

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Vespers

Thursday June 18, 2026

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Territorial Acknowledgment

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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.

The Preparation

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Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." — John 8:12

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 OF SIN

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.

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

Hear my voice when I cry to you.

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

The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

.Amen

O Gladsome Light

All

PHOS HILARON

O gladsome 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 107:1-3, 23-32

Psalmist

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

1 Samuel 15:10-23

Reader

The word of the Lord came to Samuel: "I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me, and has not carried out my commands." Samuel was angry; and he cried out to the Lord all night. Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul...

Saul said to him, "May the Lord bless you; I have carried out the command of the Lord." But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears, and the lowing of cattle that I hear?" Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the cattle, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed."

Samuel said to Saul, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obedience to the voice of the Lord? Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams."

The Song of Mary

Reader

MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1:46-55)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Luke 21:25-36

Reader

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life."

The Song of Simeon

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NUNC DIMITTIS (LUKE 2:29-32)

Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

THE DOXOLOGY

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

The Apostles' Creed

All

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Intercessions

Prayers

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.

Intercessions

Prayers

For our neighbors without shelter and those living in poverty 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 & Blessing

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COLLECT FROM "PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING"

O God, whose son Jesus Christ is the gladsome light of the eternal Father: sustain us through the setting of the sun and the rising of the moon, that we may enter into the rest of your sabbath peace, and wake to serve you in the light of the new day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

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.**