



**VESPERS**  
**on Commemoration of**  
**John Calvin**  
**Priest and Reformer**      **1564**

**2026 May 28**

As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

# The Preparation

## *Officiant*

John Calvin's writings and ideas so significantly influenced the Church of England that Anglicanism can be fairly described as not only generally Protestant, but also "reformed". His conversion to Protestantism, which occurred around 1533, marked a pivotal moment in his life and set him on a path that would significantly change the landscape of Christianity. His theological genius came to prominence with the publication of his "***Institutes of the Christian Religion***" in 1536. In the same year, he was persuaded by fellow reformer Guillaume Farel to assist in the reformation of Geneva. Although Calvin never visited England, he corresponded with many of the English reformers, and warmly welcomed to Geneva the English "evangelicals" who were exiled during the reign of Mary Tudor. He helped spread Reformed theology and provided guidance and encouragement to the growing Protestant movement. Anglicans especially borrow from Calvin's understanding of the sacraments, seeing that the grace offered in the rites becomes effective in the hearts of those who receive him by faith. He died on May 27, 1564, in Geneva, having devoted his life to the reformation of the Church and the glory of God.

Adapted from "***The Centre for Reformation Anglicanism***" and "***The Daily Office, Book of Common Prayer, 2019 Edition***".

# The Preparation

*Officiant*

O God, make speed to save us,  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

From the rising of the Sun to its setting  
**your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.**  
**Amen.**

# Act of Praise

We Praise You, Father, for Your Gift  
Common Praise #33

## *Cantor or Officiant*

We praise you Father, for your gift of dusk and nightfall over earth, foreshadowing the mystery of death that leads to endless day.

Within your hands we rest secure, in quiet sleep, our strength renew; yet give your people hearts that wake in love to you, unsleeping Lord.

Your glory may we ever seek in rest, as in activity, until its fullness is revealed, O source of life, O Trinity.

# The Psalm

Psalm 119: 1 - 8

## *Psalmist*

Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
**who walk in the law of the Lord!**

Happy are they who observe God's decrees, \*  
**and seek the Lord with all their hearts.**

Who never do any wrong, \*  
**but always walk in God's ways.**

You laid down your commandments, \*  
**that we should fully keep them.**

Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
**that I might keep your statutes.**

Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
**when I regard all your commandments.**

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
**when I have learned your righteous judgments.**

## The Psalm (Cont'd)

I will keep your statutes; \*  
**do not utterly forsake me.**

## The Psalm Prayer

Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal. Teach us to love you with all our heart and to love our neighbour as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Reading

## John 15: 1 - 11

### *Reader*

A reading from John.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[c] my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

# Response

*After a brief period of reflection  
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall  
inherit the Earth.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Affirmation of Faith

Let us Affirm our Faith as we recite “Hear, O Israel”

**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.  
This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

# Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

## *Presider*

Empowering God, you gave the church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Receive these our prayers, as we respond to the bidding, God of Love and compassion with Hear our Prayers.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania, The Rt. Rev. Ephraim Ntikabuze, Bishop. God of Love and compassion, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian cycle, we pray for the Bishop, people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa; Jerusalem and the Holy Week Sunday; the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land; the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; and for peace in the Middle East. God of Love and compassion, **Hear our Prayers.**

In our diocesan cycle, we pray for the The Deanery of Golden Ears -The Revd David Edgerton, Regional Dean; General Secretary, Ms Andrea Mann, and The General Synod Staff; St. Cuthbert, Delta – The Revd Monte Tugwete God of Love and compassion, **Hear our Prayers.**

## Intercessions, Petitions, & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

### *Presider*

In our parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for Shane, our Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; John, our Archbishop; Stephanie, our Priest; Bishop Benny and the people of the Northern Philippines; our sister Parish of St. Gabriel, the archangel; and any others you wish to name, either silently or aloud. God of Love and compassion, **Hear our Prayers.**

Grant, O God, that the prayers we offer may be your channel for new and abundant life not only hoped for, but worked for, through faithful word and deed. **Amen.**

# The Collect

*Officiant*

Sovereign and holy God, you brought John Calvin from a study of legal systems to understand the godliness of your divine laws as revealed in Scripture: Fill us with a like zeal to teach and preach your Word, that the whole world may come to know your Son Jesus Christ, the true Word and Wisdom; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, ever one God, in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

## *Officiant*

Believing in the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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,  
and 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 forever.  
Amen.**

# The Sending Forth

*Deacon (or Officiant)*

Let us go forth into the night, rejoicing  
in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

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

**Amen.**