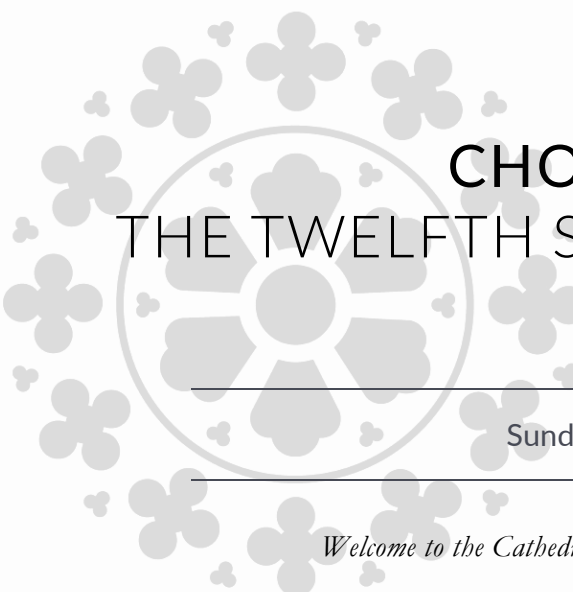




CHORAL EVENSONG

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 20

Sunday, August 16, 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.

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The Invitatory and Psalter

PRELUDE *Adoration*

Florence Price (d. 1953)

The people stand as the procession enters.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

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.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art —
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
 thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,
 high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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PSALM 90.1-12

Lord, thou hast been our refuge :
 from one generation to another.
 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made :
 thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
 Thou turnest man back to the dust :
 and thou sayest, 'Return, ye children of men.'
 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past :
 and as a watch in the night.
 Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as a sleep :
 in the morning they are like grass that groweth up.
 In the morning it is green and groweth up :
 but in the evening it is cut down and withered.
 For we consume away in thy displeasure :
 and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee :
 and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
 For when thou art angry all our days are gone :
 we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
 The days of our age are three score years and ten :
 or, if men be so strong, they may come to four score years;
 Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow :
 so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath :
 or feareth aright thine indignation?
 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

2 Kings 4.1-37

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1.45-55)

Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)
Fauxbourdons on Tonus Peregrinus

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 16.1-15

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (LUKE 2.29-32)

MacDonald

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

plainsong

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

plainsong

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.

And evermore mightily defend us.

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

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

THE ANTHEM

St. Hildegard of Bingen (d. 1179)
Transcribed by Beverly R. Lomer

O quam mirabilis est
prescientia divini pectoris
que prescivit omnem creaturam.
Nam cum Deus inspexit faciem hominis
quem formavit,
omnia opera sua in eadem forma
hominis integra aspexit.
O quam mirabilis est inspiratio
que hominem sic suscitavit.

How wonderful it is,
that the foreknowing heart divine
has first known everything created!
For when God looked upon the human face
that he had formed,
he gazed upon his ev'ry work,
reflected whole within that human form.
How wondrous is that breath
that roused humanity to life!

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 31

Ellers

**Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,
then lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.**

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.**

**Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.**

**Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.**

Text: John Ellerton (1826- 1893). Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901).

VOLUNTARY *In manus tuas*

Jeanne Demessieux (d. 1968)



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	Canon Ian Alexander
Readers	Jesse Robertson, Anthony Danda
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Musicians	Ensemble Laude Kathryn Whitney, <i>conductor</i> Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i>
Sidespeople	Maureen Applewhaite, Anthony Danda <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 19 Aug & Sat 22 Aug |
10.00 a.m.

Summer Recital Series

Every Sunday in August |
2.00 p.m.