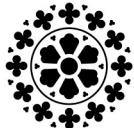


CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

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



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 our website 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

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.

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.

Response to the Reading: Psalm 112.1-9

remain seated

Hap - py are they who have giv - en to the poor.

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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

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 #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

Sidespersons Drew Brazier, Gayle Chapman, Sheila Martindale

Verger Bob Fearnley

Server Susan McKelvie

Musicians The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers
The Parish Choir
Donald Hunt, *Director of Music*

Readers Ted McLeod, Sue MacRae

Deacon The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Pulker

Eucharistic Ministers Brenda Mowbray, Sue MacRae

Healing Ministry Joyce Dreilich, Bronwyn Jones

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