



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FEAST OF THE CREATOR

Sunday, September 6, 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.*

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.

The Gathering

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 445

Bunessan

**God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing, but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.**

**O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.**

**O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.**

**And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.**

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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.

Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image. 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 people sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 8.22-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33.1-9

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

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to God upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for God a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all the works of God are sure.

God loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.

God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.

For God spoke, and it came to pass; *
God commanded, and it stood fast.

THE SECOND READING

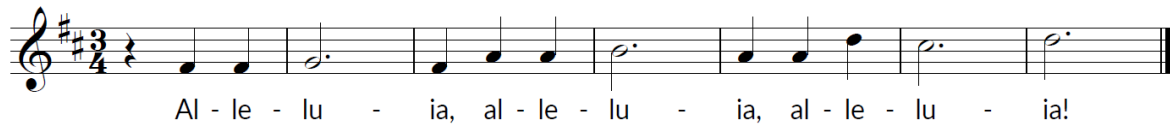
Colossians 1.15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1.1-5

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the center aisle.



The cantor sings

All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

The acclamation is reprised

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the people, concluding

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Bill Tarter, CFC

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 people remain standing. The intercessor bids the prayers of the community, each concluding ... we pray:

Hear our prayer.

The presider adds the following, or another suitable collect

Creator, our of your abundant love all things live and move and have their being. May we, who have harmed your creation, turn to you in the power of your grace, that seasons of healing and restoration may come to our island home; through Jesus, with you and the Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen.

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The presider bids the confession.

Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

The people remain standing. A brief silence is observed.

Most merciful and sustaining God,

We confess that we have sinned against you,
resisting heaven's will on earth.

We have turned our hearts from the call of creation,
abused this planet and its peoples,
and consumed with greed what was given to share.

Forgive us our sins through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and by your Holy Spirit grant us true amendment of life,
that we may be faithful stewards of your bounty,
and agents of your reconciliation
to the glory of your name.

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 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.

Deep the snows on God's high mountain,
 bright and gleaming in the sun.
 There set free, a living fountain
 stirs once more its course to run.
 Pool on pool by leaps descending,
 brooks, now mighty torrents, roar.
 Shaded rills from stillness wending,
 quiet spring in us restore.

Eden, land of lake and river,
 ever pure and ever near.
 Grace and beauty sing together,
 fresh the flow from year to year.
 Sing they too, her sons and daughters,
 bathed and blest, so bright their soul.
 Gift of God these healing waters,
 living streams to make us whole.

Wells of old where shepherds halted,
 there to drink and find their rest,
 are by God a place exalted:
 rising thirst is here addressed.
 Came the Son true wealth possessing,
 large that heart to intercede.
 Living water rich in blessing
 floods the desert of our need.

Zion's temple saw God's glory
 gushing forth from every door.
 Jesus lives to be that story,
 timeless fount on every shore.
 Wide the praise of throngs declaring:
 his the life of love out-poured;
 he, the Christ, who meets us, caring;
 he, our ever living Lord.

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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom, all creation yearns in hope to be set free. 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

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the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, 2013

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.

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we among its inhabitants. As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life. And so with the wonders of creation and all your creatures in heaven and on earth we join the song of praise:

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

On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave you thanks. Jesus gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me." So we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Therefore God, we who seek reconciliation with you, with one another, and with all creation draw close to this mystery. In being broken open, poured out and buried is the seed of new life to come. It springs forth again. As your life-giving Spirit first moved upon the waters of the deep, send the same Spirit upon this bread and wine, upon us and all creation. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh. By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be we worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours forever and 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 at standing stations in front of the altar. 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 chairs to serve any who need it.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

During the distribution of communion, prayers for healing with the laying-on-of-hands and anointing may be sought at the rear of the assembly seating. Prayers may be requested for yourself or for others, and the content of prayers is held in confidence.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

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

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 42

Marching

Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death.

Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage—
channel to a life made new.

Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.

Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well-spring, source of life eternal,
drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

*All are warmly invited to coffee hour located in the Chapter Room,
located directly behind the nave and accessible from the Burdett Ave doors.*

*Flowers in the cathedral are given to the glory of God,
and in St. Christopher's Chapel in memory of Duncan and Doris Frame.*



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Homilist	The Reverend Canon Bill Tarter, CFC
Deacon	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
Assisting	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i> The Reverend Canon Ian Powell
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Readers	Sheila Martindale, Elsie Hepburn
Intercessor	Victor Aimey
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Chalice Ministers	Jen Purkis, Sue Black, Janis Wheatley, Heather Murphy <i>The Chancel Guild</i> , Sue Black, <i>President</i>
Healing Ministry	Susanna Longridge, Frances McLeod
Sidespersons	Janis Wheatley, Karen Young, Jen Purkis, Gwyneth Evans

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WORSHIP WITH US

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)
8:45am | Weekdays, except Wednesdays

School Chapel (Nave)
9:40am | Wednesdays during term

Midweek Eucharist (St Christopher Chapel)
12:15pm | Wednesdays, except holidays

Choral Evensong (Nave)
5:00pm | Wednesdays during term

Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel)
5:00pm | Weekdays, except Wednesdays

SUNDAYS

BCP Holy Eucharist
8:00am | Lady Chapel

Holy Eucharist
9:15am | Nave

Choral Eucharist
11:00am | Nave and Livestream

Choral Evensong
4:00pm | Nave and Livestream

Periodically, there is a combined Eucharist at 10:30am. Updates posted to cathedral website.

SUPPORT OUR MONTHLY OUTREACH *The Friends of Bowker Creek Society*

The Friends of Bowker Creek Society envisions a healthy Bowker Creek watershed that connects people to nature, where fish, wildlife, biodiversity and communities thrive. One of the purposes of the Society is to protect Bowker Creek and its watershed environment for the benefit of the public by conserving, supporting, restoring, and enhancing its ecosystems and biodiversity on a long-term basis, including assisting stressed or endangered forms of life (plant and animal life). For more information visit www.bowkercreek.org

HAPPENING THIS WEEK *All are most warmly welcome*

The Choir of Merton College, Oxford |
Mon Sept 7, 2:30pm

Admission is 'pay what you can' and registration is encouraged

Walking Group | Weds Sept 9 and Sat Sept 12, 10:00am

The current schedule can be found on the cathedral website

Franciscan and Creation Spirituality |
Sat Sept 12, 1:00pm

A five-part Creationtide series presented by The Rev'd Canon Bill Tarter, CFC

Musical dates for your calendar | Fall 2026

To celebrate the completion of restoration work on our magnificent cathedral organ, we invite you to join us for a joyful program of concerts, events and services this fall. This includes performances from world-renowned musicians, a fascinating talk from Juget-Sinclair organ builders, and Choral Evensong where we will rededicate the organ and offer a world premiere of a newly commissioned work.



Please visit the Cathedral website for more information.