



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

PROPER 17

Sunday, July 26, 2026, 8 and 10.30 am

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.

Today's service ("the liturgy") is the work of the whole People of God, and all are encouraged to speak the responses in **bold** and sing the hymns, found in the blue *Common Praise* hymnal.

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Voluntary in E minor*

Charles John Stanley (d. 1786)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 361

Ecce, Deus

**Surely it is God who saves me;
I shall trust and have no fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's healing spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.**

**Make God's deeds known to the peoples:
tell out his exalted name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works God's might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and
Holy One of Israel.**

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DOMINICAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

English Language Liturgical Consultation

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us hold this moment open to God's grace.
O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass
through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

or

Let us pray.
O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass
through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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 Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 3.5-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings
At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father

David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119.129-136

The psalm is spoken, alternating by whole verse between a vested minister and the congregation, with a brief breath at the asterisk.

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your name.

Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8.26-39

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us

everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 178

Bellwoods

Restore in us, O God,
the splendour of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fears unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfil
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the center aisle. The gospel is announced

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full,

they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Anna E. Rossi

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The intercessor begins

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbours,
and for all who are isolated.**

For this community, our country, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For all who suffer hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For those who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For all who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Anna our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

A brief silence is observed.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

In thanksgiving for the blessings of this life.

A brief silence is observed.

We will exalt you, O, God Most High
And praise your name for ever and ever.

For [...] and] all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone.

A brief silence is observed.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The presider bids the confession

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A brief silence is observed.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The presider, or bishop when present, pronounces God's forgiveness

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The people stand.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace, then take their seats for the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2



The people stand.

The people's gifts of bread, wine and money are offered at the altar. All are invited to give by placing money in the offering basket as it circulates, visiting a Tap machine, located at the Quadra Street and Burdett Avenue doors, or scanning the QR code found in this service leaflet.

HYMN 628

Puer Nobis Nascitur

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
it fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

God sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
for us, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast and hungered sore,
for us temptation sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here,
 to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

To God whose boundless love has won
 salvation for us through the Son,
 to God the Father, glory be
 both now and through eternity.

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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hill were gathered together to become one bread,
 so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom for yours is the
 glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

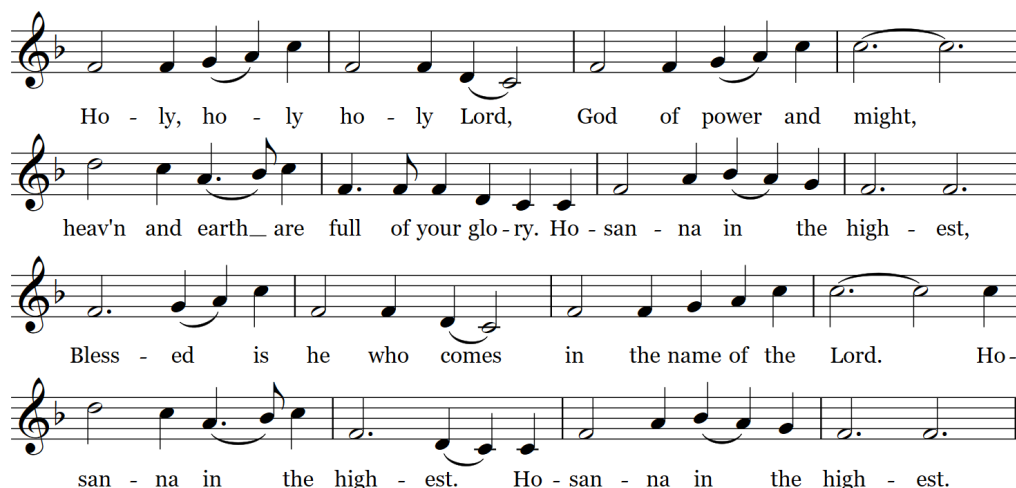
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est,
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The presider continues

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

FRACTION SENTENCE

Bread is broken. Silence may be kept.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive communion around the altar rails. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer not to receive the Bread or Wine, simply cross your arms and a blessing will be offered. Communion ministers will come to the pews to serve any who cannot access the altar rails.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

During the distribution of communion, prayers for healing with the laying-on-of-hands and anointing may be sought in the Lady Chapel, to the left of the high altar. Prayers may be requested for yourself or for others, and the content of prayers is held in confidence.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine;

Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sending Forth

THE LEAVETAKING

HYMN 461

Morning Light

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
you soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
it must not suffer loss.
From victory on to victory
his army he shall lead
till evil is defeated,
and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet-call obey;
then join the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Be strong in faith and serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger,
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his power alone,
for human might will fail you –
you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
keep watch with constant prayer;
where duty calls or danger,
be never failing there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The fight will not be long;

this day the noise of battle,
the next the victor's song.
To everyone who conquers,
a crown of life shall be;
we, with the king of glory,
shall reign eternally.

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Music: George James Webb (1803-1887).

THE BLESSING

The presider, or bishop when present, pronounces God's blessing.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Voluntary in G major*

William Boyce (d. 1779)

*All are warmly invited to coffee hour located in the Chapter Room,
located directly behind the nave and accessible from both side aisles.*

Flowers in the cathedral are given to the glory of God.



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

At 8 a.m.

Presider	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Vergers	Bob Fearnley

At 10:30 a.m.

Presider	The Reverend Ross Bliss
Homilist	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Canon Bill Tarter, CFC
Vergers	Bob Fearnley
Readers	Tim Helming, Julian Daly
Intercessor	Harriet Kendrick
Musicians	Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Susan McKelvie, Ian MacDonald, Daniel Dempsey, Elsie Hepburn
Healing Ministry	Frances McLeod, Susanna Longridge
Sidespersons	Jen Purkis, Diana McNeil, Ian Robertson, Dorothy Robertson
	<i>The Chancel Guild, Sue Black, President</i>
	<i>The Cathedral Technical Team</i>

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A House of Prayer (THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6)

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)

8.45 a.m. | Monday-Friday

Midweek Eucharist (St. Christopher Chapel)

12.15 p.m. | Wednesdays, excepting holidays

Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel)

5.00 p.m. | Monday-Friday

SUNDAYS

BCP Holy Eucharist

8.00 a.m. | Lady Chapel

Combined Eucharist

10.30 a.m. | Nave and Livestream

Evening Office

4.00 p.m. | Nave

Outreach to Rainbow Haven

Last year, the Cathedral opened a safe house in Kenya for vulnerable LGBTQ refugees from Kakuma, the third largest refugee camp in the world. The Cathedral's safe house now provides stability and the necessities of life to nine residents registered with the UNHRC as they await permanent settlement in a third country. This month's outreach will empower the residents to generate income through home-based micro-businesses including tailoring, soap making and roadside food sales. These activities will help restore dignity and hope to the residents who have experienced trauma, hardship and displacement. Donations to the Cathedral's safe house will be matched up to \$1,500, so your contribution this month will have an even greater impact. Please keep the residents in your prayers. Thank you for your support.

Happening this Week



*Detailed information is
found online.*

Walking Group

Wed 29 July & Sat 1 Aug |
10.00 a.m.

Summer Recital Series

Every Sunday in July &
August | 2.00 p.m.