



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Cathedral Eucharist

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, YEAR A

Sunday, January 4, 2026 10.30 a.m.



**CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL**
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY



**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.

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 Anna Rossi

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: Noël huron

Denis Bédard (b.1950)

The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Entrance Hymn #146—"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Tune: Une Jeune Puchelle

Dominical Greeting

Presider 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.**

Gloria in excelsis

remain standing as able

David Thorne

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Glo-ry to God in the High- est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'n - ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we_

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

high - est. Lord, Je - susChrist, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; You are

sea-ted at the righthand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one,

You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Collect of the Day

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

God of power and life,
the glory of all who believe in you,
fill the worlds with your splendour
and show the nations the light of your truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Sirach 24.1-12 / *all seated*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the Reading: Psalm 72.1-8

Tune: Bishopthorpe (Common Praise #112)
remain seated

Send us, O God, the King whose reign
will make your justice known;
let him deal fairly with your land,
the poor, and all your own,

Let every mountain, every hill,
bring righteousness and peace;
let him defend the needy poor,
make all oppression cease.

So long as sun and moon endure
let him, O Lord, remain;
let him come down as showers, Lord,
and as refreshing rain.

Let peace and righteousness increase
till moons shall be no more,
and let him have dominion, Lord,
and reign from shore to shore.

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

Gradual Hymn

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

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
 the little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
 I love you, Lord Jesus, -- look down from on high
 and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
 close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
 and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Text: American (19th cent.).

Music: William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921), adapt.

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

John 1 (1.9), 10-18

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

Homily

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford

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 Be born in us;
People **be born in our world.**

The Exchange of the Peace

all standing as able

Presider Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince 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 #101—Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Tune: Crüger

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. Alternatively, our easy to use Tap machines are available at the Qudra Street and Burdett Avenue doors. Thank you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Deacon Source of love and life,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the coming of your Son,
help us to see in others
him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All **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 Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of heaven and earth,
 because in the mystery of the Word made flesh
 you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
 to give knowledge of salvation
 in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Now with angels and archangels
 and the whole company of heaven,
 we lift our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

All

Gordon Light

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 for the goodness and love
 you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling Israel to be your people;
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in the Word made flesh,
 Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
 In him, you have delivered us from evil,
 and made us worthy to stand before you.
 In him, you have brought us
 out of error into truth,
 out of sin into righteousness,
 out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are 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 We break the bread of life,
 and that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us,**
 light in the midst of us,
 bring us to light and life.

The Communion

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

*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.

Prayers after Communion

please stand

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays in silence

Presider Light eternal,
 you have nourished us in the mystery
 of the body and blood of your Son.
 By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word,
 in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
 things earthly and heavenly,
 fill you with peace and goodwill
 and make you partakers of the divine nature;
 And the blessing...**Amen.**

Hymn #147—Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Tune: Ermuntre Dich

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin (d. 1772)

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



The Flowers in the cathedral are placed to the glory of God.

Sources:

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Common Worship

Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidespersons</i>	Donna White, Karen Young, Heather Murphy, Jen Purkis
<i>Verger</i>	Bob Fearnley
<i>Servers</i>	Cyrus Chan, Susan McKelvie, Daegan Noel
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Mary Hendy, Audrey Thomas
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Elsie Hepburn
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Susanna Longridge, Janis Wheatley, Elsie Hepburn, Ian MacDonald
<i>Healing Ministry</i>	Diana McNeil, Sue MacRae
<i>Camera and Tech Team</i>	The Cathedral Tech 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>
7.00 p.m.	Solemn Eucharist for the Feast of the Epiphany	<i>Nave</i>

Wednesday

12.15 p.m.	Holy Communion, said	<i>St Christopher's Chapel</i>
5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	<i>Lady Chapel</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>
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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</i>

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

This schedule is subject to change, visit www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/events for the most up-to-date information.

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