

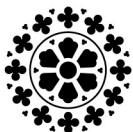


CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

# Holy Eucharist

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A

Sunday, January 11, 2026 9.15 a.m.



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



ANGLICAN DIOCESE  
OF ISLANDS AND INLETS  
RENEWED HEARTS, RENEWED SPIRITS, RENEWED PEOPLE

**W**elcome 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.

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Presider: The Reverend Canon Jeannine Friesen  
Musical Setting: Mass of St George

Gordon Light (b.1944)

*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 sides-people for assistance.*

## The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

Hymn of Praise #165—Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

Tune: Rendez à Dieu

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.**

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.

Eternal Father,  
 who at the baptism of Jesus  
 revealed him to be your Son,  
 anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
 keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
 faithful to their calling;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 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

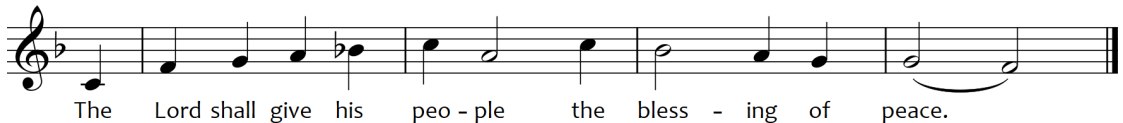
Isaiah 42.1-9 / *all seated*

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the Reading: Psalm 29

*remain seated*



Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*Refrain*

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

*Refrain*

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

*Refrain*

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!'

*Refrain*

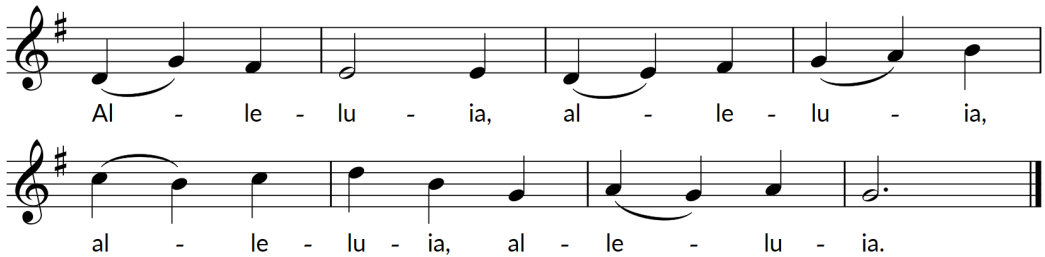
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*Refrain*

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

# Gospel Acclamation

*All stand and join in singing the Gospel Acclamation.*



*One*      A voice came from heaven, saying,  
 "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

# 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 3.13-17

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

# Homily

The Reverend Anna Rossi

# The Baptismal Covenant

*Presider*      Let us recall our commitment to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*People*      Do you believe in God the Father?  
**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.**

## The Prayers

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send us into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized 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.

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*The presider blesses the water, first saying*

*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 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 re-born by the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here 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. Amen.

*The congregation is asperged with Baptismal water.*

Exchange of the Peace

*all standing as able*

*Presider*    Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."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 #465—Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming

Tune: Gather Us In

*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 Gifts

*Deacon*      God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus  
as the Christ who makes all creation new.



Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him,  
who is Lord for ever and ever. **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 God thanks and praise.**

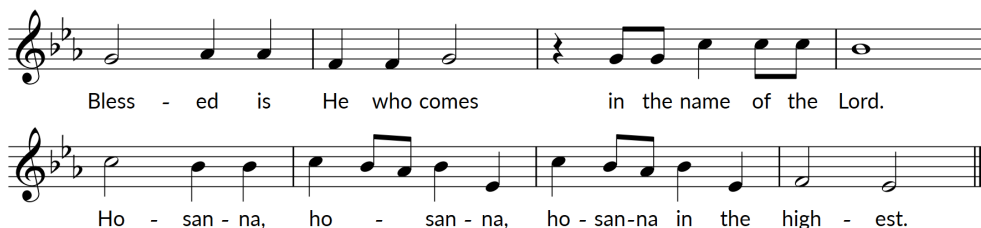
*Presider* It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,  
for you created all things,  
and formed us in your own image.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and 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.

*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.



*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.**

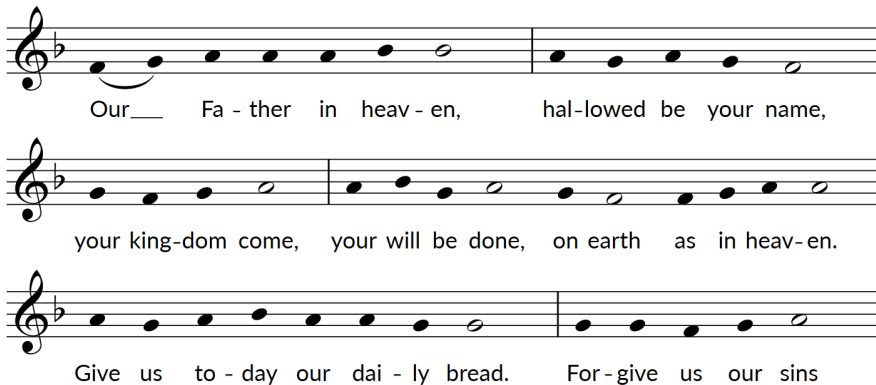
*Presider* Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living 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\_\_\_ Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G-clef, F major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Our\_\_\_ Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,'. The second staff contains the melody for 'your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.' The third staff contains the melody for 'Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins'.



## 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.**

*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 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* Gracious God, lover of all  
by this sacrament  
you make us one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood,

one in the communion of his Sprit.  
 Help us grow in love for one another  
 and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
 We ask this in his name.

*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* And the blessing...Amen.

### Hymn—From Eden's Garden

Tune: Engelberg / *remain standing*



1 From E - den's gar - den, liv - ing wa - ter streamed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 To Jor - dan's riv - er de - sert pil - grims came. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 His blood and wa - ter washed the Skull's hard Place, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 The New Je - ru - sa - lem from heav'n de - scends, \_\_\_\_\_



1 re - fresh - ing soil and plants, and sprout - ing seed, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 The skies tore o - pen, thun - dered out his name. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 the womb of life burst o'er the cross and grave, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 the tree of life its gleam - ing riv - er spans, \_\_\_\_\_



1 hal - lowed cre - a - tion, blessed hu - man - i - ty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 A - noint - ed, one in bod - y, bap - tized, claimed. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 his dy - ing death de - stroyed, and life re - made. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 and ev' - ry na - tion, healed, your peace ex - tends. \_\_\_\_\_



Al - le - lu - ia. A - men.

Text: Anna E. Rossi para. Gen. 2:4b-9; Mt. 3:16-17; Jn. 19:33; Rev. 21:10, 22:1-2;  
 Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), public domain.

## 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.**

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

**The Flowers** in the cathedral are placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Ellen Stevenson.

### Sources:

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Common Worship

### Readings for Next Sunday (18 January)

Isaiah 49.1-7

Psalms 40.1-12

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42

### Monthly Outreach

The monthly outreach for January is the Victoria Native Friendship Centre. The VNFC is a non-profit Indigenous-led organization located on the traditional lands of the Lekwungen speaking People of the Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations. Since 1969, the VNFC has been mandated to encourage and promote the well-being of urban Indigenous people by strengthening individuals, families, and community. For more information visit their website [www.vnfc.ca](http://www.vnfc.ca)



### Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidespersons</i>	Andrew Brazier, Sheila Martindale
<i>Verger</i>	Bob Fearnley
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Parish Choir Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Michele Waters, Carol Gregg
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
<i>Intercessor</i>	Ted McLeod
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Clementine Wolferstan, Susan McKelvie
<i>Healing Ministry</i>	Lois Rumsey, Bronwynn Jones
<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 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>
9.30 a.m.	Community Coffee	<i>Nave</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>
6.00 p.m.	In Conversation	<i>Chapter Room</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 / Livestreamed</i>

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

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