers, and our very special guests. This community includes people from all faiths and backgrounds. To recognize the diversity of people and organizations that provide support in all forms, we are now the Food Bank at St. John's."

For more information visit their website at www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/justice-action/the-food-bank-at-st-johns

Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidespersons</i>	Donna White, Diana McNeil, Jen Purkis, Leah Ibbitson
<i>Verger</i>	Bob Fearnley
<i>Servers</i>	Pamela Robertson, Ian MacDonald, Daegan Noel, Cyrus Chan, Karl-Lukas Steiniger
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Cathedral Choir Oriel Chapman, <i>organ scholar</i> Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Elsie Hepburn, Ian MacLennan
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Victor Aimey
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Ross Bliss
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Elsie Hepburn, Ian Robertson, Susanna Longridge, Heather Murphy
<i>Camera and Tech Team</i>	The Cathedral Technical Team
<i>Chancel Guild</i>	Maureen Lundquist, <i>president</i>

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

*The Cathedral is open Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.,
Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Sundays from 8.00 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>
3.00 p.m.	UVic Winter Choral Concert	<i>Nave</i>

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.	Advent Procession	<i>Nave / Livestreamed</i>

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

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