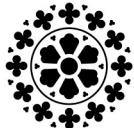


CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

# Holy Eucharist

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR A

Sunday, January 25, 2026 9.15 a.m.



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



**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.

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](http://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 E. Rossi

*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 Reverend Anna E. Rossi

Hymn of Praise #156—The People That in Darkness Sat

Tune: Dundee

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 - sus Christ, 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.

Almighty God,  
 by grace alone you call us  
 and accept us in your service.  
 Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
 and make us worthy of your call;  
 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 9.1-4 / *all seated*

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

Response to the Reading: Psalm 27.1, 5-13

*remain seated*



The Lord is my light and my salvation; my sal - va - tion.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

*Refrain*

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.

*Refrain*

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.  
Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.

*Refrain*

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

*Refrain*

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

*Refrain*

Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

*Refrain*

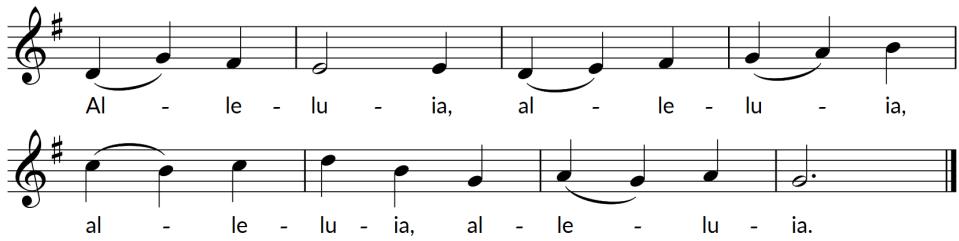
Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1-10-18

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

Gospel Acclamation

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



One      Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom  
and healed every infirmity among the people.

### 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 4.12-23

Deacon      The Gospel of Christ.

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

### Homily

The Reverend Canon Bill Tarter

### Affirmation of Faith

*all standing as able*

Presider      Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

All      **I believe in God,**

**the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

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

## The Prayers of the People

*please stand, sit or kneel as preferred*

*Leader*      God of Light,  
*People*      **shine in your world.**

## 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 #435—Take My Life, and Let It Be

Tune: Mozart

*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*      Loving God,  
before the world began you called us.  
Make holy all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in that calling.  
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 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.

Gordon Light

All

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 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 these gifts,  
and upon us,  
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 for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save\_ us from the time of trial,\_ and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

## 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.*

## Anthem

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning;  
 dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
 star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
 guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,  
odors of Edom and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would His favour secure:  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

*Text: Reginald Heber (d. 1826)  
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

#### Prayers after Communion

*please stand*

*Presider*    Gracious God,  
                 our hands have taken holy things;  
                 our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.  
                 May we who have eaten at this holy table  
                 be strengthened for service in your world.  
                 We ask this in the name of Jesus 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 Sending Forth of the Community

#### The Blessing

*Presider*    And the blessing...**Amen.**

Hymn #432—Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

Tune: St Oswald / *remain standing*

## 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. The flowers in the Lady Chapel are placed in memory of departed members of the Chancel Guild. The flowers in St Christopher's Chapel are in loving memory of David, Ken and Ann Ellison.

### Sources:

BAS  
Common Worship

### Readings for Next Sunday (1 February)

Micah 6.1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1.18-31  
Matthew 5.1-12

### 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>	Gwyneth Evans, Bette French, Gayle Chapman
<i>Verger</i>	Cyrus Chan
<i>Server</i>	Susan McKelvie
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Parish Choir Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Elizabeth Pulker, Stephen Calderwood
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Sue MacRae
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Sue MacRae, Heather Frame
<i>Healing Ministry</i>	Joyce Dreilich, Lois Rumsey
<i>Chancel Guild</i>	Sue Black, <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>
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>
7.30 p.m.	Emily Carr String Quartet: Twilight Brushstrokes <i>(Ticketed Event)</i>	<i>Nave</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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