



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

# Holy Eucharist

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY, YEAR A

Sunday, February 8, 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.

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 Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

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 #537—In the Cross of Christ I Glory Tune: Cross of Jesus

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: 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.

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

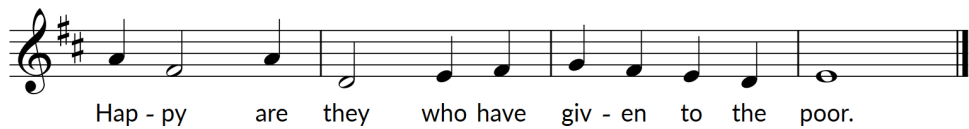
*People* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 58. 1-12 / *all seated*

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



Alleluia. Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in his commandments!  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever. *Refrain*

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion  
It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice. *Refrain*

For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.  
They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord. *Refrain*

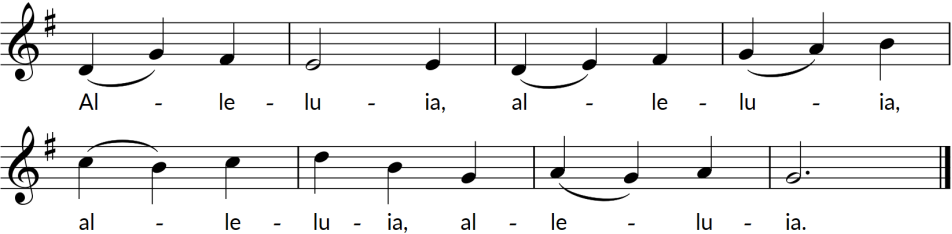
Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.  
They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honour. *Refrain*

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2.1-12

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

Gospel Acclamation

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



One I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

## 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 5.13-20

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

Homily

The Reverend Anna E. Rossi

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 Holy one of blessing,  
People **receive our prayer.**

*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 #645—Come Down, O Love Divine

Tune: Down Ampney

*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 compassion and forgiveness,  
receive our offering this day,  
and make us one with him who is our peace,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
*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 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\_\_\_ 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  
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.*

Prayers after Communion

*please stand*

*Presider* Let us pray.

Eternal God,  
in you we find peace beyond all telling.  
May we who share in this heavenly banquet  
be instruments of your peace on earth,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* **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 of God...**Amen.**

Hymn #393—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Tune: St Denio / *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.

### **Readings for Next Sunday (15 February)**

Exodus 24.12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

## Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidespersons</i>	Drew Brazier, Gayle Chapman, Sheila Martindale
<i>Verger</i>	Bob Fearnley
<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>	Ted McLeod, Sue MacRae
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Elizabeth Pulker
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Brenda Mowbray, Sue MacRae
<i>Healing Ministry</i>	Joyce Dreilich, Bronwyn Jones
<i>Chancel Guild</i>	Sue Black, <i>president</i>

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