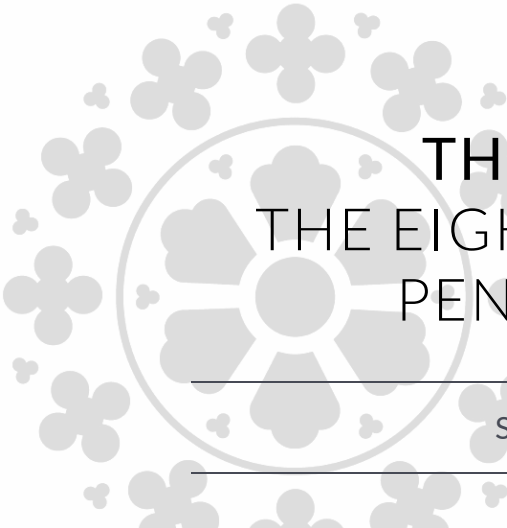




THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 26

Sunday, September 27, 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 372

Gerontius

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O generous love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive, and should prevail;**

**and that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self,
and essence all-divine;**

**who in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his follow'rs, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!**

Text: John Henry Newman. (1801-1890), alt. Music: John Bacchus Dykes (8123-1876).

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, 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 people sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25.1-9

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

To you, O Lord, *
I lift up my soul;

my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2.1-13

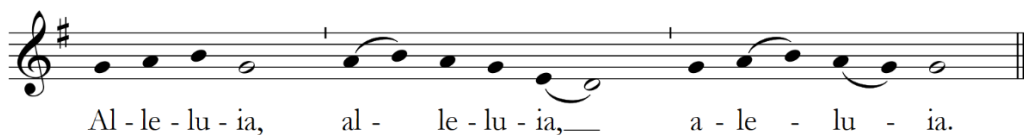
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Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21.23-32

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



The cantor sings

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them and they follow me.

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 Reverend Dr Adela Torchia

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 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 386

Rockingham

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.

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.

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?

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.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Melody Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, 1780?
harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

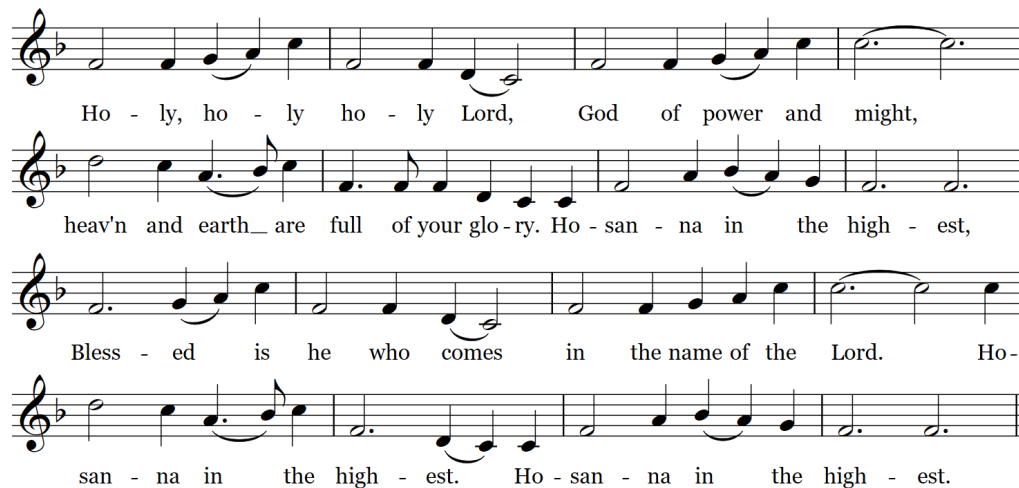
We lift them to the Lord.

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



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.

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 620

St. Peter

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935) Desc. @ Cambridge University Press

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 her family by Jen Purkis and in St. Michael's Chapel in loving memory of
their mother Gladys Rafter, by the Rafter children.*



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Homilist	The Reverend Dr. Adela Torchia, <i>Honorary Assistant</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
Assisting	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Crucifer	Drew Brazier
Servers	Susan McKelvie
Readers	Sue MacRae, Ted McLeod
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers The Welsh Wanderers, <i>Bellringers</i> The Parish Choir Nathan Sood-Patel, <i>Organist</i> Alice Chapman, <i>Soloist</i> Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i>
Healing Ministry	Frances McLeod, Janine Davies
Sidespersons	Christine O'Leary, Heather Stokes, Susan McKelvie <i>The Chancel Guild, Sue Black, President</i>

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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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation | Wed Sept 30

On the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30, we remember the victims and survivors of Canada's residential schools, the systematic program of assimilation, and the destruction of culture, language and family in indigenous communities. **The cathedral will be *closed* throughout the day and we encourage you to take part in the many events happening in our community.** Please visit the cathedral website to find out more and access further resources.

Walking Group | Weds Sept 30 and

Sat Oct 3, 10:00am

The current schedule can be found on the cathedral website.

Lunchtime Organ Music |

Fri Oct 2, 12:30pm

with Mark McDonald & Adam Zinatelli.

Admission by donation.

Community Choir Rehearsal |

Sat Oct 3, 9:30am

To prepare for the 10.30am service on Sunday, 11 October. All welcome.

Pet Blessing | Sat Oct 3, 10:00am

Bring your furry, feathered and scaly friends to the South Lawn.

Behind the Organ Renewal |

Sat Oct 3, 12:00pm

A fascinating talk with Juget-Sinclair's Alex Ross on the process of restoring our cathedral organ. Admission by donation.

Franciscan and Creation Spirituality |

Sat Oct 3, 1:00pm

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

In Concert with Jan Liebermann |

Sat Oct 3, 7:30pm

With internationally renowned German organist, Jan Liebermann. Tickets can be purchased via the cathedral website.

Choral Evensong with Rededication of the Organ |

Sun Oct 4, 4:00pm

As always, all are most warmly welcome.



Please visit the Cathedral website for more information.