

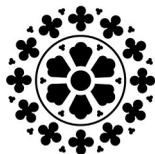


CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA, BC

Choral Eucharist

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A

Sunday, February 22, 2026 11.00 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.

The Season of Lent and the Posture of Prayer

Lent, a 40-day season of preparation for the Easter feast, is historically a time when adults are prepared for baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter, and when those separated from the community by sins are restored among the faithful. While traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the focus of the season, Sundays are in, rather than of, Lent. They offer a hint—more accurately, a foretaste, of Easter with gospel accounts of healing, and the sweetness of our sharing in the Eucharistic meal.

Throughout the Lenten season, we pay renewed attention to the body as a pathway to deeper relationship with God and participation in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. It is customary to kneel or stand at times of confession, the prayers of the people, and at the solemn prayer over the people. Traditionally, the church sits at the first and second readings, and during the homily or sermon. As your strength and health permits, you are encouraged enter into the customs of the season, with a sense of gentle reverence rather than austere demand.

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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 Ross Bliss

Musical Setting: Missa l' hora passa

Lodovico Grossi da Viadana (d. 1627)

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

*Today's service ("the liturgy") is the work of the whole People of God, and all are encouraged to speak the responses in **bold** and sing the hymns, found in the blue Common Praise hymnal. 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 sidespeople for assistance.*

Prelude: A Little More Faith in Jesus

John Wesley Work III (d. 1967)

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

The Solemn Litany in Procession

Litanist
People

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth : have mercy upon us.

O God the Father, * / Creator of / heaven and / earth:

Have mer - cy up - on us.

Litanist
People

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, * / Redeemer / of the / world : have mercy upon us.

Litanist
People

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful : have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, * Sanctifier / of the / faithful : have mercy upon us.

Litanist

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God : have mercy upon us.

People

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, * / three Persons / and one / God : have mercy upon us.

Litanist Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forebears; spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

People



Spare us, good / Lord.

Litanist From all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting condemnation,

People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist From all uncleanness in thought, word, and deed; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist From all sedition, conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial,

People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; by thy sending of the Holy Spirit; by thy heavenly Intercession; and by thy Coming again in glory;

People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,
People **Good Lord, de-/liver us.**

Litanist We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way,
People

We be - seech thee,
good Lord.

Litanist To keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in holiness of life, and in devotion to his people, thy servant Charles, our most gracious King and Governor,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To be his defender and keeper, giving him the victory over all his enemies,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To bless and preserve Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To give to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To send forth labourers into thy harvest; to prosper their work by thy Holy Spirit; to make thy saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten thy kingdom,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

- Litanist* To bless the people of our Country and the Commonwealth, and to endue those set in authority with grace, wisdom, and understanding,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To bless and guide the Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To bless and keep the King's forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, that they may serve thee without fear,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To bless and protect all who serve humankind by their labour and learning,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To preserve all that travel, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To defend, and provide for, all widows and orphans, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To bless and keep all thy people,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**
- Litanist* To strengthen such as do stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To have mercy upon all people,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due
time we may enjoy them,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist To give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and
ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our
lives according to thy holy Word,
People **We beseech thee, good Lord.**

Litanist Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People

Musical notation for the first part of the litanist's response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a G-clef and contains three measures of music: a whole note chord (G4, B4, D5), a half note chord (G4, B4, D5), and a whole note chord (G4, B4, D5). The bass staff has an F-clef and contains three measures of music: a whole note chord (G2, B2, D3), a half note chord (G2, B2, D3), and a whole note chord (G2, B2, D3). The lyrics "Son of God," are written below the treble staff.

we be - seech thee to hear us.

Musical notation for the people's response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a G-clef and contains six measures of music: a quarter note G4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note D5, a quarter note G4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note D5. The bass staff has an F-clef and contains six measures of music: a whole note chord (G2, B2, D3), and a whole note chord (G2, B2, D3). The lyrics "we be-seech thee to hear" are written below the treble staff.

Litanist O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
People

Musical notation for the litanist's response. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a G-clef and contains four measures of music: a whole note chord (G4, B4, D5), a whole note chord (G4, B4, D5), a whole note chord (G4, B4, D5), and a whole note chord (G4, B4, D5). The bass staff has an F-clef and contains four measures of music: a whole note chord (G2, B2, D3), a whole note chord (G2, B2, D3), a whole note chord (G2, B2, D3), and a whole note chord (G2, B2, D3). The lyrics "Have mer - cy up - on us." are written below the treble staff.

Litanist
People

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter). The bass line is: G3 (quarter), A3-B3 (beamed eighth notes), C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).

Litanist
People

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter). The bass line is: G3 (quarter), A3-B3 (beamed eighth notes), C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter).

Kyrie eleison

sung by the choir

Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us hold this moment open to God's grace.

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 / *the people sit*

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

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

Sequence Hymn #180—Giver of the Perfect Gift

Tune: Song 13 / *the people stand*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the people, concluding:

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

Homily

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

The Apostles' Creed

the people stand

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:
All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Exchange of the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace, then take their seats for the announcements.

Announcements

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (*Matthew 6.21*)

The people's gifts of bread, wine and money are offered at the altar. All are invited to give by placing money in the offering basket as it circulates, visiting a Tap machine located at the Quadra St. and Burdett Ave doors, or scanning the QR code found in this leaflet.

Hymn #533—Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Tune: Aberystwyth / *the people stand*

Prayer over the Gifts

Deacon God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,</i>	Holy, holy, holy,
	<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	Lord God of hosts.
	<i>Pleni sunt coeli et terra</i>	Heaven and earth are full
	<i>gloria tua.</i>	of your glory.
	<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.
	<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Blessed is he who comes
	<i>in nomine Domini.</i>	in the name of the Lord.
	<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Presider Christ is the bread of life.
All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Presider Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with [...and] all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in

Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **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 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.

Fraction Sentence

Bread is broken. Silence may be kept.

Presider We break this bread,
People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to receive communion around the altar rails. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer not to receive the Bread or Wine, simply cross your arms and a blessing will be offered. Communion ministers will come to the pews to serve any who cannot access the altar rails.

Agnus Dei

Choir Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Anthem

Word, equal to the Almighty, our only hope,
Eternal light of the earth and the Heavens;
We break the peaceful night's silence,
Divine Saviour, cast your eyes upon us!

Spread the fire of your mighty grace upon us
May the entire hell flee at the sound of your voice;
Disperse from any slothful soul the drowsiness
Which induces it to forget your laws!

Oh Christ, look with favour upon this faithful people
Which has now gathered to bless you.
Receive its singing, offered to your immortal glory,
And may it leave with the gifts you have bestowed upon it!

Text: Jean-Baptiste Racine (d. 1669)

Music: Gabriel Fauré (d.1924)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is shared. Following the presider, the people stand.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Sending Forth of the Community

Hymn #372—Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Tune: Gerontius / *remain standing*

Solemn Prayer over the People

Dean Let us bow before the Lord.

The people may bow their heads, or kneel.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Lord, Build Me a Cabin in Glory Land

Uzee Brown (b. 1950)

Thank you for being part of this morning's service. Please join us in the Chapter Room for coffee hour.



The flowers in the cathedral are placed to the glory of God.

Readings for Next Sunday, 1 March.

Genesis 12.1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

John 3.1-17

Sources

The Book of Alternative Services (1985); A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.; Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006); Eucharistic Prayer E, Common Worship (2000), Proper Prefaces for Lent from The Book of Alternative Services (1985); The Book of Occasional Services (2018).

Monthly Outreach

The monthly outreach for February is the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation. The foundation is an Indigenous-led registered charitable organization that funds programs to support the revitalization of the languages, arts, and cultural heritage of BC First Nations. Their goal is to secure stable, long-term funds that support intergenerational cultural revitalization of BC First Nations communities. For more information visit their website www.fpcf.ca

Organ Voluntaries in February

In recognition of Black History Month, this month's organ voluntaries have been selected to showcase works by Black composers. This week we will hear music by composers Uzee Brown, Jr. and John Wesley Work III.

Uzee Brown, Jr. (b. 1950) is a distinguished performer, composer, and educator. A leading authority on Black spirituals, he serves as Chair of the Creative and Performing Arts Division at Morehouse College. A notable director and arranger for musical theatre, he was nominated in 1992 for the AUDELCO award in black theatre for his work on the Off-Broadway musical Zion. He also co-founded Onyx Opera Atlanta in 1988 to promote Black operatic composers and performers.

John Wesley Work III (1901-1967) was a noted composer, educator, choir director, and musicologist, remembered especially for his work as a folk song collector specializing in spirituals. As a composer, many of his compositions are based on the spirituals and folk songs he collected as part of his research.

Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidespersons</i>	Leah Ibbitson, Victor Aimey, Gwyneth Evans, Wendy Dryden
<i>Verger</i>	Bruce Davies
<i>Servers</i>	Daegan Noel, Mairead Burdick
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Young Choristers The Cathedral Choir Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Susanna Longridge, Ian Alexander
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Susanna Longridge, Sue Black, Jen Purkis, Ian Roberstson
<i>Camera and Tech Team</i>	The Cathedral Technical Team
<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 5.00 p.m.,
Saturdays from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Sundays from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.*

Monday

8.45 a.m. Morning Prayer, said *Lady Chapel*
5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer, said *Lady Chapel*

Tuesday

8.45 a.m. Morning Prayer, said *Lady Chapel*
5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer, said *Lady Chapel*

Wednesday

9.40 a.m. School Chapel *Nave*
10.00 a.m. Walking Group *See Website for Location*
12.15 p.m. Holy Communion, said *St Christopher's Chapel*
5.00 p.m. Choral Evensong *Nave*
7.00 p.m. Pacific Baroque Festival: Iberian Splendour
with Abraham Ross, organ (*Ticketed Event*) *Nave*

Thursday

8.45 a.m. Morning Prayer, said *Lady Chapel*
5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer, said *Lady Chapel*

Friday

8.45 a.m. Morning Prayer, said *Lady Chapel*
5.00 p.m. Evening Prayer, said *Lady Chapel*

Saturday

10.00 a.m. Walking Group *See Website for Location*

Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, said *Lady Chapel*
9.15 a.m. Holy Eucharist *Nave*
11.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist *Nave / Livestreamed*
4.00 p.m. Pacific Baroque Festival Choral Evensong *Nave / Livestreamed*

**For information on joining or attending, contact the Cathedral Office*

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