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Feast of St. Francis

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

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The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells, *Preacher*

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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



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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 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school.

Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion. 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.

Need to reach us?

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We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

(CP 355)

Text: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William Henry Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, melody *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

**1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia ...**

**3 Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia ...**

**2 Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia ...**

**4 Dear Mother Earth who day by day,
unfolds her blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia ...**

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the traditional ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsilil-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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord: Grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis,

All we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfect joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148:7-14

The Second Reading

Job 12:7-10a

At the conclusion of the epistle:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All Thanks be to God.

Sequence Alleluias

(CP 715)

Text and music: Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (1947-).



Verse: The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living?
It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ. *Refrain*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All 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.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Reverend Dr. Sam Wells

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.

Litany for All Creation

Presider Call out the names of those animals for whom we care. Call out the names of those animals who are no longer with us.

Silence is kept.

Deacon Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

All **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

All **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

All **Have mercy upon us.**

Deacon Grant that all your creatures may serve you with thanksgiving;

All **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Grant favourable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

All **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works;

All **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

All **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

All **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;

All **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

All **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Deacon Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

All **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Saviour. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Creator, out of your abundant love all things live and move and have their being.

All **We confess that we have turned away from you and from your image in our neighbours. We have neglected the creatures that surround us, the water that renews us, and the earth that nourishes us. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we might hear the song of your creation once again and see your love in all living things. Amen.**

Kyrie (from Missa de Angelis)

trad. Gregorian

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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation: the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

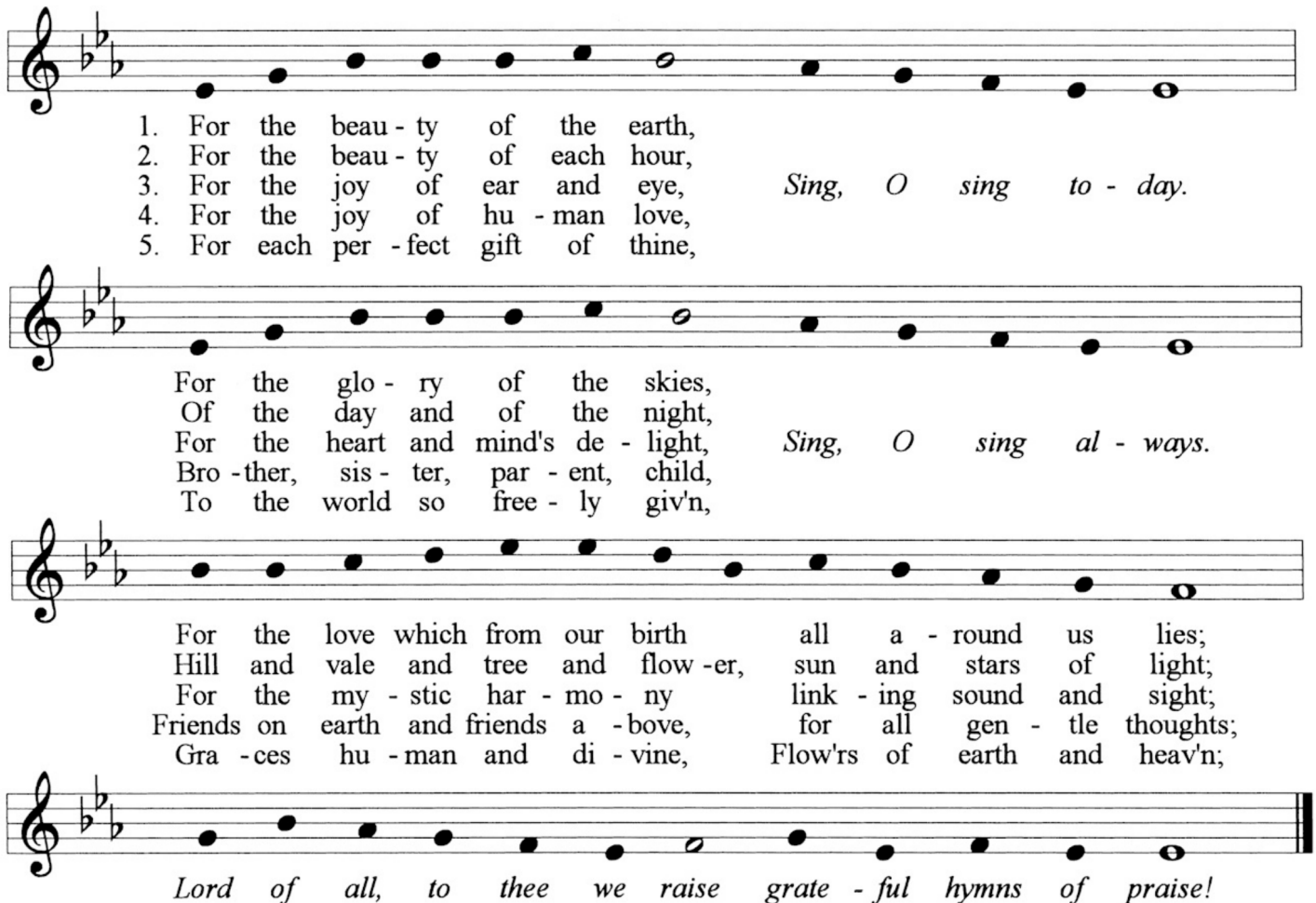
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Offertory Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917).

Music: ADORO TE, trad. Gregorian; adapt. Rupert Lang.



1. For the beau - ty of the earth,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, Sing, O sing to - day.
4. For the joy of hu - man love,
5. For each per - fect gift of thine,

For the glo - ry of the skies,
Of the day and of the night,
For the heart and mind's de - light, Sing, O sing al - ways.
Bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
To the world so free - ly giv'n,

For the love which from our birth all a - round us lies;
Hill and vale and tree and flow - er, sun and stars of light;
For the my - stic har - mo - ny link - ing sound and sight;
Friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts;
Gra - ces hu - man and di - vine, Flow'rs of earth and heav'n;

Lord of all, to thee we raise grate - ful hymns of praise!

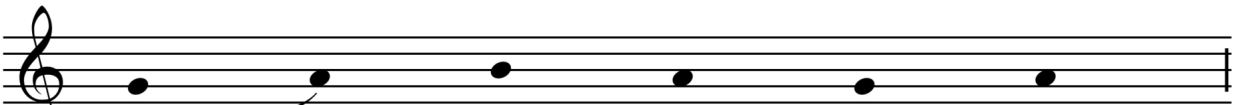
The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of truth,
receive all we offer you this day.

All Make us worthy servants,
strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider 
May_____ God be_____ with_____ you.

ALL 
And_____ al - so with you.

Presider 
Lift_____ up your_____ hearts._____

ALL 
We lift_____ them up.

Presider 
Let us give thanks_____ to God our Cre - a - tor.

ALL 
It is right_____ to give our thanks and praise.____

Presider It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all [...] Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (from Mass for Many Nations)

Rupert Lang

(INTRO: 8 BARS)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God; Ho-ly, ho-ly God of pow-er and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est!

intro 2x



(4x)

I. Blest is the One who comes in your name.

(3x)

II. (Lord) Blest is He who comes in the name of the

(2x)

III. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name, the name of the Lord!

Claps (4 times)



(INSTR.) 2x



(everyone claps)

(2x) Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the highest Heaven!

(2x) Ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the highest Heaven!

Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough [...]
All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

All Amen

Ringling of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer *Yabban, Yamman* (from *Mass for Many Nations*) Rupert Lang
Text: para. Frances Somerville (1916-2007).

Yab - ban Yam-man, Timeless and lov- ing, lov-ing cre-a- tor, cre-
-a- tor of all, Your name is ho- ly, Yab - ban, Yam-man, your name is
ho- ly, Yabban, Yam-man. We seek to do your will that your pur- pose
may pre- vail We ask you for the bread of life and for the pow- er
and be for- given. // to for- give For all your gifts and constant love your
ho- ly name be blest and praised, now & for e- ver. Yab - ban, Yam-man,
Time- less and lov- ing, lov-ing cre-a- tor, Yabban, Yam-man.
Now and for e- ver. A- - men.

Fraction Sentence

Presider Behold the mystery of your salvation laid out before you.
Behold what you are; become what you receive.

All Thanks be to God.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

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.**

Music During Communion

Sursum Corda

Text: Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy (1883-1929), alt.

Music: SURSUM CORDA, Rupert Lang (1948-).

1 There are sunflowers in the meadow, with God's green and golden blaze,
and the distant hills are nearing, through a sun-kissed sea of haze.

Refrain - All



Sur - sum Cor-da! How the song swells from the woods that smile and
nod, Sur-sum Cor-da! Ring the blue bells, Lift ye up your hearts to God.

2 There's a lilt of silver laughter in the brook upon its way,
and the sun comes tumbling after, like the children at their play. *Refrain*

3 There's a distant cuckoo calling to the lark up in the sky
and his song comes falling, falling to his nest-a happy sigh. *Refrain*

4 There are sunflowers in the meadow, with God's green and golden blaze,
and the distant hills are nearing, through a sun-kissed sea of haze. *Refrain*

Lion and Lamb Lying Together

(CP 597)

Text and music: LION AND LAMB, Patrick Wedd (1948-2019).

Li-on and lamb ly-ing to-ge- ther, jus tice and peace
ly-ing to-ge- ther, li -on and lamb; They will not
hurt nor des-troy in all the earth, the ho- ly
mountain of God. And a lit -tle child shall
lead them, And a lit -tle child shall lead them,
And a lit -tle child shall lead them, lead them,
gent - ly lead them, in -to God's king - dom.

2 Child and snake playing together,
growing in love playing together, child and snake;
they will not hurt nor destroy in all the earth, the holy mountain of God.
And the Prince of Peace will guide them, (x3)
guide them, firmly guide them into God's kingdom.

3 Rich and poor sharing together,
envy is gone, sharing together, rich and poor;
they will not hurt nor destroy in all the earth, the holy mountain of God.
And the God of love will challenge us, (x3)
challenge us, constantly challenge us, to seek her kingdom.

4 Strong and oppressed living as equals,
knowledge and trust, living as equals, strong and oppressed;
they will not hurt nor destroy in all the earth, the holy mountain of God.
And the Crucified redeems us, (x3)
saves us, with his blood brings us into God's kingdom.

And the earth is filled with goodness, (x3)
knowledge, justice, freedom, it is God's kingdom.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God,
may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist
remain in your steadfast love,
and show in our lives
the saving mystery that we celebrate.

All This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Presider Glory to God,
All 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

Presider The Wisdom of God,
the Love of God, and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's
hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

(4x)

1. Bles - sing and Hon - our and Glory for e - ver!

(3x)

2. Bles - sing Hon - our, Glo - ry for - e - ver!

(2x)

3. Blessing & Hon - our, Glo - ry now & for - e - ver. A - men!

Claps (4 times)

(INSTR.)

(everyone claps)

(2x) Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. A - men!

(2x) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

The Dismissal

Deacon Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This is Our Home

Brian Gibson and Bob Buckley

Theme song for Canada Pavilion Expo '86

In celebration of Vancouver Children's Choir's 40th anniversary as choir in residence at Christ Church Cathedral.

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.

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