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Holy Cross Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, *Presider*

The Rev. Adam L. Dawkins, *Preacher*

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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 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school.

Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion. 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.

Need to reach us?

Visit us at www.thecathedral.ca/pages/our-team or scan the QR code on the right to access our clergy and staff contact information.

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



The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(CP 386)

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748).

Music: ROCKINGHAM, melody *Psalmody in Miniature*, Second Supplement, 1780?; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807); desc. Neil Cockburn.

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Presider There is one body and one Spirit,
All there is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All One God and Father of all.

Hymn of Praise

Let us Sing to the Lord (A Song of Creation)

Text: Daniel 3:57-75, Luke 1:46-47, 49, Psalm 5:1-2; Taizé Community.

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Let us sing to the Lord!
Bé-nis - sez le Sei-gneur!

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Let us sing to the Lord! Let us sing to the Lord!
Bé-ni - sez le Sei-gneur, bé - ni - sez le Sei-gneur!

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself,

All may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Numbers 21:4b-9

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-6

Chant: Alan Gray (1855-1935)

Refrain: Neil Cockburn

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done
mar - vel - lous things, who might - ty hand and
ho - ly arm have won the vic - to - ry.

1 Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvellous things,
whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.

2 O Lord, you have made known the victory;
you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Refrain

3 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.

4 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing. **Refrain**

5 Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord. **Refrain**

The Second Reading

At the conclusion of the epistle:

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

Text: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984).

Music: MCKEE, melody African-American spiritual; adapt. Henry Thacker Burleigh (1866-1949).

1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love— its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.

2 To us on earth, he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.

3 There is one body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
one Father of us all.

4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.

5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:13-17

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All 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:

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon (“Look, and Live.”)

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Reverend Adam L. Dawkins

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Presider The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present Yeganeh Sadat, Ili (ili), Mahdieh & Artin to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Presider Do you desire to be baptized? *Answer* I do.

Prnts./Spons. I present Akimano Mary Elizabeth to receive the sacrament of baptism.

When all have been presented the Presider asks the parents/sponsors:

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community? *Answer* I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *Answer* I will, with God's help.

Then the Presider asks the candidates/parents/sponsors:

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *Answer* I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *Answer* I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *Answer* I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour? *Answer* I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *Answer* I do.

Presider Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? *Answer* I do.

After the candidates have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Akimano Mary Elizabeth, Yeganeh Sadat, Ili (ili), Mahdieh & Artin in their life in Christ?
We will.

The Prayers for the Candidates

Presider Let us now pray for Akimano Mary Elizabeth, Yeganeh Sadat, Ili (ili), Mahdieh & Artin who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Celebration of Baptism

The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Presider blesses the water.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with its gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Presider We give you thanks for you have called Akimano Mary Elizabeth, Yeganeh Sadat, Ili (ili), Mahdiah & Artin to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

The candidates are presented to the Presider.

Presider Akimano Mary Elizabeth, Yeganeh Sadat, Ili (ili), Mahdiah & Artin, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Using chrism, the Presider makes the sign of the cross on the forehead, saying:

Presider I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The Presider prays over the newly baptized.

Presider Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

The Presider then gives to the newly baptized a lighted candle, saying:

Presider Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

When the newly baptized have received a candle, the people say:

All Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Song for the Asperges

I Have Called You By Your Name

(SNC 24)

Text and music: Daniel Charles Damon (1955-).

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;
4. I have giv - en you a name, it is mine;

I have gift - ed you and ask you now to shine.
read it writ - ten in my peo - ple, help them grow.
feel it puls - ing in cre - a - tion's ebb and flow.
I have giv - en you my Spir - it as a sign.

I will not a - ban - don you; all my prom - is - es are
Pour the wa - ter in my name, speak the word your soul can
Like the wom - an reach - ing out, choos - ing faith in spite of
With my won - der in your soul, make my wound - ed chil - dren

true. You are gift - ed, called, and cho - sen; you are mine.
claim, of - fer Je - sus' bod - y, giv - en long a - go.
doubt, hold the hem of Je - sus' robe, then let it go.
whole; go and tell my pre - cious peo - ple they are mine.

The Peace

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

Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

(CP 497)

Text: John White Chadwick (1840-1904), alt.

Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

1 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way,
Guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day:
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

2 We are of thee, the children of thy love,
companions of thy well-beloved Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
into our hearts that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
as one with him, our pattern and our friend.

3 We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that rises into song,
one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,
one in the power that makes thy children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.

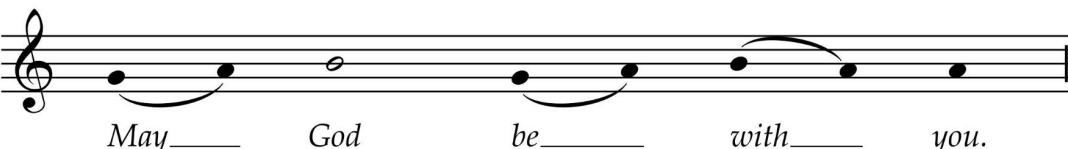
4 O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
we ask no victories that are not thine:
give us the shield of faith that we may be
steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.

The Prayer over the Gifts

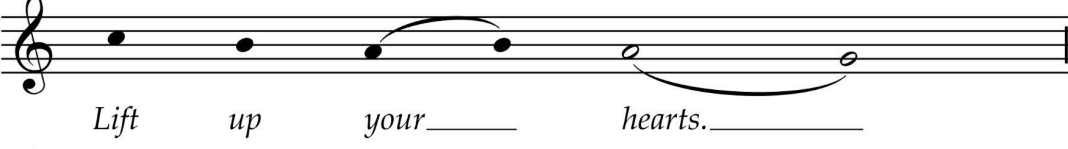
Presider Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory.

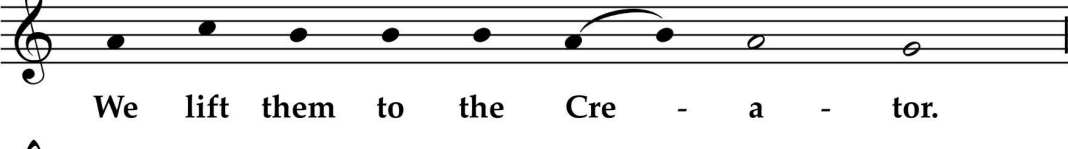
All Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider 
May _____ God be _____ with _____ you.

ALL 
And _____ al - so with you.

Presider 
Lift up your _____ hearts. _____

ALL 
We lift them to the Cre - a - tor.

Presider 
Let us thank the Giv - er of Life.

ALL 
It is right _____ to give our thanks and praise. _____

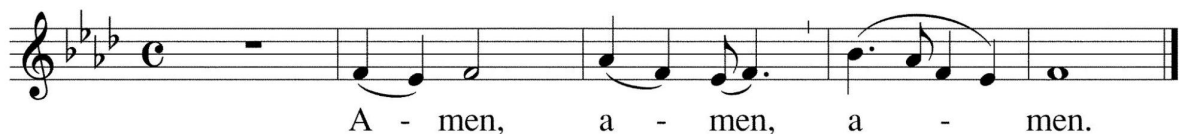
Presider It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all [...] Together with angels and ancestors, [LOCAL WATERS, PLANTS, AND CREATURES], we join our voices with all of creation as we sing:

Sanctus/Benedictus *Communion Service in F* Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, born among the animals [...] All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Saviour, and Spirit, now and in the world to come.

All *Amen* (CP 734)

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



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Ring of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer

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

Presider



As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray:

Our Fa-ther in heaven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.
For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Fraction

Presider Behold the mystery of your salvation laid out before you.
Behold what you are; become what you receive.

All Thanks be to God.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Fraction anthem *Agnus Dei* (from *Communion Service in F*)

Harold Darke

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.**

O Saviour of the world, save us,
who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us,
help us, we pray thee, O Lord our God.

Communion Hymn***O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head*****(CP 197)**

Text: Henry Ernest Hardy (1869-1946).

Music: DUNFERMLINE, melody Scottish Psalter, 1615; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

1 O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
with thorns was pierced for me:
O pour thy blessing on my head
that I may think for thee.

3 O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
with nails were pierced for me:
O pour thy blessing on my feet
that they may follow thee.

2 O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
with nails were pierced for me:
O shed thy blessing on my hands
that they may work for thee.

4 O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me:
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
that I may live for thee.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
All who took our nature upon him
and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Doxology

Presider Glory to God,
All 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.]

Blessing of Birthdays

May the Love of the Lord

(SNC 172)

Text: Maria Ling, 1990.
Music: Lim Swee Hong, 1990.



May the love of the Lord rest up-on your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, through-out ev - ery_ day.

May God's coun - te-nance shine up-on you and be gra-cious to you.

May God's Spir - it be__ up-on you as you leave this_ place.

The Blessing

Presider The Wisdom of God, the Love of God,
and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands
and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly

Text: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020).
Music: TENDERNESS, Colin Gibson (1933-2022).



1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour-ish the life of the world in our care:_____
a - gents of death for all crea-tures that live,_____
wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,_____
God of the seed - ling, the snow and the sun,_____

gift of great won - der, ousse to sur - ren - der,
we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - - dren to -
 God of our plan - - et, fore -
 re - gen - er - a - - tion that
 us - ing us gent - - ly, and

1.2.3. 4.

mor - row will bear.
 stall and for - give!
 peace will com - plete.
 mak - ing us one.

The Dismissal

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

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Petite Suite (Movts 1 and 3)

Gerald Bales (1919-2002)

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