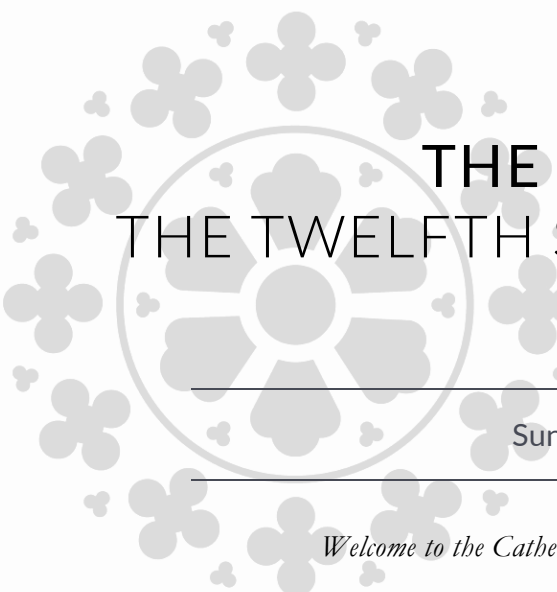




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

PROPER 20

Sunday, August 16, 2026, 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 *Chorale Prelude on "Melcombe"*

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (d. 1918)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 343

St. Stephen

**When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love and praise.**

**Unnumbered comforts to my soul
thy tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived
from whom those comforts flowed.**

**Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ;
nor is the least a cheerful heart
that tastes those gifts with joy.**

**Through every period of my life
thy goodness I'll pursue;
and after death, in distant worlds
the glorious theme renew.**

**Through all eternity to thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for, O, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise!**

Text: Joseph Addison, (1672-1719). Music: William Jones (1726-1800).

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

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**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.

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

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

O God, be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

**Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;
may you, O God our God, bless us.**

May you bless us, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 7

Melcombe

New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.

Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be,
as more of heaven in each we see;
some softening gleam of love and prayer
shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.**

Text: John Keble (1792-1866). Music: Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15. 21-28

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.

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 bids the prayers of the community, each concluding

Lord of all, we pray:

Hear our prayer.

The presider adds the following, or another suitable collect

God of the nations, all are invited to your table, for in your family no one is a stranger. Satisfy our hunger and mercifully extend to all people the joy of salvation and faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.
Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The presider bids the confession. All may kneel, or remain standing.

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to the holy table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A brief silence is observed.

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.**

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 70

Maryton

**Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,
true source of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to you again.**

**Your truth unchanged has ever stood;
you rescue those who on you call:
to those yet seeking, you are good;
to those who find you, all in all.**

**We taste of you, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still.
We drink from you, the fountainhead;
our thirsty souls from you we fill.**

**Our restless spirits long for you,
however may our lot be cast,
glad when your gracious smile we view,
blessed when our faith can hold you fast.**

**Jesus, forever with us stay:
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away;
spread through the world your holy light.**

Text: Latin (Jesu, dulcedo cordium, 12th cent.); tr. Ray Palmer, (1808-1887), alt. Music: Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898).

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 S1 (2001).adapt.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

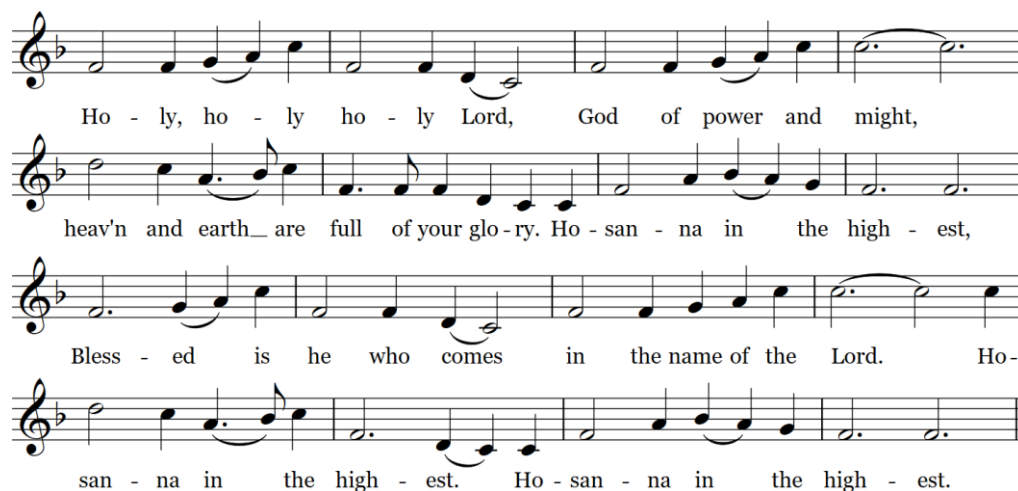
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory:

Land of Rest



The presider continues

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory, honour and blessing be yours, 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 BLESSING

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

HYMN 293

St. Michael's

**Your hands, O Lord, in days of old
were strong to heal and save;
they triumphed over pain and death,
o'er darkness and the grave.
To you they went, the blind, the mute,
the palsied and the lame,
the leper set apart and shunned,
the sick and those in shame.**

**And then your touch brought life and health,
gave speech and strength and sight;
and youth renewed, with health restored,
claimed you, the Lord of light.
And so, O Lord, be near to bless,
almighty now as then,
in every street, in every home,
in every troubled friend.**

**O be our mighty healer still,
O Lord of life and death;
restore and strengthen, soothe and bless,
with your almighty breath.
On hands that work and eyes that see,
your healing wisdom pour,
that whole and sick and weak and strong
may praise you evermore.**

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: attrib. Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY *Voluntary VI in F major*

John Stanley (d. 1786)

*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. The flowers at the High Altar are given in loving memory of their mothers from Thomas and Susanna Longridge. The flowers in the Lady Chapel are in loving memory of family members, especially her parents, by Audrey Thomas.



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Homilist	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Ross Bliss
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Readers	Ian Alexander, Gordon Wheatley
Intercessor	Janis Wheatley
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Heather Murphy, Susan McKelvie, Susanna Longridge, Daniel Dempsey
Healing Ministry	Joyce Dreilich, Bronwynn Jones
Sidespersons	Elaine Ellison, Wendy Dryden, Donna White, Gwyneth Evans <i>The Chancel Guild</i> , Sue Black, <i>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 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.