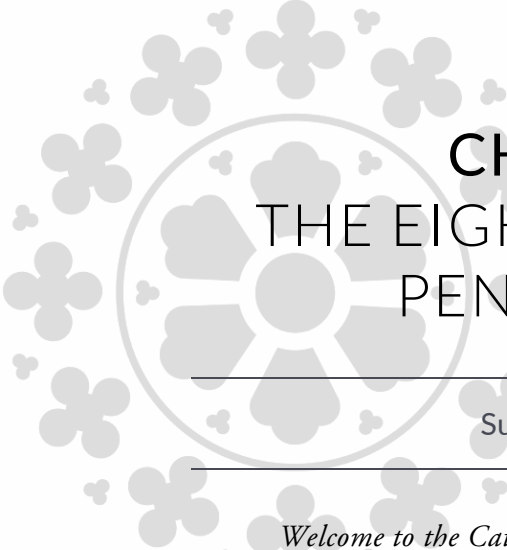




CHORAL EVENSONG

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 26

Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 4.00 pm

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.*

This service is being broadcast live on the internet.

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The Invitatory and Psalter

PRELUDE *Adagio, Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn (d. 1847)

The people stand as the procession enters.

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

Sung in alternating voice between officiant and choir.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show 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, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN 13

Nunc Dimittis

O gladsome light, O grace
of God the Father's face,
the eternal splendour wearing,
celestial, holy, blest,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
joyful in your appearing.

As day fades into night,
we see the evening light,
our hymn of praise outpouring,

Father of might unknown,
Christ, his incarnate Son,
and Holy Spirit adoring.

To you of right belongs
all praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, life-giver;
you, therefore, O Most High,
the world will glorify
and shall exalt forever.

Text: Phos Hilaron, Greek 200?, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges, 1844-1930). Tr. © Oxford University Press. Music: Melody Geneva, 1551; harm Claude Goudimel (1514-1572) and others.

PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God :
and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.
One day telleth another :
and one night certifieth another.
There is neither speech nor language :
but their voices are heard among them.
Their sound is gone out into all lands :
and their words into the ends of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun :
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven
and runneth about unto the end of it again :
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
The law of the Lord is undefiled law converting the soul :
the testimony of the Lord is sure and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart :
the commandment of the Lord is pure and giveth light unto the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endureth for ever :
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold yea than much fine gold :
sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is thy servant taught :
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
Who can tell how oft he offendeth :
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get the dominion over me :
so shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be always acceptable in thy sight :
O Lord my strength and my redeemer.

PSALM 46

God is our hope and strength :
a very present help in trouble;
Therefore will we not fear though the earth be moved :
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell :
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her therefore shall she not be removed :
God shall help her and that right early.
The heathen make much ado and the kingdoms are moved :
but God hath shewed his voice and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us :
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither and behold the works of the Lord :
what destruction he has hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world :
he breaketh the bow and knappeth the spear in sunder
and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then and know that I am God :
I will be exalted among the heathen
and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us :
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
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.

The Readings

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18.19-24

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel: Yet you say, 'Why should not the son suffer for the iniquity of the father?' When the son has done what is lawful and right, and has been careful to observe all my statutes, he shall surely live. The person who sins shall die. A child shall not suffer for the iniquity of a parent, nor a parent suffer for the iniquity of a child; the righteousness of the righteous shall be his own, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be his own.

But if the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them; for the righteousness that they have done they shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord God, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live? But when the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity and do the same abominable things that the wicked do, shall they live? None of the righteous deeds that they have done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which they are guilty and the sin they have committed, they shall die.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand, as the choir sings the canticle.

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.

THE SECOND READING

Mark 11.27-33

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Again Jesus and his disciples came to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to him and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things? Who gave you this authority to do them?' Jesus said to them, 'I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin? Answer me.' They argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why then did you not believe him?" But shall we say, "Of human origin"?'—they were afraid of the crowd, for all regarded John as truly a prophet. So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (LUKE 2.29-32)

Sparkhall

The people stand, as the choir sings the canticle.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

The Prayers

THE LESSER LITANY AND LORD'S PRAYER

McDowall

Sung in alternating voice between officiant and choir.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All may stand or kneel.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The choir continues

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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.

McDowall

THE SUFFRAGES

Sung in alternating voice between officiant and choir.

O Lord, show 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.

THE COLLECTS

The officiant chants three collects, beginning with

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

THE ANTHEM

William Henry Harris (d. 1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin;
and having harrowed hell didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win:
this joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou diddest die
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live for ever in felicity.
And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again;
and for thy sake that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain.

- Edmund Spenser (d.1599)

THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Doug Friesen

The people stand.

HYMN 508

Kingsfold

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

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CLOSING PRAYERS

The people remain standing. Prayers are offered, concluding with

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 hear their requests: Fulfill 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.

Amen.

THE GRACE

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

VOLUNTARY *Tocatta*

Georgi Mushel (d. 1989)



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	The Reverend Canon Doug Friesen
Prayers	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Readers	David Collins, Jacquie Collins
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Musicians	The Cathedral Schola Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Sidespeople	David Collins, Jacquie Collins <i>The Cathedral Technical Team</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 and Adam Zinatelli. Admission is 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

Join us on the South Lawn with your furry, feathered and scaly friends!

Behind the Organ Renewal |

Sat Oct 3, 12:00pm

A fascinating talk with Juliet-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

Hear internationally renowned German organist, Jan Liebermann, in concert. 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.