



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

PROPER 24

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 9.15 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, where numbered in the blue *Common Praise* hymnal.

The Gathering

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 370

Culbach

**Songs of praise the angels sang,
heaven with alleluias rang
when creation was begun,
when God spoke and it was done.**

**Songs of praise awoke the morn
when the Prince of Peace was born;
songs of praise arose when he
captive led captivity.**

**Heaven and earth must pass away;
songs of praise shall crown that day.
God will make new heavens and earth;
songs of praise shall hail their birth.**

**And shall Christians fail to sing
till on earth Christ come as King?
No, the church delights to raise
psalms and hymns and songs of praise.**

**Saints below, with heart and voice,
still in songs of praise rejoice,
learning here, by faith and love,
songs of praise to sing above.**

Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto you we raise.
Jesus, Saviour, living Word,
with the Spirit be adored.

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: Melody *Heilige Seelenlust*, Breslau, 1657; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870).

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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

Genesis 50.15-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103.1-4, 8-13

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all the benefits of the Lord.

The Lord forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
redeeming your life from the grave *
and crowning you with mercy and loving-kindness;

You are full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

You will not always accuse us, *
nor will you keep your anger for ever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west, *
so far have you removed our sins from us.
As parents care for their children, *
so do you, O Lord, care for those who fear you.

THE SECOND READING

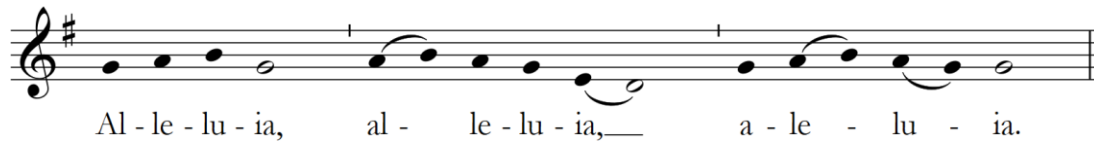
Romans 14.1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18.21-35

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



The cantor sings

A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

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 Matthew.
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 Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, Dean

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

English Language Liturgical Consultation

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
... 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.

All may kneel, or 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 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 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 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

Adapted for local use from
 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.

It is truly right to praise you, for 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 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

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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 536

Holy Manna

Singing songs of expectation,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
through the night of doubt and sorrow,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light:
trusting God, we march together
stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence,
o'er his ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,
brightening all the path we tread:
one the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands
lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun:
one the gladness of rejoicing
on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father
reigns in love for evermore.

Text: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862); tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, (1834-1924), alt.
Music: Melody The Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1825; acc. Marty Haugen (1950-). Acc. © GIA Publications, Inc.

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 at the High Altar in memory of Dorothy Greenhalgh, Kathy Wayman and Joyce Gibson: and in St.
Christopher's Chapel in memory of Heidi Challand and her four children: Bobby, David, Calvin and Jewel;
and in the Lady Chapel in loving memory of Margaret Perry and Vera Lundquist by Cheryl Perry and
Maureen Lundquist.*



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Homilist	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
Assisting	The Reverend Dr. Adela Torchia, <i>Honorary Assistant</i>
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Crucifer	Drew Brazier
Readers	Susan McKelvie, Carol Gregg
Intercessor	Gordon Wheatley
Musicians	The Parish Choir Donald Hunt, Nathan Sood-Patel, <i>Organists</i> Alice Chapman, Emma Paterson, <i>Soloists</i>
Chalice Ministers	Susan McKelvie, Heather Frame
Healing Ministry	Susan MacRae, Bronwynn Jones
Sidespersons	Gwyneth Evans, Susan McKelvie, Rose Juel

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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*

Walking Group | Weds Sept 16 and Sat Sept 19, 10:00am

The current schedule can be found on the cathedral website

Lunchtime Organ Music with Tina Christiansen |

Fri Sept 18, 12:30pm

An organ recital with Danish organist Tina Christiansen. By donation.

Franciscan and Creation Spirituality | Sat Sept 19, 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.