



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
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✝ Choral Evensong

Ascension Sunday

Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday

*With a sermon given by
the Most Reverend Shane Parker,
Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada*

Christ Church Cathedral

May 17, 2026

4:00 PM

You are invited to join in the prayers and singing of the hymns, as we make our offering of prayer and worship.

Hymn

CP 17

Christ, Mighty Saviour

[INNISFREE FARM]

Text: Phos hilaron, Greek hymn (200?), para. Mozarabic (10th cent.)

Tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (1930-2016) © Tr. 1982 The Church Pension Fund

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1 Christ, might - y Sav - iour, Light of all cre - a - tion,
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting;
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer,
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion:
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vig - il,



you make the day - time ra - diant with the sun - light
mir - ror of day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion;
joy - ful - ly chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you,
that you may grant us par - don for of - fen - ses,
for - ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus,



and to the night_ give glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment,
while in the heav - ens choirs of stars ap - pear - ing
with all cre - a - tion join - ing hearts and voic - ces
strength for our weak_ hearts, rest for ach - ing bod - ies,
in light or dark - ness wor - ship - ping our Sav - iour



stars in the hea - vens.
hal - low the night - fall.
sing - ing your glo - ry.
sooth - ing the wear - y.
now and for ev - er.

The Dean The Cathedral sits on the ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh nations. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Coast Salish Peoples. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion and respecting the dignity of every human being, we have a responsibility to acknowledge, honour and make visible the Cathedral's relationship to Native peoples.

All **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

The Dean Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age. [*Matthew 28. 19, 20*]

Preces and Responses

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Minister/Choir O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God make speed to save us

O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised!

Psalm 24 (*Chant: Ivor Atkins, 1869-1953*)

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

6 and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

8 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 96 (*Chant: Neil Cockburn, 2024*)

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless the divine name; proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day.

3 Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations and the wonders of God among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is you, O Lord, who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of your presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of your sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due the divine name; bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord.
 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before God.
 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord reigns!
 The Lord who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
 let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord who is coming,
 who is coming to judge the earth.
 13 The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with truth.
 Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Acts 1: 6-14

Office Hymn CP 245 O Lord Most High, Eternal King [GONFALON ROYAL]

Canticle Magnificat in C Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
The congregation may stand for the Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. *Gloria Patri.*

The Second Lesson John 17: 1-11

Canticle Nunc Dimittis in C Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
The congregation may stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. *Gloria Patri.*

The Apostles' Creed

Minister

I believe in God,

All

**the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated or kneel.

Responses [Minister/Choir]

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Let us pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister

Our Father,

All

**which art in heav'n,
hallow'd be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heav'n.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

The Litany

Minister

Let us pray, saying, “Giver of life, hear our prayer.”

Fill us with the joy of Christ’s holy and life-giving resurrection.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Strengthen isolated and persecuted churches in the Easter gospel.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Bring wars and famines throughout the earth to an end.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people.

Giver of life, hear our prayer.

Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering
we pray for people of all faiths—Jews, Muslims, and Christians
and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end of violence and the establishment of peace,
we also call to you to bring justice and equality to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as
your children—for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.

*[Archbishop Hosam (2024), Archbishop in Jerusalem
for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East]*

All

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom:

Almighty God,
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications unto thee;
and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name
thou wilt grant their requests:
fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants,
as may be most expedient for them;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting.

All

Amen.

Hymn

SNC 127 A Voice Was Heard in Ramah

[EWING]

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillete, 2004

Music: Alexander Ewing (1830-95), Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861.



1 A voice was heard in Ra - mah that could not be con - soled,
2 O God, we hear the cry - ing for lit - tle ones of yours;
3 When - ev - er one is weep - ing, the whole world suf - fers, too.
4 O Prince of Peace, you lead us in ways of truth and grace.

as Ra - chel wept for chil - dren she could no long - er hold.
for man - y still are dy - ing in con - flicts and in wars.
Yet, Je - sus, as we serve them, we're al - so serv - ing you.
May we be brave to prac - tice your peace in ev - ery place,

For Her - od ruled the na - tion, yet feared the In - fant King.
In ev - ery trou - bled na - tion, on ev - ery vio - lent street,
So may we not ig - nore them, nor turn our eyes a - way,
to love each fear - filled na - tion, to serve each trou - bled street.

How great the dev - as - ta - tion that fear and an - ger bring!
how great the lam - en - ta - tion when fear and an - ger meet!
but help us la - bour for them to bring a bet - ter day.
How great the cel - e - bra - tion when peace and jus - tice meet!

Minister

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude

Toccata on the hymn tune Hanover: “O Worship the King”

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Sundays@4

Sundays@4 features a different music-centered worship each Sunday at 4 p.m. based on the service of Evening Prayer, following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Please join us in-person for Sundays@4. These services are not livestreamed.

Sunday May 24 - Pentecost Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Chamber Choir, including repertoire by Oscar Smith and William Byrd

Sunday May 31 - Trinity Sunday - Organ Vespers

Sunday June 7 - Corpus Christi - Holden Evening Prayer
Marty Haugen's beloved music setting of Sung Evening Prayer written at the Holden Village Retreat Center, WA.

Sunday June 14 - Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir, including repertoire by C.V. Stanford and W. H. Harris

Sunday June 21 - National Indigenous Day of Prayer
Evening Prayer with Music from the Taizé Community

Sunday June 28 - Pride Evening Prayer (Stonewall Uprising, June 28, 1969)
Broadway Vespers
A prayer service with solo and duo Broadway vocal works inspired by the readings.

SING WITHOUT CEASING

Choir Festival

Friday May 29, 2026

7.30pm

Christ Church Cathedral

Sing Without Ceasing is a service of worship in the form of a Diocesan Choir Festival taking place at Christ Church Cathedral on May 29, 2026, as part of the Mission Conference Weekend.

The evening will bring together singers from across the Diocese to form a Diocesan Mass Choir, alongside congregational singing, readings and other elements of worship. The Festival Service is offered in collaboration with Neil Cockbourn, Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral and will include a guest address from Bishop Michael Curry (retired 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of the US Episcopal Church).

All are welcome to attend.

Further information on the web: vancouver.anglican.ca

Participants

<i>Clergy</i>	The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas (<i>Dean of the Diocese of New Westminster, and Rector, Christ Church Cathedral</i>)
<i>Preacher</i>	The Most Reverend Shane Parker (<i>Primate, The Anglican Church of Canada</i>)
<i>Reader</i>	Bernard Cuffling
<i>Music</i>	Vocalists: Beth Currie, Emma Jang, Oscar Smith, Eric Schwarzhoff, Kip Johnson Dr. Neil Cockburn (<i>Director of Music</i>)

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This worship takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəy^{əm} (Musqueam), S^kwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səłilwətaʔł (Tsleil-Waututh) nations, in the heart of Vancouver.

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