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Feast of the Creator

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

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Welcome to the Cathedral

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: www.thecathedral.ca. Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour outside if the weather permits.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.
Dean & Rector



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A message to children and their grown-ups

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our worship service today:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Sunday school has closed for the summer and will resume next week, September 13, 2026. The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is live streamed so you can follow the worship.

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We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

Hear the Spirit of Creation

Text: Jeannette Lindholm (1961-) © 2001, admin Augsburg Fortress.

Music: BEACH SPRING, American trad., *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia 1844.

1 Hear the Spirit of Creation surging through each root and vein,
source of soul-sprung inspiration, Word awaking heart and brain,
rousing us to bold invention, acts of beauty, love, and praise:
faith revealed without pretention, found in gesture, line, and phrase.

2 With the Spirit of Creation, we may fashion all things new,
nourish hope and consolation, look beyond each narrow view,
claim a clear, transforming vision, tempered by humility,
while we craft with love's precision all that grace has let us see.

3 Then with joy and adoration gather chisel, brush, and pen,
tools from every life's vocation made to build, delight, and mend.
Praise the Spirit of creation who sustains the work we tend;
join the soaring, glad ovation; sound the hopeful, loud Amen.

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the traditional ancestral lands of the x^wməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ílwətaʔł (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.

All **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

Presider In this time and place, we meet in the presence of the living God.

All **The Creator who is the source of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Presider In this time and place, the risen Christ stands in our midst.

All **Our Companion who walks with us and with all peoples on the path of reconciliation.**

Presider In this time and place, God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

All **The Divine Wisdom who transforms us and all life.**

Presider In this time and place, together, people of God from every language, culture and nation.

All **We are being made new by the holy and life-giving Trinity, one God.**

Refrain: Praise him and highly exalt him forever.

1 Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord. *Refrain*

2 In the firmament of his power glorify the Lord. *Refrain*

3 Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills. *Refrain*

4 O springs of water, seas, and streams, *Refrain*

5 O whales and all that move in the waters, *Refrain*

6 Let the earth glorify the Lord. *Refrain (x2)*

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray. (*Silence is kept.*) Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image.

All Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-9

Text: Psalm 33, para. Michael Morgan © 1999, 2011, admin. Faith Alive Christian Resources

Music: ELLACOME, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, Wittenberg, 1784.

Rejoice, you righteous, in the Lord,
in song your voices raise;
awake the psaltery and harp,
lift up God's name in praise!
For by God's word the heavens were hung;
God laid the sea and land,
and all that fills the firmament
were made at God's command.

Let every nation, every land
unite with one accord,
and humbly lay their heart-felt prayers
in awe before the Lord.
How happy are God's faithful ones,
how blest God's chosen heirs,
for surely an inheritance
of glory shall be theirs!

The Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

At the conclusion of the epistle:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

As the Wind Song Through the Trees

(SNC 157)

Text: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020).

Music: WAIRUA TAPU, Lim Swee Hong (1963-).

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -
breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a
storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has blown
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true,
bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,
bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,
as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de - sire,
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spir - it of God.
so it is with the Spir - it of God.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-5(FNVNT)

Deacon The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Stuart Mennigke

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Creator, out of your abundant love all things live and move and have their being.

All We confess that we have turned away from you and from your image in our neighbours. We have neglected the creatures that surround us, the water that renews us, and the earth that nourishes us. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we might hear the song of your creation once again and see your love in all living things. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation: the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity at any amount, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

Offertory Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

(CP 355)

Text: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William Henry Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, melody *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

**1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia ...**

**2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia ...**

**3 [High voices] Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
[Low voices] Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
[All] alleluia ...**

**4 Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia ...**

**5 [Low voices] All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
[High voices] All you that pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care:
[All] alleluia ...**

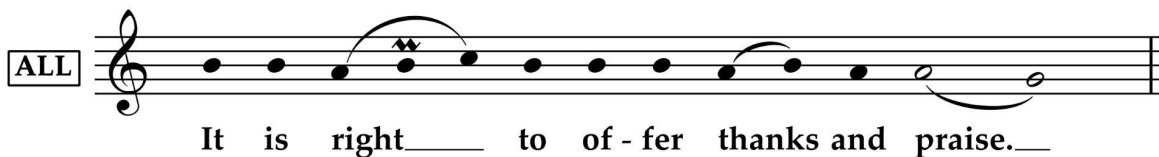
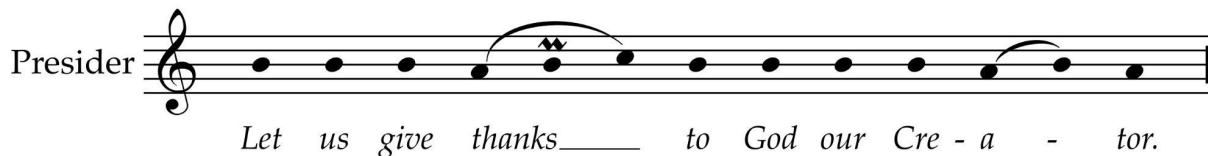
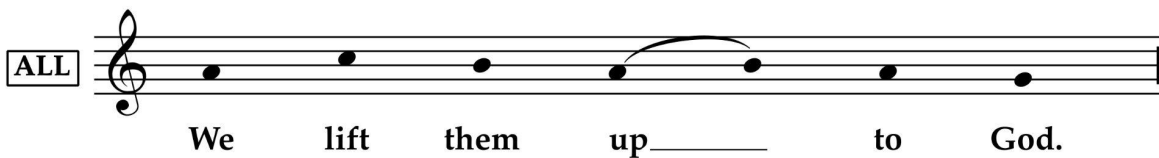
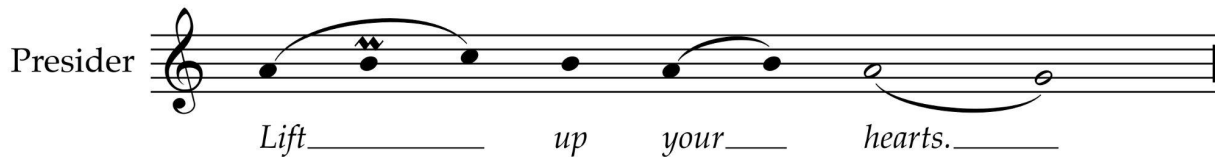
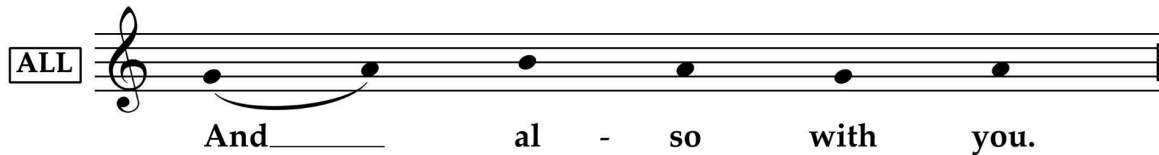
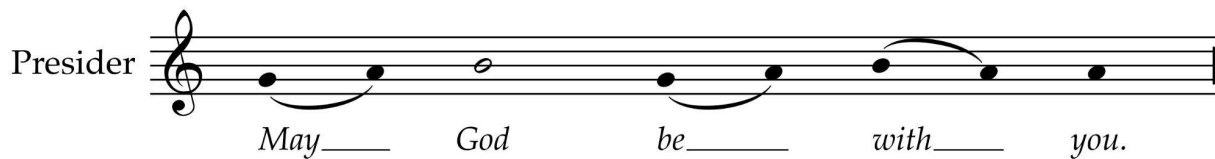
**6 [Choir] And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O sing now, alleluia!
[All] You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
alleluia ...**

**7 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia ...**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom, all creation yearns in hope to be set free.
All Receive all we offer you this day and through this Eucharist
lead us to be servants of your justice and truth in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



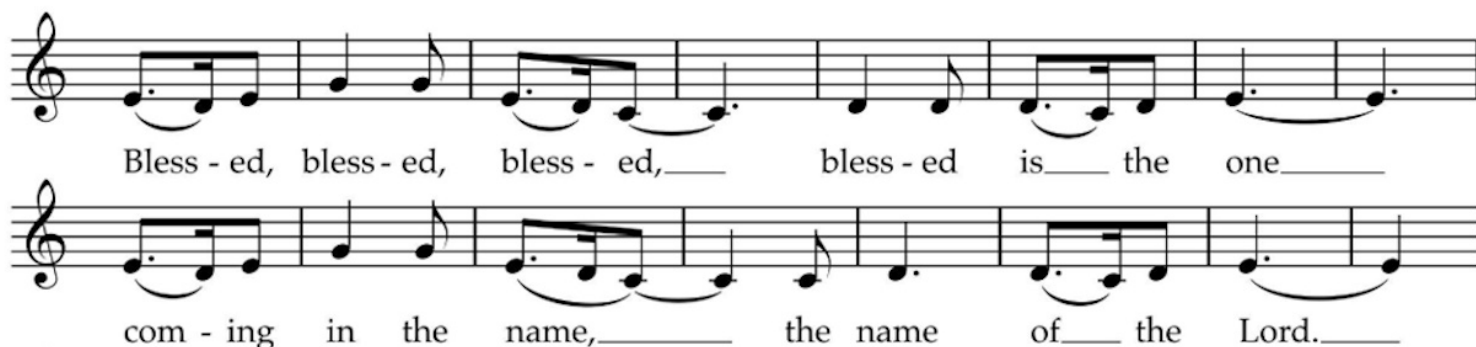
Presider God of power and might you spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth came to be [...] Through you all things are brought to new life. And so with all creation, we raise our voices to proclaim your great and glorious name:

All Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. You are worthy to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

Blessed Is the One

(SNC 212)

Music: *St. Aidan Setting*, John L. Bell (1949-).

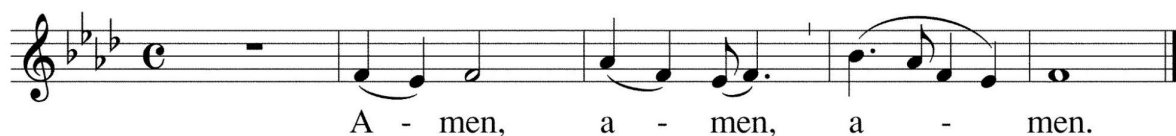




Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough [...] All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

All *Amen* (CP 734)

Music: *Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

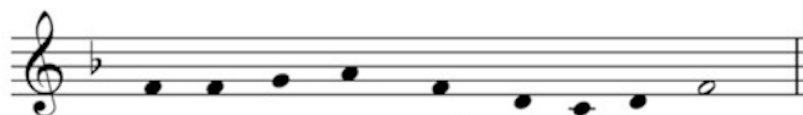


Ring of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer

Music: Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908), arr. Neil Cockburn.

Presider



Fraction Sentence

Presider Behold the mystery of your salvation laid out before you.
Behold what you are; become what you receive. **Thanks be to God.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei
(from *Communion Service in C*)

John Ireland (1914-1992)

The Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove. Please respect the confidentiality of the people praying by not entering the alcove during prayer time.

During Communion

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter (1945-)

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed This World

(SNC 93)

Text: Ramon and Salio Oliano; Eng. version James Minchin and Delbert Rice.
Music: GAYOM NI HIGAMI, melody Ikalahan trad. (Phillipines); arr. John L. Bell (1949-).

1 Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev - ery part is shaped by
2 Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and mois-ture
3 Like a mat you roll out land—space to build, for us and
you— wa - ter rum - bling o - ver rocks, air and
too— sprout-ing bloss - oms, crops and buds, trees and
you, earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for
sun - light: each day's signs that you make all things new.
plants: the sea - son's signs that you make all things new.
Christ: the tru - est sign that you make all things new.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. Creator of all, in the death and resurrection of Jesus
you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth.

All May this bread and wine open our eyes to your love and justice woven through all of
creation. We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word. Amen.

The Doxology

Presider 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.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

All We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]

The Blessing

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(CP 425)

Text: Henry van Dyke (1852-1933), alt.

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); arr. Edward Hodges (1796-1867).

1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata in D minor ("Dorian"), BWV 538

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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