



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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## *Proper 5*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

10:30 A.M.

*Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream*

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The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan, *Presider*

The Reverend Stuart Mennigke, *Preacher*

The Reverend Kevin de la Mare, *Deacon*

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# Welcome to the Cathedral

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: [www.thecathedral.ca](http://www.thecathedral.ca). Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.  
Dean & Rector



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## *A message to children and their grown-ups*

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school.

Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion. The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is live streamed so you can follow the worship.

## *Need to reach us?*

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We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



*Cathedral parish announcements will commence shortly before 10:30 a.m.*

# ***The Gathering of the Community***

## **Processional Hymn**

### ***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

**(CP 509)**

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993).

Music: PRECIOUS LORD, melody George Nelson Allen (1822-1877); arr. Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993).

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*Presider* In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ílwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

*All* **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

*Presider* In this time and place, we give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness.

*All* **A light no darkness can quench.**

*Presider* In this time and place, we give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.

*All* **The light of all people.**

*Presider* In this time and place, we pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds.

*All* **That we might be the light of God in the world.**

*Presider* In this time and place, together, one people of God.

*All* **In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

### ***Lift Every Voice and Sing***

Text: James W. Johnson (1871-1938).

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954).



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaug - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be -neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* Let us pray. (*Silence is kept.*)

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,

*All* that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# *The Proclamation of the Word*

## **The First Reading**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

Reader Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 112:1-9**

**Refrain: *Kwake Yesu nasimama/Here on Jesus Christ***

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

Text and music: Kenyan hymn, English adapt. Greg Scheer, 2007.

Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si ma - ma, ndi - ye nwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.  
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my life.  
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.  
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

Verses: Plainchant

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in the divine commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Refrain**

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

**Refrain**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honour. **Refrain**

## **The Second Reading**

*At the conclusion of the epistle:*

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. **Thanks be to God.**

**Solo**

**Deep River**  
Dieko Obi Ifediora (bass)

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1857-2003)

## Sequence

## *Listen Now for the Gospel*

(SNC 188)

Text and music: Zimbabwean liturgical acclamation.

*Cantor*

Lis - ten now for the Gos - pel! It is  
God's word that chan - ges us!  
All Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!

Verses: Choir

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

*Deacon* The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

*After the Gospel, the Deacon says:*

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Stuart Mennigke

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Deacon* Let us confess our faith, as we say: **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: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. Who 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

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## The Confession and Absolution

*Deacon* The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* We confess that we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed. We are truly sorry for our pride, and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love. We repent of our narrow-mindedness, of our bitterness and our prejudices. Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Amen.

## The Peace

*Presider* Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, everything has become new. The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

### The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity at any amount, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

### Offertory Hymn

### *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

Text and music: African-American spiritual.

1 He's got the whole world in his hand, (x3)

*Refrain: he's got the whole world in his hand.*

2 He's got the sun and the moon in his hand, (x3) *Refrain*

3 He's got the wind and the rain in his hand, (x3) *Refrain*

4 He's got the little bitty baby in his hand, (x3) *Refrain*

5 He's got you and me, brother, in his hand, (x3) *Refrain*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day,

*All* and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer 3*

Enriching Our Worship

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*Presider* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God [...]

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord***

Music: *Eucharist of the Soul*, Lena McLin (1928-2023).

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven 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 in the high - est.

*Presider*

Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent [...] And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Music: Neil Cockburn

*All*

Dy-ing you des-stroyed our death. Ris-ing, you re-store our

life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ [...] Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All

Music: Neil Cockburn

Bless-ed are you now and for ev - er.

A - men. A - men. A - - - men.

Ringing of the bell. (x3)

## The Lord's Prayer

Music: Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); arr. Neil Cockburn

Presider

As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray:

Our Fa-ther in heaven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.

For-give 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.

## Fraction

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.**

Presider

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Fraction Anthem

### *Lamb of God*

Music: *Eucharist of the Soul*, Lena McLin (1928-2023)

The musical notation is for a treble clef, common time piece. The lyrics are:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:  
have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world: grant \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

Measure 1: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:  
Measure 2: have mer-cy on us.  
Measure 3: Lamb of God, you  
Measure 4: take a-way the sin of the world: grant \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

## The Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove. Please respect the confidentiality of the people praying by not entering the alcove during prayer time.

## During Communion

### Anthem

### *Draw the Circle Wide*

Mark A. Miller (1967- )

Text: Gordon Light (1944- )

### *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Text and music: African-American spiritual.

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; (x2)

*Refrain: When I fall down on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; (x2) *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; (x2) *Refrain*

## The Prayer after Communion

*Presider* Let us pray. Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling.

*All* May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## The Doxology

*Presider* Glory to God, 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.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

*Presider* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

*All* **We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]**

**February Birthdays**

***May the Love of the Lord***

**(SNC 172)**

Text: Maria Ling, 1990. Music: Lim Swee Hong, 1990.

Music score for 'May the Love of the Lord' in G major, common time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are:

May the love of the Lord rest up-on your soul.  
May God's love dwell in you, through-out ev- ery day.  
May God's coun-te-nance shine up-on you and be gra-cious to you.  
May God's Spir-it be up-on you as you leave this place.

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

***Hymn to Freedom***

Text: Harriette Hamilton (1936-2020).

Music: Oscar Peterson (1925-2007); arr. Paul Read (1948- ).

When every heart joins every heart and together yearns for liberty,  
that's when we'll be free.

When every hand joins every hand and together molds our destiny,  
that's when we'll be free.

Any hour, any day, the time soon will come when we will live in dignity,  
that's when we'll be free,

When everyone joins in our song and together singing harmony,  
that's when we'll be free.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to bear Christ's light to the world. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Postlude**

***Toccata on "Great Day"***

Adolphus Hailstork (1941- )

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Unpacking our faith (The Chosen) | February 8 | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Sundays @ 4 | February 8 | 4:00 p.m.

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