



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 21

Sunday, August 23, 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 *Allegretto (Prelude No. 1)*

Charles Villiers Stanford (d. 1924)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 444

Thornbury

**Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise and hasten
to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.**

**When shadows, thickly falling,
engulfed the world in night,**

you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise —
one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

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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

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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, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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 51.1-6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

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

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name *
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though you are high, you care for the lowly; *
you perceive the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your mighty hand shall save me.

O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me; *
your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 12.1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 353

Wareham

My God, how endless is your love!

Your gifts are every evening new,
and morning mercies from above
gently distil, like early dew.

You spread the curtains of the night,
great Guardians of my sleeping hours;
your sovereign Word restores the light,
and quickens all my drowsy powers.

I yield my powers to your command;
to you I consecrate my days:
perpetual blessings from your hand
demand perpetual songs of praise.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: William Knapp (1698-1768).

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16.13-20

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 Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

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
Living God, you accept our stumbling faith, our misplaced answers, our false horizons, and through them you build a way of peace. Empower and enable us to bind the wounds of the world and loose the bonds of oppression, so that all may confess the grace that is your work alone; through Jesus Christ, your anointed one.
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 601

Blaenwern

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store—
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door—
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
 gain through powers your grace conferred,
 ours to use for home and kindred,
 and to spread the gospel word.
 Open wide our hands in sharing,
 as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
 serving you by loving all.

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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 S1 (2001).adapt.

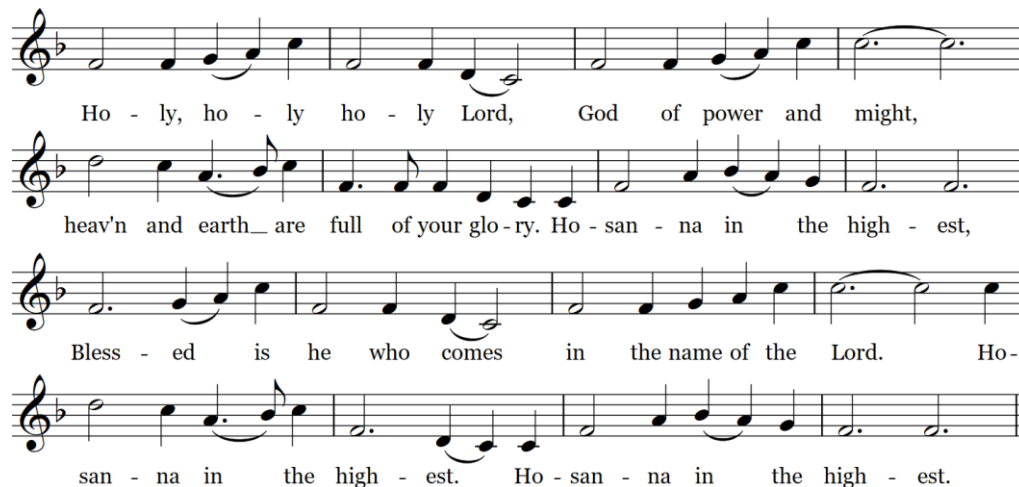
The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

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



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

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 LEAVETAKING

THE BLESSING

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

Amen.

HYMN 527

Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,

to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!

For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,

upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not-- I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never-- no, never -- no, never forsake!"

Text: John Rippon (1751-1836), called "K" in A Selection of Hymns, 1787. Music: Melody Genuine Church Music, 1832; harm.
Tabor, 1867

THE DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY *Choral Prelude on St Ann's*

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (d. 1918)

*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 Ruth Dempsey by her husband Dan and their family on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of
her death.*



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider	The Reverend Canon Bill Morrison
Homilist	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Canon Ian Powell
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Readers	Br. Gene Sederstrom, OSBCn, Julian Daly
Intercessor	Tim Helming
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Ian MacDonald, Susan McKelvie, Sue MacRae, Sue Black
Healing Ministry	Susanna Longridge, Frances McLeod
Sidespersons	Elaine Ellison, Diana McNeil, Heather Murphy <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

BC wildfires: Alongside Hope's In-Canada Emergency Response Fund

This month our outreach is supporting Alongside Hope (formerly The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund), which is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development and relief.

As devastating wildfires sweep across our province, many of us are wondering how we can support those impacted. If you are in a position to do so, please consider donating to Alongside Hope's In-Canada Emergency Response Fund; the fund was created in 2023 in response to unprecedented wildfires, and it allows Alongside Hope to react quickly when a diocese asks for support. Please visit www.alongsidehope.org/in-canada-response to donate.

Our prayers are with all those impacted by wildfires, and we give thanks to the firefighters and first responders.

Happening this Week



*Detailed information is
found online.*

Walking Group

Wed 26 Aug & Sat 29 Aug |
10.00 a.m.

Summer Recital Series

Every Sunday in August |
2.00 p.m.