



# HOLY BAPTISM

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

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Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 11.00 am

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*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.*

*This service is being broadcast live on the internet.*

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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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Organ Prelude*

C. S. Lang (d. 1971)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

*The people stand as the procession enters.*

HYMN 425

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.**

#### BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATIONS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

There is one body and one Spirit,

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**One God and Father of all.**

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,**

**and from you no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Herbert Howells (d.1983)  
Collegium Regale

*Sung by the choir.*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## 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 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 LOVE the Lord, \* for he has heard the voice of my suppli-ca-tion;  
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the benefits he has giv-en to me?

I will lift up the cup of sal-va-tion  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

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 faith-ful servants.

O Lord, I am your ser-vant,  
your servant, the child of your handmaid; \* you have freed me from ^ my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanks-giv-ing  
and call upon the name of the Lord.

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

In the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in the midst of you, O Jer-u^sa-lem.

## 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 John.  
**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.*

# Holy Baptism

## THE PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES

*The Dean begins*

The candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The sponsors reply in turn*

I present N to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*The Dean asks each candidate*

Do you desire to be baptized?

*The candidates each reply*

I do.

*Then, the child to be baptized is presented*

I present *N* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*The Dean asks the parents and sponsors,*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

*Parents and sponsors,*

I will, with God's help.

*The Dean*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and sponsors,*

I will, with God's help.

## THE EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The Dean continues*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*The candidates alone reply*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

I do.

*The presider now addresses the congregation.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

We will.

*The assembly now processes to the font for the administration of Holy Baptism, singing:*

## HYMN 42

Marching

Crashing waters at creation,  
ordered by the Spirit's breath,  
first to witness day's beginning  
from the brightness of night's death.

Parting water stood and trembled  
as the captives passed on through,  
washing off the chains of bondage,  
channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan  
closed around the one foretold,  
opened to reveal the glory  
ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending,  
quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Wellspring, source of life eternal,  
drench our dryness, make us whole.

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Music: Martin Shaw (1875-1958) © J. Curwen & Sons Ltd. G. Schirmer, Inc.

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.*

*The deacon bids the prayers:*

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Dean concludes the prayers.*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**I will, with God's help.**

## THE BAPTISM

*Each candidate is presented by name to the baptizing cleric, who then pours water upon, the candidates, saying,*

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Dean makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each one (using chrism if desired) saying to each,*  
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

*Each newly baptized adult is vested with an alb.*

*The newly baptized are presented a lit candle with the following words*

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*When all of the newly baptized have received candles, the people say,*

**Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

*The Dean continues*

Most loving God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God.**

**Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*All process back to their seats in the nave, singing*

## HYMN 42

Marching

**Crashing waters at creation,  
ordered by the Spirit's breath,  
first to witness day's beginning  
from the brightness of night's death.**

## 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.*

Salzburg

### 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 Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750);

### 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:

*The choir sings*

Howells

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The presider continues*

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.*

## AGNUS DEI

Howells

*The choir sings*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

## ANTHEM

Patrick Hadley (d.1973)

My beloved spake, and said unto me, rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land. The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise my love, my fair one and come away.

- Song of Solomon 2

## 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 (1926-2024); 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!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Fanfare, La Péri*

Paul Dukas (d. 1935)

*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 Canon Bill Tarter
Sacristan	Bob Fearnley
Servers	The Servers Guild of Christ Church Cathedral
Readers	Daniel Dempsey, Elsie Hepburn
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers The Cathedral Choir Mark McDonald, Assistant Director of Music Donald Hunt, Director of Music
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Black, Elsie Hepburn, Jen Purkis, Daniel Dempsey
Sidespersons	Donna White, Karen Young, Elaine Ellison <i>The Chancel Guild</i> , Sue Black, <i>President</i> <i>The Cathedral Technical Team</i>

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# A House of Prayer

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## 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

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*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