

# VESPERS

**February 19, 2026**

Members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we  
pledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral  
lands of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen,  
Squamish, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

# Gathering

## **Leader:**

Welcome, everyone. As evening comes, we gather to rest in God's presence and reflect on the day.

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.*

## **Opening Prayer**

God of light and peace,  
as the day ends and shadows lengthen,  
draw us into your presence.  
Quiet our minds, steady our hearts,  
and make this time holy.

**Amen.**

# Confession

**Leader:**

Let us take a moment of silence to reflect on the day.

**All:**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.**

**Amen.**

**Leader**

May the God of mercy grant us forgiveness of our sins,  
the grace to amend our lives,  
and the strength of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Invitatory

**Leader:**

O God, make speed to save us.

**All:**

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

Respondant

## Invitatory

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,  
in you the Father's glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is he,  
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,  
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit; God  
who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise,  
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;  
wherefore you are through all the earth  
and in the highest heaven adored.

# The Psalm

Psalm # 15;

**A psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

<sup>2</sup> The one whose walk is blameless,

who does what is righteous,

who speaks the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup> whose tongue utters no slander,

who does no wrong to a neighbor,

and casts no slur on others;

<sup>4</sup> who despises a vile person

but honors those who fear the LORD;

who keeps an oath even when it hurts,

and does not change their mind;

<sup>5</sup> who lends money to the poor without interest;

who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

# The Reading

Gospel of day: John 18:15-18, John 18:25-27

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, <sup>16</sup> but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

<sup>17</sup> "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not."

<sup>18</sup> It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

<sup>25</sup> Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not."

<sup>26</sup> One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" <sup>27</sup> Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

# Response

*After a brief period of reflection  
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall  
inherit the Earth.

**Thanks be to God!**



# Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith as we recite “Hear, O Israel”.

**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbor as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

*Officiant*

## Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

Let us bring our prayers before God, responding to the bidding “God of Love” with “**Hear our prayers**”.

For the Church and all who follow Christ, God of Love, **Hear our prayers**.

For peace in the world, God of Love, **Hear our prayers**.

For the community of Tumbler Ridge, God of Love, **Hear our prayers**

In this Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for .....  
and any others you wish to name, either silently or aloud...  
God of Love, **Hear our prayers**.

Grant that these prayers, O God, may be enfleshed by our commitment not only to pray them, but also to live them in your Son's name.

**Amen.**

*Officiant*

# The Collect

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Officiant*

# The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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,  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

# The Sending Forth

*Deacon / Presider*

Let us go forth into the night, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Presider*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.

**Amen.**