



# CHORAL EVENSONG WITH VALEDICTION OF CHORISTERS THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 12

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Sunday, June 21, 2026 at 4.00 pm

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*Welcome to the Cathedral Church of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia.*

*We respectfully acknowledge that we gather to worship on the ancestral lands  
of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, with whom we are in relationship to seek reconciliation.*

*This service is being broadcast live on the internet.*

*By attending, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

PRELUDE *Rêverie*

Louis Vierne (d. 1937)

*The people stand as the procession enters.*

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

*Sung in alternating voice between officiant and choir.*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show 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, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN 437

Sicilian Mariners

Jesus, come, for we invite you,  
guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak, and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures,  
guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your servants;

let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret,  
all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come in new creation,  
heaven brought near in power divine;  
give your unexpected glory,  
changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples—  
come, our first and greatest sign!

Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness;  
make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches,  
taste your love, believe and live!

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### PSALM 145:1-13

I will magnify thee, O God my King :  
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
Every day will I give thanks unto thee :  
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and marvellous worthy to be praised :  
there is no end of his greatness.  
One generation shall praise thy works unto another :  
and declare thy power.  
As for me I will be talking of thy worship :  
thy glory thy praise and wondrous works;  
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :  
and I will also tell of thy greatness.  
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :  
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.  
The Lord is gracious and merciful :  
long-suffering and of great goodness.  
The Lord is loving unto everyone :  
and his mercy is over all his works.  
All thy works praise thee O Lord :  
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.  
They shew the glory of thy kingdom :  
and talk of your power;  
That thy power thy glory and mightiness of thy kingdom :  
might be known unto men.  
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom :  
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.  
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.

# The Readings

## THE FIRST READING

Sirach 39.12-20

*The reading concludes*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## THE MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1.45-55)

Charles Wood (d. 1926)  
Evening Service in E-flat (No.2)

*The people stand, as the choir sings the canticle.*

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. 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.

## THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3.17-21

*The reading concludes*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS (LUKE 2.29-32)

Wood

*The people stand, as the choir sings the canticle.*

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. 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.

*The people stand.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
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.

## The Prayers

### THE LESSER LITANY AND LORD'S PRAYER

Moore

*Sung in alternating voice between officiant and choir.*

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*All may stand or kneel.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The choir continues*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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 SUFFRAGES

Moore

*Sung in alternating voice between officiant and choir.*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### THE COLLECTS

*The officiant chants three collects, beginning with*

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

## THE ANTHEM

Edgar Bainton (d. 1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

- Revelation 21.1-4

## HOMILY

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

## THE VALEDICTION OF CHORISTERS

*The congregation remains seated. The Dean begins*

I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt so lovingly with me;  
**I will praise the name of the Lord most high.**

*The Director of Music presents the departing choristers*

Dean Thomas, I present to you Evren Büyükçelen-Badel, Maya Büyükçelen-Badel, Scarlett Nicholson-Selly, and Daniel Zhao, who have faithfully completed their service as choristers at Christ Church Cathedral. I request that you now dismiss them with our thanks for their loyal work and diligence and give them Godspeed.

*The Dean places his hands on each departing chorister's head, one by one, and blesses them using the following or another suitable form*

Evren, Maya, Scarlett, and Daniel, may God inspire the music in you and may all the angels of God watch over you as you journey through this life, and may you be assured of our prayers as you continue on your pilgrimage of faith. And the blessing of God...

**Amen.**

*The Director of Music and Head of School present the departing choristers with gifts of appreciation. The Director of Music says*

Evren, Maya, Scarlett, and Daniel, we present you with these gifts as a token of our appreciation to remind you of your time in the choir of Christ Church Cathedral. With them, I offer congratulations for your achievement and appreciation for your service to this cathedral church.

*Applause is invited. Then, the Dean continues*

Sing to the Lord and bless his name:  
**Proclaim the good news of God's salvation from day to day.**

Let us pray. Bless, O Lord, your servants who minister in your temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## CLOSING PRAYERS

*Prayers are offered, concluding with*

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 hear their requests: Fulfill 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.

**Amen.**

## HYMN 29

St. Clement

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;  
the darkness falls at thy behest.  
To thee our morning hymns ascended;  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking  
thy faithful 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands and grows forever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

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## THE BLESSING

*The officiant, or bishop when present, pronounces God's blessing.*

**Amen.**

## VOLUNTARY *Exultemus*

Percy Whitlock (d. 1946)



## SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Homilist	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Readers	Bryn Badel, Kellan McDowell
Verger	Bob Fearnley
Musicians	The Young Choristers The Youth Choir The Cathedral Choir Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Sidespeople	<i>The Cathedral Technical Team</i>

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# A House of Prayer

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## WEEKDAYS

**Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)**  
8.45 a.m. | Monday to Friday

**Midweek Eucharist (St. Christopher Chapel)**  
12.15 p.m. | Wednesdays

**Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel)**  
5.00 p.m. | Monday to Friday

## SUNDAYS

**BCP Holy Eucharist**  
8.00 a.m. | Lady Chapel

**Combined Eucharist**  
10.30 a.m. | Nave and Livestream

**Evening Prayer with organ**  
4.00 p.m. | Nave

## Outreach to Sandy Merriman House

The Sandy Merriman House is an emergency shelter offering meals, clothing and shelter for 25 homeless women (cisgender, trans, non-binary and gender fluid people) over the age of 19. The length of time a person stays at the House is typically 60 days. Many people who find themselves without at home need basic supports and a place to stabilize before moving to supportive housing. The House provides meals, shower and laundry facilities, access to counselling and community nurse visits. Sandy Merriman House provides this support for women during a very vulnerable time in their lives.

## Happening this Week

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*Detailed information is found online.*

**Walking Group**  
Wed 24 Jun & Sat 27 Jun |  
10.00 a.m.

**Lunchtime Organ Music  
with organ scholars Oriel  
Chapman & Marianne  
Robinson**  
Fri 26 June | 12.30 p.m.

**Pride Eucharist**  
Sun 28 June | 4.00 p.m