



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
Vancouver, BC · *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*

Choral Evensong

The Eve of Holy Cross

Season of Creation

Christ Church Cathedral

September 13, 2026 at 4:00 PM

You are invited to join in the prayers and singing of the hymns, as we make our offering of prayer and worship.

***Indications for standing and sitting are suggested,
although we invite you to adopt a pose according to your comfort and custom.***

[Standing]

Hymn

CP 386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross [ROCKINGHAM] Descant: Neil Cockburn

[Standing]

The Dean/Officiant The Cathedral sits on the ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh nations. This land was and continues to be of great importance to the Coast Salish Peoples. Consistent with our values of community, inclusion and respecting the dignity of every human being, we have a responsibility to acknowledge, honour and make visible the Cathedral's relationship to Native peoples.

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

[Standing]

Sentence

Officiant

Far be it from me to glory
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. [*Galatians 6.14*]

Preces and Responses

Henry Loosemore (1607-70)

[Standing]

Minister/Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God make speed to save us
O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised!

[Seated]

Psalm 46 Deus noster refugium

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of this city; it shall not be overthrown; God shall help it at the break of day.
- 6 The nations make much ado, and the dominions are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things God has done on earth.
- 9 It is God who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 10 “Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 87 Fundamenta ejus

- 1 On the holy mountain stands the city God has founded;
- 2 the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God.
- 4 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born.
- 5 Of Zion it shall be said, “Everyone was born in there,
and the Most High shall sustain it.”
- 6 The Lord will record as the peoples are enrolled, “These also were born there.”
- 7 The singers and the dancers will say, “All my fresh springs are in you.”

[Standing]

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

[Seated]

The First Lesson 1 Kings 8: 22-30

Following the reading:

Reader Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

[Standing]

Office Hymn

O Tree of Beauty, Tree of Light

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530-c.609)

Tune: Vexilla Regis (Mode i)

Verse 1 - All

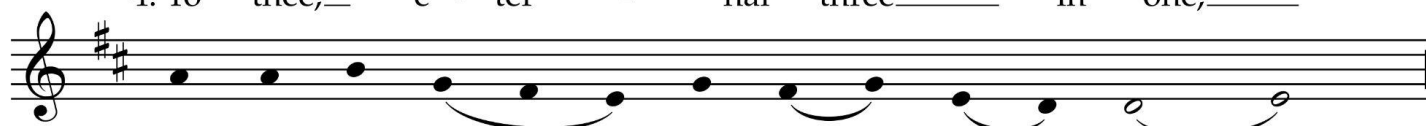
Verse 2 - High Voices (soprano and alto)

Verse 3 - Low Voices (tenor and bass)

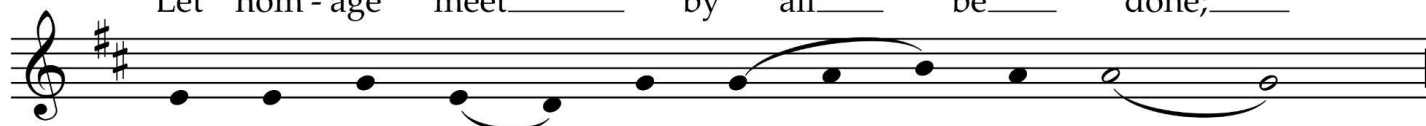
Verse 4 - All



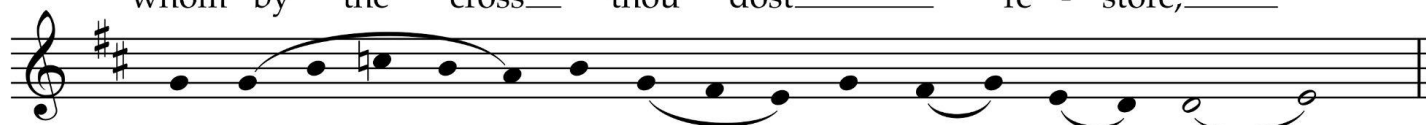
1. O tree of beau - ty, tree of light,
2. On whose dear arms, so wide - ly flung,
3. O Cross, our one re - li - ance hail!
4. To thee, e - ter - nal three in one,



O tree with roy - al pur - ple dight,
the weight of this world's ran - som hung,
So may thy power with us pre - vail
Let hom - age meet by all be done;



e - lect on whose tri - umph - al breast
the price of hu - man - kind to pay
to give new vir - tue to the saint,
whom by the cross thou dost re - store,



those ho - ly limbs should find their rest.
and spoil the spoil - er of his prey.
and par - don to the pen - i - tent.
pre - serve and gov - ern ev - er - more.



A - men.

The congregation may stand for the Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me;
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

[Seated]

The Second Lesson Ephesians 2: 11-22

Following the reading:

Reader Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

Nunc Dimittis in A

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

The congregation may stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

[Standing]

The Apostles' Creed

Minister

All
I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

[Seated]

Responses [Minister/Choir]

Henry Loosemore (1607-70)

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

Let us pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister

Our Father,

All

which art in heav'n,

hallow'd be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done; on earth as it is in heav'n.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive them that trespass against us.

and lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant/Choir

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;

and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

and make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;

and bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,

whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

was lifted high upon the cross

that he might draw the whole world to himself,

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 thee and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. *[CHOIR: Amen]*

A Collect For Peace O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee,
we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. [CHOIR: Amen]

A Collect For Aid Against Perils
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. [CHOIR: Amen]

Anthem Salvator Mundi John Blow (1649-1708)

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.

The Litany

Officiant Let us offer our praises and prayers
to the one who intercedes for us, saying, "Lamb of God, we praise you."

***All* Lamb of God, we praise you.**

Officiant Lord Jesus, you embraced the cross
so that we might learn to give our lives for the sake of love:

***All* Lamb of God, we praise you.**

Officiant Innocent captive,
you submitted to the judgement of sinners:

***All* Lamb of God, we praise you.**

Officiant In the hour of death you heard the penitent thief
and opened to him the door of paradise:

***All* Lamb of God, we praise you.**

Officiant Most merciful Saviour,
you have known the pain of abandonment:
All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

Officiant Lord, you love all whom God has made
and gave up your own self for them:
All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

Officiant Through your self-offering
you have brought the crown of life to all people:
All **Lamb of God, we praise you.**

*[The Officiant may add additional spoken prayers,
and may offer a time of silence for your own prayers and reflection.]*

Officiant *The Prayer of St. Chrysostom:*
Almighty God,
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications unto thee;
and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name
thou wilt grant their requests:
fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants,
as may be most expedient for them;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting.
All **Amen.**

[Standing]
Hymn

CP 602 Lift High the Cross [CRUCIFER]

Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude Prelude in E-flat Major, BWV 552/a (“St. Anne”) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

If you wish to depart before the end of the postlude, please leave in silence.

Sundays@4

Sundays@4 features a different music-centered worship each Sunday at 4 p.m. based on the service of Evening Prayer, following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Please join us in-person for Sundays@4. These services are not livestreamed.

September 20 - Holden Evening Prayer

September 27 - Celtic Vespers

October is Women's History Month in Canada

Sundays@4 will feature a selection of music and texts by women creators

October 4 - Choral Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

October 11 - Evening Prayer with Music from the Taizé Community

October 18 - Holden Evening Prayer

October 25 - Broadway Vespers

Compline

The short, monastic service of Compline (Night Prayer) is sung weekly in the Cathedral on Sundays at 8pm.

If the summer weather takes you further afield and you can't return in time for Sundays@4, join us for chanted psalms, canticles, and meditative prayer at Compline. Services run for about half an hour.

Participants

<i>Clergy</i>	The Rev'd Claude St-Denis
<i>Reader</i>	John Innes
<i>Music</i>	The Cathedral Chamber Choir
	Dr. Neil Cockburn (<i>Director of Music</i>)

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This worship takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations, in the heart of Vancouver.

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