

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

# Vespers

*Feast of Saint Barnabas the Apostle*

*Thursday, June 11, 2026*

# Gathering of the Community

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We are gathered here on the unceded territory of the Halkomelem-speaking peoples, including the Qayqayt First Nation, who have lived on and cared for these lands since time immemorial.

As we meet tonight, we acknowledge their enduring connection to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of truth, justice, and reconciliation.

You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

# Confession

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ALL

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us,**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

# Prayer for Pardon

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Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Officiant: O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;

**People: Hear my voice when I cry to you.**

Officiant: Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense;

**People: The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

# O Gracious Light

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PHOS HILARON

**O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God,  
O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

# Psalm 98 {1-4}

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**1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.**

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.**

**3 The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shewed in the sight of the nations.**

**4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the world have seen the victory of our God.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

(Reader)

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A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (11:22-24)

News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# The Song of Mary

## MAGNIFICAT

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- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦  
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦  
from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦  
and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦  
and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦  
to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

# The Prayers of the Community

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For the peoples of the Middle East, that peace may replace conflict,  
for the protection of all vulnerable and displaced persons,  
and for the softening of hearts toward reconciliation.

**Hear our prayer.**

For the bishops, priests, and deacons of the Anglican Church of Canada,  
that they may be granted wisdom and courage in their ministries,  
to lead your people with grace and truth.

**Hear our prayer.**

# The Prayers Continued

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For our neighbors without shelter in New Westminster,  
that they may find safety, warmth, and the support they need,  
and for us to be your hands of compassion in this city.

**Hear our prayer.**

For the building project at Holy Trinity,  
that the financial resources needed may be provided in abundance,  
to complete this work for your glory and the service of others.

**Hear our prayer.**

# Collects & Conclusion

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COLLECT FROM "PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING"

Eternal God, the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**People: Thanks be to God.**