

Officiant's Customary Sunday Evensong

PREPARATIONS

Music

Preces and Responses

In advance, determine which setting will be sung. Music is published on the cathedral website at <https://www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/music-at-christ-church-cathedral/worship-and-music>. Scores are kept in the clergy vestry, in an alphabetized stack on the shelves between vestments.

Propers

Propers are published online at

<https://www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/pages/lectionary>

Collects

Three collects are chanted. These include the Collect of the Day, printed in the leaflet, as well as one from each of two groups of collects. This custom follows the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (TEC).

The collects are published at [here](#) and accessible from the website at [services/customaries](#).

Sermon

The sermon at Evensong is 5-6 minutes / 500-600 words, and generally allows for the exposition of a single theme. The congregation often includes visitors or lightly churched seekers, and may include young choristers, so the preacher should take particular care to avoid theological terms of art and employ language that is accessible to a broad congregation.

Prayers of the Community

The officiant offers prayers of the community. Two, concluding with the prayer of St. John Chrysostom, is generally ample. Officiants are encouraged to curate prayers from

contemporary resources, and use them as opportunity to meaningfully engage the themes of the day and the concerns of the wider community and world.

Rehearsal/Check-in

- At 3:30 p.m., rehearse the Preces and Responses with the choir.
- Verify the lections with the sacristan or verger.

Preparations and Vestry Prayer

- By 3:55 p.m., meet the choir in the rear hallway.
- Form the procession at the gate of the Lady Chapel.
- After the organ voluntary, offer a vestry prayer, which may be spoken or sung.
 - A final prayer is also offered with the choir after the outgoing procession.