



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 9.15 am

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia.

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.

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.

The Gathering

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 425

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;

**teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

Text: Henry van Dyke (1852-1933), alt.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867).

DOMINICAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

SEASONAL GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116.1-3, 10-17



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

'O Lord, I pray you, save my life.'

I will lift up the cup of salvation.

How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will lift up the cup of salvation.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his servants.

I will lift up the cup of salvation.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant and child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will lift up the cup of salvation.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

I will lift up the cup of salvation.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1.17-23

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.13-35

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the center aisle.



The choir sings

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures;
make our hearts burn within us while we speak.

The acclamation is reprised:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

The people sit.

SERMON

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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 worshiped 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

The people remain standing. Each bidding concludes
Risen Christ, we pray.

The people respond
Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes the prayers with the following or another suitable collect:

Lord of the gathering feast, you walk with us on the shadowed road: burn our hearts with Scripture's open flame; unveil our darkened eyes as bread is torn and shared, and from the broken fragments bless a people for yourself; through Jesus Christ, the host of the world.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2



The people stand.

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 Street and Burdett Avenue doors, or scanning the QR code found in this service leaflet.

HYMN 207

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
 praise to our victorious King,
 who hath washed us in the tide
 flowing from his pierced side;
 praise we him, whose love divine
 gives his sacred blood for wine,
 gives his body for the feast,
 Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
 death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
 Israel's hosts triumphant go
 through the wave that drowns the foe.
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
 paschal victim, paschal bread;
 with sincerity and love,
 eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from on high,
 hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
 death is broken in the fight,
 thou hast brought us life and light.
 Now no more can death appal,
 now no more the grave enthrall!
 Thou hast opened paradise,
 and in thee thy saints shall rise.

This our gift of Easter joy,
 sin alone can not destroy;
 from sin's power do thou set free
 souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
 Hymns of glory and of praise,
 Father, unto thee we raise;
 risen Lord, all praise to thee,
 with the Spirit, ever be.

Text: Latin (Ad cenam Agni, 1632); tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.
 Music: Melody J. Hintze (1622-1702); harm. J. S. Bach (1685-1750); alt. harm. Derek Holman (1931-2019) ©.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Scottish Liturgy, Prayer VI

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores, our broken world. You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life. Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. He lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire in us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love. As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus

Dom Gregory Murray

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow-er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name_

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all, for by the Cross eternal life is ours and death is swallowed up in victory. In the first light of Easter glory broke from the tomb and changed the women's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery shone clear that he whom they had loved and lost is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking peace to the fearful disciples, greeting fishermen on the shore, he renewed the promise of his presence and of new birth in the Spirit who sets the seal of freedom on your children.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke

the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

FRACTION SENTENCE

Bread is broken. Silence may be kept.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

During the distribution of communion, 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. Prayers may be requested for yourself or for others, and the content of prayers is held in confidence.

ANTHEM

Alleluia!

Music: William Boyce (1711-1779)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

DOXOLOGY

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.

The Sending Forth

THE BLESSING

The presider, or bishop when present, pronounces God's blessing. The people respond.
Amen.

HYMN 456

Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen

He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart,
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas,
the ocean's fume and foam;

yet small and still upon the breeze,
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving name
for every child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored:
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Saviour, and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-); first line from Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, 1910. © 1984 Hope Publishing Co.

Music: Melody of Nikolaus Herman (1480?-1561); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

THE DISMISSAL

Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God

by Karl-Lukas in thanksgiving for his mother, Nicola Steiniger, on the occasion of her birthday.



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider	The Reverend Canon Jeannine Friesen
Homilist	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Adela Torchia
Sacristan	Bob Fearnley
Servers	The Servers Guild of Christ Church Cathedral
Readers	Elizabeth Pulker, Carol Gregg
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers The Parish Choir Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Brenda Mowbray, Sue MacRae
Healing Ministry	Frances McLeod, Judith Kelsey
Sidespersons	Drew Brazier, Clementine Wolferstan, Susan McKelvie <i>The Chancel Guild, Sue Black, President</i>

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A House of Prayer

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)
8.45 a.m. | Weekdays, Except Wednesdays

School Chapel (Nave)
9.40 a.m. | Wednesdays during Term

Midweek Eucharist (St. Christopher Chapel)
12.15 p.m. | Wednesdays

Choral Evensong (Nave)
5.00 p.m. Wednesdays during term

Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel)
5.00 p.m. | Weekdays, Except Wednesdays

SUNDAYS*

BCP Holy Eucharist
8.00 a.m. | Lady Chapel

Holy Eucharist
9.15 a.m. | Nave

Choral Eucharist
11.00 a.m. | Nave and Livestream

Choral Evensong
4.00 p.m. | Nave and Livestream

**Periodically, there is a combined Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. Updates are posted to the website.*

Outreach to The Food Bank at St John the Divine

The focus of our monthly outreach in the second quarter of this year will be to provide support for the unhoused in Victoria. The Food Bank at St John the Divine was started in 1995. The volunteers at the Food bank connect with many partners to provide healthy food and other essentials which are donated or purchased at cost-effective prices. Donations are stretched as far as possible so as many people as possible may be served. As part of the mission to be a source of food for those in need, the Food Bank forms part of the Food Share Network and as such fulfils an environmental purpose to rescue food that would otherwise end up in the landfill.

Happening this Week



Detailed information is found online.

Walking Group
Wed 22 Apr & Sat 25 Apr |
10.00 a.m.

Emily Carr String Quartet
Fri 24 Apr | 5.00 p.m.

International Organ Day

Sat 25 Apr | 9.00 a.m. |
Registration required