

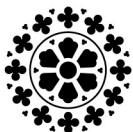


CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Cathedral Eucharist

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

Sunday, November 30, 2025 10.30 a.m.



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
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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 service

Advent is the start of the Christian year. Our liturgical life begins in waiting and active preparation. In the darkness of the natural world, we light candles, sing songs of expectation, read the prophecies of the coming of God into our world, and look toward Christmas and the incarnation of the Christ.

Advent is considered a penitential season, though different in nature from Lent. The penitence of this season is waiting in a world that wants everything available and realized right now. It is in making space in our hearts for the Christ Child to be born anew amidst a culture that tries to fill every moment with activity and every silence with noise. It is in holding fast to faith, hope, joy, and love when those seem sometimes naïve in our society. These are counter-cultural actions and so we practice them together in our liturgy – the work of the people.

Liturgically you will notice the change to purple vestments – the colour the church associates with penance, but also the colour of royalty as we await the coming of the King of kings. We increase moments of silence to help us remember to wait expectantly for what is coming. We always use a confession and absolution in advent. We confess because we are bad at waiting and often fail to prepare, and in the absolution we are reminded that none of this depends on us because God is faithful and loving and will come anyway. We begin the service with the lighting of the advent wreath, an active symbol of pushing back the darkness and embodying the light of God in the world. You are invited to join fully in all of these liturgical aspects as we prepare together for the mystery of Christmas.

If you would like to sign up for our E-news, or would like more information about the Cathedral, please visit 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 Reverend Ross Bliss

Musical Settings: Mass for Immanuel
Missa Brevis No.4

Daniel Schwandt (b. 1977)
Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

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: Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J. S. Bach (d. 1750)

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Entrance Hymn #341—God of Mercy, God of Grace

Tune: Heathlands

Lighting of the Advent Candle.

Remain standing as the candle is installed in the Advent wreath and lit.

V. Come Lord Jesus.

R. **Bring light. Give hope.**

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.**

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.**

Kyrie eleison

sung by the choir

*Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 2.1-5 / *all seated*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

IV. 6.



I WAS glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

**And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusa-lem;**

Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in it-self.

**Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel, * to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of Da-vid.

**O pray for the peace of Jer-u-sa ^ lem:
'May they prosper who love you.**

'Peace be with-in your walls
and tranquility within your pala-ces.'

**For my kindred and com-pan-ions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.**

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.

Second Reading

Romans 13-11-14 /*all seated*

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 Look up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

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 Matthew.

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

Matthew 24.36-44

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Reverend Canon Jenny Replogle

The Nicene Creed

all standing as able

Presider Let us confess the faith as we say,

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

please stand, sit or kneel as preferred

Leader Holy God, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

The presider invites the community to make its confession.

Presider When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. 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.

People **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

all standing as able

Presider In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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 #110—"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

Tune: Wachet Auf

A basket is passed to receive monetary gifts which will be offered along with bread and wine at the altar. Please use the QR code at the beginning of the leaflet if you would like to make an online donation. Our easy to use Tap machines are available at the Quadra St. and Burdett Ave doors.

Prayer over the Gifts

Deacon God of love and power,
your word stirs within us

the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Leader: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord, *All:* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly - Lord,

Leader: God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
All: God of pow-er and might,

All: Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Leader:* Ho - san - na in the high est. *All:* Ho

Leader: san - na in the high-est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name,___

All: Bles-sed is he who comes in the name, *Leader:* comes in the name of the Lord.

Leader: Ho - san - na in the___ high - est. *All:* comes in the name of the Lord. *All:* Ho-

Leader: Ho - san - na in the san - na in the___ high - est.

high - est. *All:* Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Glory and honour and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favour upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body,
which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with the blessed virgin Mary and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honour, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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 God of promise:
 you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All **Happy are those who are called**
 to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion

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

Fraction Anthem

many prefer to be seated

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy 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.*

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 today's 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.

Anthem

Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore,
never tired pilgrim limbs affected slumber more,
Than my weary spirit now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest!

Ever blooming are the joys of heav'n's high Paradise,
Old age deafts not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines; whose beams the Blessèd only see:
O come quickly, come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my soul to Thee!

*Text: Thomas Campion (d.1620)
Music: Charles Wood (d.1926)*

Prayers after Communion

please stand

Presider God for whom we wait,
 you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
 Keep us ever watchful,
 that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
 We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

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 May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour Christ came among us
 in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free
 from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await,
make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer,
at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn—Break, Day of God, O Break

Tune: Christchurch (Common Praise #99)

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Dismissal

Deacon As we await our coming Saviour,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Voluntary: Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661

J.S. Bach (d. 1750)

Thank you for being part of this morning's service.



The Flowers in the cathedral are placed to the glory of God and at the High Altar in loving memory of Norman, beloved son of Anita and Michael, brother of Pauline, Michèle and David. May he rest in peace. The flowers in St Michael's Chapel are in loving memory of their mother, Gladys Rafter, by the Rafter children.

Sources—Book of Alternative Services and Common Worship

Readings for Next Sunday (Dec 7, The Second Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalms 72.1-7, 18-19

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12

Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidespersons</i>	Victor Aimey, Heather Murphy, Donna White
<i>Verger</i>	Bob Fearnley
<i>Servers</i>	Members of the Guild
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Youth Choir The Parish Choir Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Audrey Thomas, Julian Daly
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Ian Powell
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Cyrus Chan
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Heather Frame, Brenda Mowbray, Jesse Robertson, Susanna Longridge
<i>Healing Ministry</i>	Lois Rumsey, Joyce Dreilich
<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 5.30 p.m.,
Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Sundays from 7.30 a.m. to 4.00 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>
6.30 p.m. &	Fever: Candlelight Concerts	<i>Nave</i>
8.30 p.m.	(Ticketed Event)	

Saturday

10.00 a.m.	Walking Group	<i>See Website for Location</i>
10.00 a.m.	Write for Rights	<i>Chapter Room</i>
4.00 p.m.	Benedictine & Franciscan Advent Prayer Service (All Welcome)	<i>Nave</i>

Sunday

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion, said	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
9.15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	<i>Nave</i>
11.00 a.m.	Choral 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
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