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SUNDAYS
@ 4
Evening Prayer

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Creation

Sung Evening Prayer, with music from Celtic Traditions

September 27, 2026

4:00 PM

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

Gathering Song [Sitting] Spirit, Open My Heart

[WILD MOUNTAIN THYME]

Tune: Irish Trad. arr Alfred V. Fedak, (b. 1953)

Text: Ruth Duck (1947-2024)

*The cantor sings the verses; **all sing the refrain.***

The hymn begins with the refrain:

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and
pain of liv - ing. As you love may I love,
in re - ceiv - ing and in giv - ing. *Fine*
Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **Refrain**

2 Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **Refrain**

3 May I weep with those who weep share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome on another. **Refrain**

Welcome

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.

Sentence

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My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. *[John 10.27]*

Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbour.

All

God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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May the God of love and power
forgive *you/us* and free *you/us* from *your/our* sins,
heal and strengthen *you/us* by the Holy Spirit
and raise *you/us* to new life in Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.

Hymn

SNC 61 Lord of Life, We Come to You

[ERISKAY LOVE LILT]

Found in the slim blue hymnal.

Hebridean Folk Song

[Standing]

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O God, be not far from us.

All

Come quickly to help us, O God.

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Christ has triumphed over death:

All

O come let us worship.

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Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

All

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

[Candles and lamps are lit during the singing of the hymn.]

Hymn

SNC 22 Now That Evening Falls

[TAKING LEAVE]

Found in the slim blue hymnal.

Music: John Bell, Iona Community

[Standing]

Thanksgiving

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Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe!

Your word brings on the dusk of evening,

your wisdom creates both night and day.

You determine the cycles of time,

arrange the succession of seasons,

and establish the stars in their heavenly courses.

Lord of the starry hosts is your name.

Living and eternal God, rule over us always.

Blessed be the Lord, whose word makes evening fall.

People

Amen.

[All sit]

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 19 - *Sung by the Cantor*

Music: The Lark in the Clear Air

Irish Traditional, 18th Century

Arr. Kiran Young Wimberly and The McGraths, and Dónal O'Connor

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The heavens declare your works and the skies proclaim your glory;
day by day they tell of you, night by night your wisdom reveal.
They speak but without words. No sound is heard from within them.
Yet their words go to all the earth and their voice to all the world.

In the heav'ns God has placed the sun from the dawn until the gloaming.
Like a champion on her course with joy and strength goes forth.
God's words refresh the soul, making wise the simple-hearted,
Giving light from their radiance. They will shine forevermore.

They are more precious than gold, more precious than pure gold.
They are sweeter than honeycomb, and to keep them, great reward.
May the meditations of my heart be pleasing in your sight.
For you are my Redeemer and my Rock in whom I trust.

Psalm Prayer

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Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come
among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news
of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our
eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin
and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Light and our Life.

All

Amen.

Psalm 46

Music: Fáinne Geal an Lae (Dawning of the Day)

Irish Traditional, 17th century.

Arr. Kiran Young Wimberly and The McGraths

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*The Cantor sings the verses; **we all sing the refrain.***

The God of Jacob is our strength, our help in times of trouble.

Though mountains fall into the depths, though seas do rage and road,

Though earth and hills be shaken, we will not be afraid.

Refrain

The Lord Al - might - y is with
us, our re - uge ev - er - more.

There is a river bringing joy to the city of our God.

The sacred house of God Most High: it shall not be destroyed.

Though nations tremble, kingdoms fall, God thunders; earth dissolves. **Refrain.**

O come and see what God has done: amazing things on earth!

God breaks the bow, destroys the spear, and sets the shield on fire.

“Be still and know that I am God! I rule o’er all the earth.” **Refrain**

Reading 2 Kings 17: 1-18

Following the reading:

Reader Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

[Standing]

Hymn: When All the Good is Gathered Up

[KILLIBEGS]

Text: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Tune: William Davies (1921-2006)

1 When all the good is gath-ered up, when all the
2 When all the spir - it of the good ab - sorbs our
3 With - in a chem - is - try of change, with - in the
4 Where all the el - e - ments com - bine to fire new
5 When good-ness takes the place of gold, when pain of
pain is gath-ered, too, then will an en - er - gy be
suf - fer - ing and fears, then will an en - er - gy ar -
heart of all that beats will be the en - er - gy of
truth, to fos - ter joy, set loose that en - er - gy of
war, of word and fist be - comes the en - er - gy of
born to spark a world a - light and new!
rive that grows cre - a - tion out of tears.
love that noth - ing quench - es or de - feats.
love to be in us God's strong al - loy!
hope, then peace and jus - tice will have kissed.

Reading Matthew 13: 44-52

Following the reading:

Reader Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

[Standing]

Canticle SNC 77 My Soul Cries Out

[STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN]

Music: Irish traditional

Affirmation of Faith *Said by all, standing.*

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

[Sitting]

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Officiant Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying,
 “We thank you, Lord.”

All We thank you, Lord.

Officiant For the beauty and wonder of creation,

All We thank you, Lord.

Officiant For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

All We thank you, Lord.

Officiant For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

All We thank you, Lord.

Officiant For minds to think and hearts to love,

All We thank you, Lord.

Officiant For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

All We thank you, Lord.

Officiant For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

All We thank you, Lord.

Officiant For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

All We thank you, Lord.

Officiant On this, the Eve of St Michael and All Angels, we give thanks for St. Michael,
All Angels, and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

All We thank you, Lord.

The Collect

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

All **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.**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

All **Amen.**

[Standing]

Song Columba's Blessing

Words: Based on St. Columba's Prayer (6th century)

Sung by the Cantor.

Music: A Robertson and A. Raine, Northumbria Community

[Standing]

Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd

[BROTHER JAMES' AIR]

Words: Psalm 23, Scottish Psalter, 1650

Music: James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840-1925)

1. The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want: he makes me down to
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in pres - ence of my
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low

lie in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the
make with - in the paths of right - eous - ness, even
ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and
foes; my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and
me, and in God's house for ev - er - more my

qui - et wa - ters by; he lead - eth me, he
for his own name's sake; with - in the paths of
staff me com - fort still; for thou art with me,
my cup ov - er - flows; my head thou dost with
dwell - ing place shall be; and in God's house for

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
right - eous - ness, even for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup ov - er - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Participants

Clergy The Rev. Claude St-Denis
Music Joanne Acasio (*Cantor*)
 Neil Cockburn (*Director of Music*)

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