



CONFIRMATION WITH RECEPTION AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 4.00 pm

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

VOLUNTARY *Andante & Andante con moto, Sonata No.5 in D major*

Felix Mendelssohn (d. 1847)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 224

Richmond

**Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice and on his praises dwell.**

**Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Saviour greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,**

**those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.**

**His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.**

**O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!**

Text: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt. Music: Thomas Haweis (1734-1820);
adapt. Samuel Webbe the younger (1770?-1843).



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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Missae Brevis

Sung by the choir, in Latin.

Glória in excélsis Deo et in terra pax
homínibus bonae voluntátis.

Laudámus te, benedícimus te,

adorámus te, glorificámus te,

grátias ágimus tibi propter

magnam glóriam tuam,

Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis,

Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili Unigénite, Iesu Christe,

Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei,

Fílius Patris,

qui tollis peccáta mundi,

miserére nobis;

qui tollis peccáta mundi,

súscipe deprecatióem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserére nobis.

Quóniam tu solus Sanctus,

tu solus Dóminus,

tu solus Altíssimus,

Iesu Christe,

cum Sancto Spíritu:

in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

we adore you, we glorify you,

we give you thanks on account of

your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly king,

Almighty God and Father,

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,

who takes away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

who takes away the sin of the world,

hear our prayers;

you who are seated at the right hand of the

Father, have mercy on us:

For you alone are Holy,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, grant that we who have been buried with Christ in baptism may be raised with him to newness of life. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit that we may live in righteousness and true holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 55.1-3a, 6-13

THE FIRST READING

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest.

One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those
who live the words they pray.

Text: Ps. 84; para. sts. 1-2, Scottish Psalter, 1650; para. sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-). Sts. 3-4 © 1981 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: Donald Hunt (b. 1985)

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5.17-20

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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



The choir sings

God was in Christ reconciling the world,
and has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

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 Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee

The people stand.

The Rite of Confirmation

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The Bishop invites the candidates and sponsors to the chancel rail. Once gathered, the Bishop says
The candidates confirmation, reception and reaffirmation of baptismal vows will now be presented.

The candidates are presented by congregation, each sponsor saying

I present *N.* for confirmation.
I present *N.* to be received into this Communion.
I present *N.* who *desire(s)* to reaffirm *their* baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

The candidates each reply

I do.

The Bishop asks

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

The candidates each reply

I do.

The Bishop asks

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

The candidates each reply

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

The Bishop 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 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop begins

Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying,
"Lord, hear our prayer."

The deacon bids the prayers:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death;
in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth;
in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church;
in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may learn to love others in the power of the Spirit;
in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love;
in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory;
in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Bishop concludes the prayers

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence may be kept, then the Bishop prays

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these* your *servants* the covenant you made with *them* at *their* baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The candidates come forward, and the Bishop lays her hands upon each one and says,

For Confirmation

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N* with your Holy Spirit; empower *them* for your service; and sustain *them* all the days of *their* life. **Amen.**

Or

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N* with your heavenly grace, that *they* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *they come* to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

N, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

After all have been confirmed, received or reaffirmed their baptismal vows, the Bishop concludes

Almighty and everliving God, let your loving hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The presider bids 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. Today's offerings benefit the Bishop's mission priorities.

Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,
 true source of life, our lives sustain;
 from the best bliss that earth imparts,
 we turn unfilled to you again.

Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
 you rescue those who on you call:
 to those yet seeking, you are good;
 to those who find you, all in all.

We taste of you, the living bread,
 and long to feast upon you still.
 We drink from you, the fountainhead;
 our thirsty souls from you we fill.

Our restless spirits long for you,
 however may our lot be cast,
 glad when your gracious smile we view,
 blessed when our faith can hold you fast.

Jesus, forever with us stay:
 make all our moments calm and bright;
 chase the dark night of sin away;
 spread through the world your holy light.

Text: Latin (Jesu, dulcedo cordium, 12th cent.); tr. Ray Palmer, (1808-1887), alt. Music: Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

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:

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.

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.

Dove

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the choir, in Latin.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

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

ANTHEM

William H. Harris (d. 1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin, and having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou diddest die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live for ever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake,
who dost all grace supply, with love may one another entertain;
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

- Edmund Spenser (1552-1599)

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 Bishop pronounces God's blessing. The people respond.
Amen.

HYMN 36

Omni Die

Now there is no male or female, now there is no free or slave,
now there is no Jew or Gentile in the world Christ came to save.
Christ has set us free for freedom: we no more sing slavery's creed;
old submissions cannot claim us, Christ has set us free indeed.

Crucified with Christ the Saviour, baptised in his holy death,
and as Christ was raised to glory we have new life on this earth.
Power of water and God's naming, turning us from dark to light,
joins us to those who, before us, ran the race and fought the fight.

Death has no dominion o'er him, so for us death holds no power;
life's own waters now have marked us born to God this very hour.
From this moment and forever dead to sin, alive, to Christ,
born of water and the Spirit, now in Christ we find our life.

Text: Lynette Miller (1943-2020) ©. Music: Melody Gesangbuch, Trier, 1695.

THE DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY *Allegro maestoso, Sonata No.5 in D major*

Felix Mendelssohn (d. 1847)

*Those who were confirmed or received, or who reaffirmed their baptismal vows today
join the chancel party for a group photograph on the cathedral steps,
followed by individual photographs in the Chapel of Reconciliation.*

*All are warmly invited to a reception in the Saint Christopher Chapel to the right of the high altar at the
conclusion of today's service.*



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Bishop, Homilist	The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee, <i>Bishop</i>
Presider	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Gil Shoesmith
Bishop's Chaplain	Sean Tiernay
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Servers	Pamela Robertson, Mairead Burdick, Susan McKelvie
Readers	David Collins, Jacquie Collins
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers The Young Choristers The Cathedral Schola Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Black, Elsie Hepburn, Jen Purkis, Daniel Dempsey
Sidespersons	David Collins, Jacquie Collins, Jen Purkis, Maureen Applewhaite, Elaine Ellison <i>The Chancel Guild, Sue Black, President</i> <i>The Cathedral Technical Team</i>

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