Christ Church Cathedral

Vancouver, BC · *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*

Proper 26

Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

The Rev. Claude St-Denis, *Presider*
The Rev. Areeta Bridgemohan, *Preacher*
The Rev. Alisdair Smith, *Deacon*
Dr. Neil Cockburn, *Director of Music*

MAILING ADDRESS: 690 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 2L1
WEBSITE: www.thecathedral.ca | PHONE: (604) 682-3848 | E-MAIL: reception@thecathedral.ca

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

Connect with us!

We invite you to tell us more about yourself by completing our short connection form.
You may find this form at tinyurl.com/CathedralConnection
or by scanning the QR code on the left.

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:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- 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.
- Sunday school is available for children 2.5 years and older. Grownups can drop children off in the Park Room at 10.30am. Children will rejoin their grownups for communion. Parents of younger children are welcome to attend with their children. Today our materials will connect with our church's commitment to our call to the journey of truth and reconciliation with the indigenous peoples of this land. If you have any wonderings or feedback about our children's ministry, please connect with Rev. Areeta (areeta@thecathedral.ca).

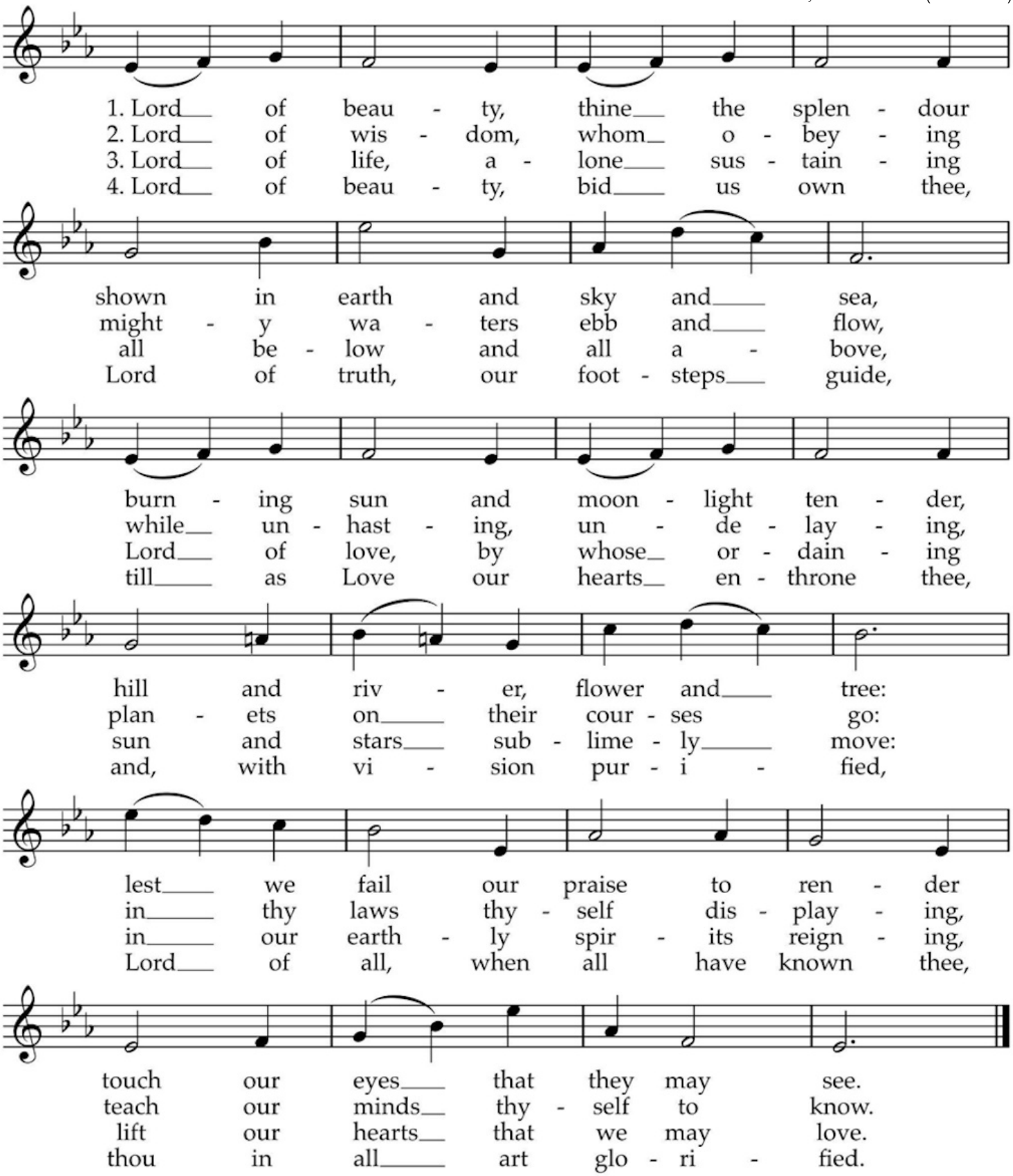
Need to reach us?

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!

Cathedral parish announcements will commence shortly before 10:30 a.m.

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn *Lord of Beauty, Thine the Splendour*

Text: Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955).
Music: ST. AUDREY, Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the traditional ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ilwətaʔɬ (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.**

Hymn of Praise

Achieved is the Glorious Work **(from *The Creation*)** Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church,

All **being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

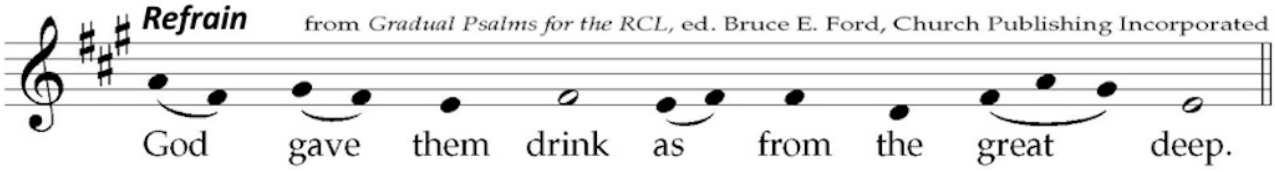
The First Reading *(Read in Russian)* Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16



1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. ***Refrain***

3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done. ***Refrain***

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.
14 He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire. ***Refrain***

15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.
16 He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. ***Refrain***

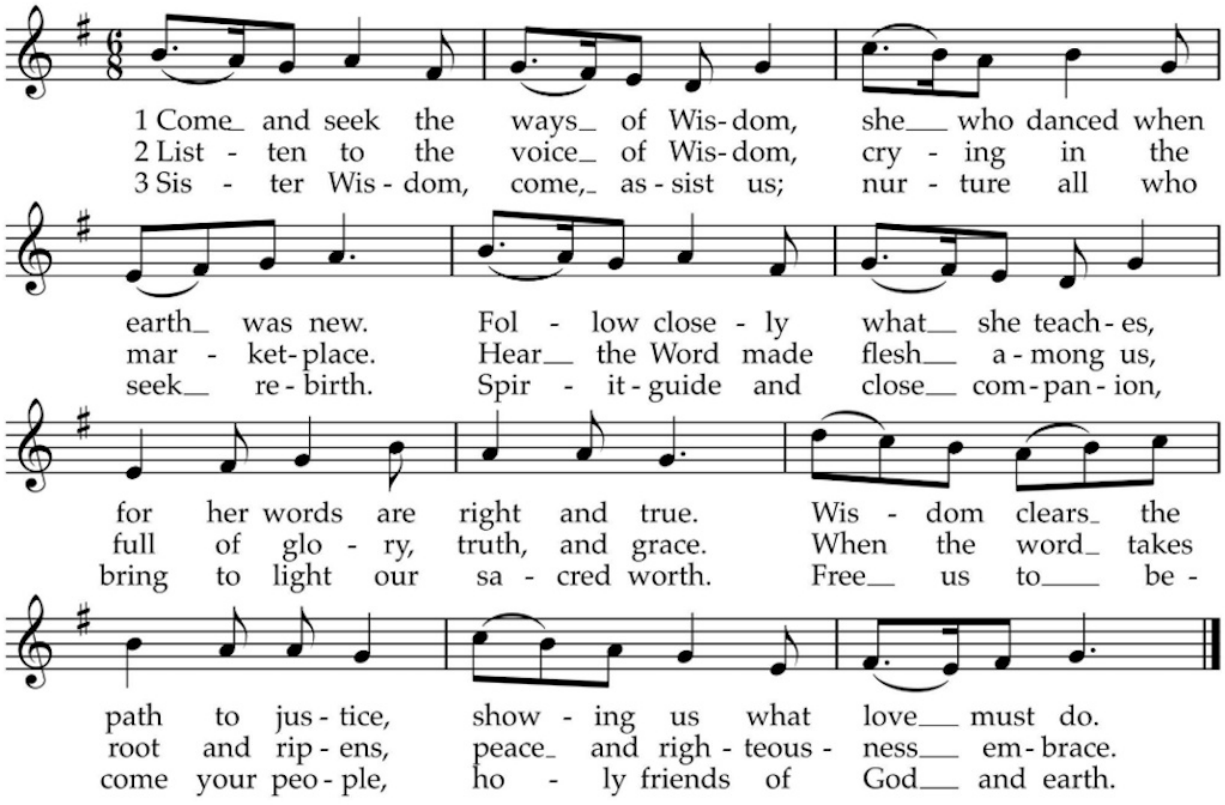
The Second Reading — Philippians 2:1-13

At the conclusion of the epistle:

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

Sequence Hymn — *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* — (ACS 971)

Text: Ruth Duck (1947-2024).
Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm (1933-).



The Holy Gospel — Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

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

The Sermon — The Reverend Areeta Bridgemohan

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

Please scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin for prayer cycles.

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins. *(Silence may be kept.)*
Creator, you made us from the earth to live at peace with each other and with all of creation. But we have failed to listen to the voice of creation, and disregarded the suffering of the land and the creatures. *(Pause for reflection.)*

All **Creator we cry out to you, how shall we find forgiveness and healing?**

Deacon Creator, you established all peoples in lands where they could flourish. But we have taken the land of others, refused to hear their cries for justice, and ignored the suffering that our systems create. *(Pause for reflection.)*

All **Creator we cry out to you, where is the path of forgiveness and healing?**

Deacon Creator, you called us into one new community, where all tongues and nations would share in your abundance. But we have shared with only a comfortable few and disregarded those who are made destitute by our wealth. *(Pause for reflection.)*

All **Maker of all, we cry to you, open our ears to hear the suffering of creation and the cries of those communities we have displaced whose resources we have taken. Suffering Saviour, we cry to you, open our eyes to the path of restoration and healing. Spirit of Transformation, we cry to you, give us the courage to right the wrongs of injustice, and live into a story of abundance and plenty for all, the story of your forgiveness and healing. 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

Presider We want the warhorse. **Jesus rides a donkey.**

Presider We want the eagle. **The Holy Spirit descends as a dove.**

Presider We want to take up swords. **Jesus takes up a cross.**

Presider We want the roaring lion. **God comes as a slaughtered lamb.**

Presider We keep trying to arm God. **God keeps trying to disarm us.**

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you. **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

Your Hand, O God, Has Guided **(CP 444)**

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891) , alt.
Music: THORNBURY, Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

2 Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one church, one faith, one Lord.

3 When shadows, thickly falling,
engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

4 And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better gift is stored:
the covenant of promise–
one church, one faith, one Lord.

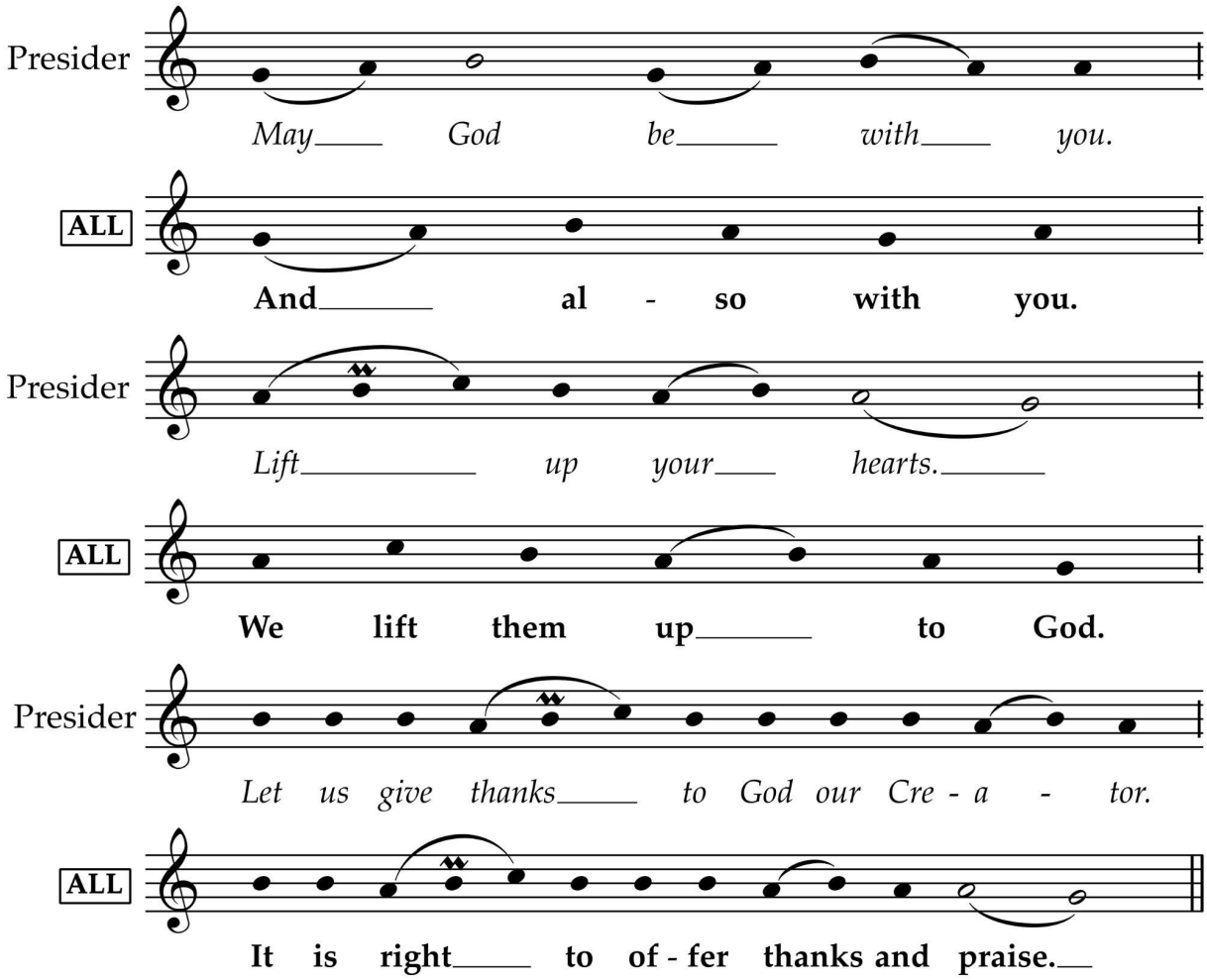
5 Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one church, one faith, one Lord.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.

All **Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

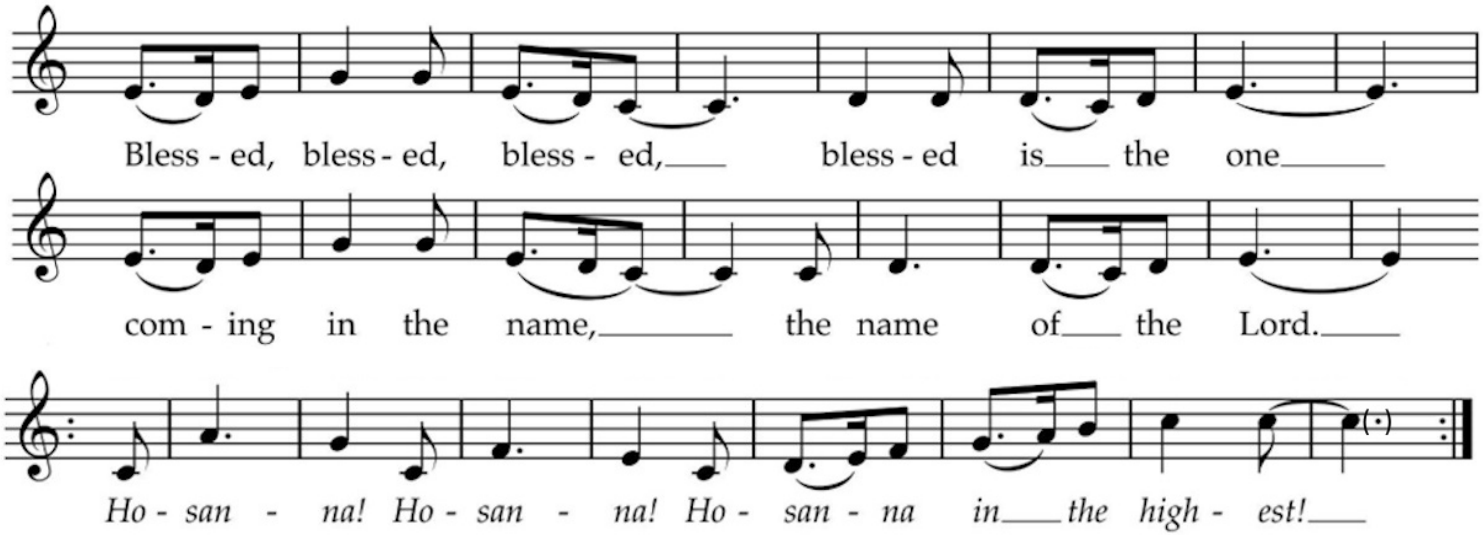


Presider You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air [...] You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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 For such praise you created us, youngest of all your creatures [...] we may sing with joy your praise, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, now and evermore.

Amen **(CP 734)**

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

Ringing of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Lamb of God Harold Darke (1888-1976)
(*from *Communion Service in E "Collegium Regale")

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.**

Communion Anthem *Tantum Ergo*

César Franck (1822-1890)
Text: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274).

Let us venerate this great sacrament with bowed heads:
let the ancient example give way to a new rite.
Let faith make good the insufficiency of our senses.
Praise and rejoicing, safety and honour, virtue
and blessing to the begetter and the begotten;
to him who comes from either be there equal praise. Amen.

Communion Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table* **(CP 61)**

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-).
Music: ECCE, DEUS, Alfred V. Fedak (1953-).

1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us,
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world.

All **We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Closing Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **(CP 354)**

Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.
Music: NETTLETON, *A Repository of Sacred Music: Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

2 Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Cortège Académique* Ernest MacMillan (1893-1973)

Thanksgiving Sunday

As we say farewell to summer we look forward to the bounty of autumn and our upcoming Thanksgiving Sunday. The altar guild will be collecting donations for the next two weekends, September 27th and October 4th to decorate the cathedral and support our Maundy Café. The fruit and vegetables we decorate with will be used afterwards by the staff to help make nourishing meals for our guests and your offerings help make this possible.

Financial donations can be made at the 8:00am and 10:30am services or by calling Vanessa Ho at the cathedral. We are most grateful for your support.

Flowers this week are given....
in loving memory of Patrick Chye-Seng Tay
by Deacon Kevin and Patrick's family

The Chronicle Newsletter

Scan the QR code for the latest Chronicle newsletter.

The Prayers of the People

Scan the QR code for the prayer cycles.

The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider	The Rev. Claude St-Denis	***Regimental Alcove***	The Rev. Justin Cheng
Preacher	The Rev. Areeta Bridgemohan	***Regimental Alcove***	David McMillan
Deacon	The Rev. Alisdair Smith	***ASL Interpreter***	Vanessa Coley Donohue
Subdeacon	Nura Mohammed	***Music***	The Cathedral Choir
MC			Dr. Neil Cockburn
Asst. MC	Ezra Eby		(Director of Music)
Servers	Esther Aneke	***Sound/Livestream***	Cathedral Staff
Readers	Pavel Slinkov-Abul, Carol Cook	***Duty Trustee***	Holly McMillan
Breadmaker	David McMillan	***Welcoming Team***	Jane Dittrich, Nasim Mehregan,
Intercessor	George Lee		Nafiseh Pirasteh,
Gospel Station	The Reverend Matthew Senf		Marilyn Campbell &
Gospel Station	Holly McMillan		Howard Teasley
Preacher Station	James Conklin	***Altar Guild***	Peter Roulston, Renya Corona
Presider Station	Sarah Nation	***Healing Prayer Team***	Elizabeth Maina, Nicky Seppala

Today

40-min forum: Being With, an intro to Sam Wells | *September 27* | **9:15 a.m.**
Godly Play| *September 27* | **10:30 a.m.**
Sundays @ 4 | *September 27* | **4:00 p.m.**
French Eucharist | *September 27* | **5:30 p.m.**
Compline | *September 27* | **8:00 p.m.**

Interac e-Transfer

E-transfer your donation to ar@thecathedral.ca.
Please provide your name and address in the Memo Field for tax receipt purposes.

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience to give cash or cheque.
If you cannot find it, ask a greeter for one.
Please also provide your name and address for tax receipt purposes.

SCAN TO DONATE

Make a gift through our secure website at www.thecathedral.ca/give, accessible via the QR code above.

Tip Tap donations are non-receiptable.

This worship takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ilwətaʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations, in the heart of Vancouver.

All music is printed with permission: License #705, LicenSing – Copyright Cleared Music for Churches. OneLicense.net #A-729001. All rights reserved. Cover image by Br. Martin Erspamer, OSB.