



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 3, 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 620

St Peter

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.

Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935) Desc. @ Cambridge University Press

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!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

David Thorne

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.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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

THE FIRST READING

Acts 7.55-60

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31.1-5

Save me from shame, my refuge, Lord,
in righteousness deliver me;
incline your ear, O Lord, I pray,
make haste to help me, set me free.

Be my strong rock; you are my crag,
my stronghold, castle none can take;
lead me, O Lord, along straight paths
and guide me for your own Name's sake.

Release me from the secret snare;
you are my tower of strength and might;
I trust my spirit to your hands,
Redeemer, God of truth and might.

Text: Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29-32); para. Paul Gibson (1932-2022) ©.

Music: Melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), alt. harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2.2-10

The reading concludes

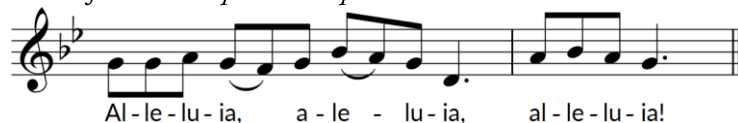
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14.1-14

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



The choir sings

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, but by me.

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.

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:

Risen Christ, give us grace to love one another, to search for truth and to walk in the ways of justice and peace, so that we may abide in the Father's love always.
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 533

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone;
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,

all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find!
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name;
I am all unrighteousness:
false and full of sin I am;
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart;
rise to all eternity.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Joseph Parry (1841-1903).

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

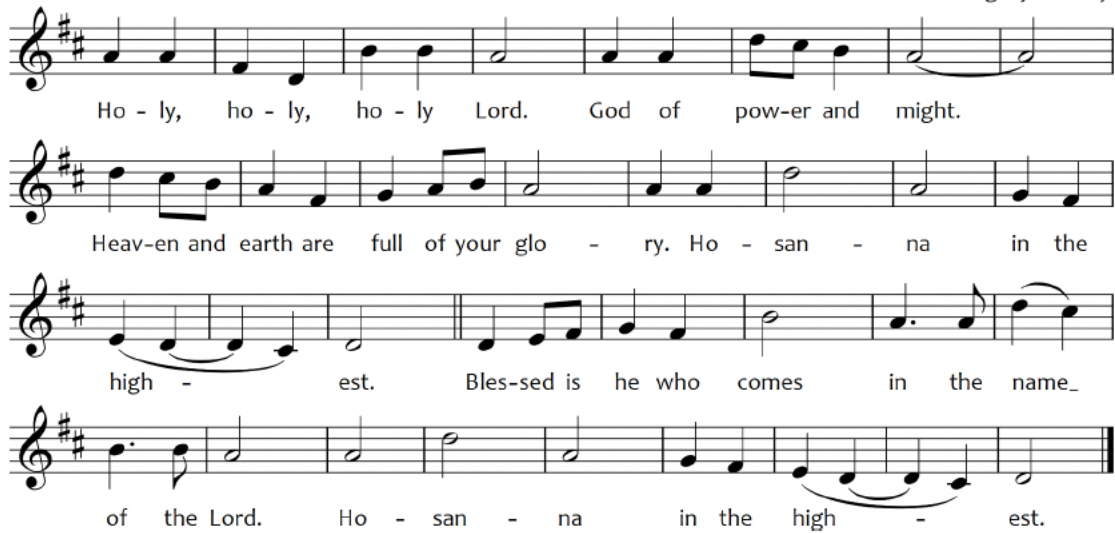
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

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 Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

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

Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been: love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
In the grave they laid him, Love whom we had slain, thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for the three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen: love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, then your touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and brae have been; love is come again, like wheat that springs up green!

- J. M. C. Crum (d. 1958)

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 450

Rhosymedre

You call us, Lord, to be
a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care
for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare
to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be
good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place
of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve:
to die that we may live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

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THE DISMISSAL

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

The flowers in the cathedral are given to the Glory of God

and at the High Altar in memory of Marianne and Alfred Rothe by Barbara & John Barton and at the Lady Chapel in memory of Brian Thomas Walmsley Josling, by his family.



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider	The Reverend Ross Bliss
Homilist	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Sacristan	Bob Fearnley
Servers	The Servers Guild of Christ Church Cathedral
Readers	Carol Gregg, Gordon Wheatley
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers The Parish Choir Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Healing Ministry	Susan MacRae, Judith Kelsey
Sidespersons	Susan McKelvie, Heather Stokes, Rose Jual <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 Threshold Housing

As we continue our focus this quarter on supporting the unhoused population in Victoria, in May we highlight Threshold Housing. The Threshold Housing Society was born in 1990 out of concern from community members in response to the number of people living on the streets. In that year, a group of Anglican parishioners formed a non-profit society to serve the growing population of homeless in Victoria. Their work began by opening a house for young men at risk of homelessness and that was followed by a second house for young women. From those beginnings, Threshold Housing has grown to offer homes, support and hope and serves youth at-risk-of or experiencing homelessness, aging out of care, or fleeing violence in the home.

Happening this Week



Detailed information is found online.

Walking Group
Wed 6 May & Sat 9 May |
10.00 a.m.