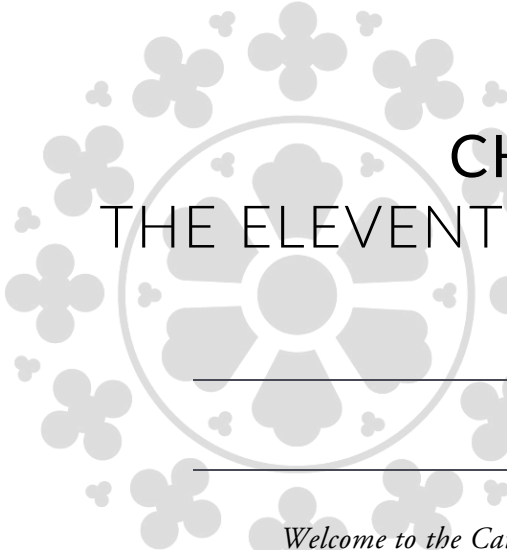




CHORAL EVENSONG

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 19

Sunday, August 9, 2026 at 4.00 pm

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 *Allegretto piacevole, Adagio, come prima, & Poco lento*
(Vesper Voluntaries)

Edward Elgar (d. 1934)

The people stand as the procession enters.

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES

plainchant

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.

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!
How sweet their memory still!
But they have left an aching void
the world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest:
I hate the sins that made thee mourn
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800). Music: Melody Scottish Psalter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

PSALM 86

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me;
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve thou my soul for I am godly:
save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
Thou art my God; be merciful unto me O Lord;
for all the day long do I call upon thee.
Comfort the soul of thy servant;
for unto thee O Lord do I lift up my soul.
For thou Lord art good and gracious,
and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
Give ear Lord unto my prayer,
and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee;
for thou hearest me.
Among the gods there is none like unto thee O Lord;
there is not one that can do as thou doest.
All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee O Lord,
and shall glorify thy Name.
For thou art great and doest wonderous things:
thou – art God alone.

Teach me thy way O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth:
 O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
 I will thank thee O Lord my God with all my heart,
 and will praise thy Name for evermore;
 For great is thy mercy toward me;
 and thou hast delivered my soul from the nether-most hell.
 O God, the proud are risen up against me,
 and a band of violent men have sought after my soul,
 and have not set thee before their eyes.
 But thou O Lord art a God full of compassion and gracious,
 long suffering, plenteous in mercy and truth.
 O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me;
 give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thy handmaid.
 Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
 because thou Lord hast helped me and comforted me.
 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

1 Kings 11.41-12.20

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1.45-55)

Olivia Sparkhall (b. 1976)
 Amy Beach Canticles

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

Acts 14.8-20

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 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

plainchant

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

plainchant

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

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

THE ANTHEM

Richard Lloyd (d. 2021)

View me, Lord, a work of thine! Shall I then lie drown'd in night? Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light. Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel At thine altar pure and white;
They at once thy mercies feel, Gaze no more on earth's delight. Worldly joys like shadows fade
When the heavenly light appears; But the covenants Thou hast made, Endless, know not days nor
years. In thy word, Lord, is my trust, To thy mercies fast I fly; Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high.

- Thomas Campion (d. 1620)

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.

THE GRACE

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

HYMN 24

Eventide

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

VOLUNTARY *Poco allegro & Adagio come prima* (Vesper Voluntaries)

Edward Elgar (d. 1934)



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant, Homilist	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi
Readers	Jen Purkis, Br. Gene Sederstrom OSBCn
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Musicians	Sing The North Evensong Choir Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i>
Sidespeople	Jen Purkis, Maureen Applewhaite <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 Alongside Hope

Alongside Hope (formerly The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief. Since 1958, they have worked hand-in-hand with trusted partners in Canada and around the world on a journey of positive change. Together, they are improving health, food security and livelihoods where needs are greatest. Alongside Hope receives donations from people across Canada – Anglicans as well as non-Anglicans – and also receives funds from other sources, including Global Affairs Canada and institutional donors. Their volunteers promote Alongside Hope programs in churches and communities, to raise money and awareness about the needs of vulnerable people around the world. For more information please visit their website: alongsidehope.org

Happening this Week



Detailed information is found online.

Walking Group

Wed 12 Aug & Sat 15 Aug |
10.00 a.m.

Community Coffee Hour

Tue 11 Aug | 9.30 a.m.

Block Party: A Community Celebration

Sat 15 Aug |
10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Summer Recital Series

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