Christ Church Cathedral
Vancouver, BC · *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*

Choral Evensong

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis of Assisi

Season of Creation

Christ Church Cathedral

October 4, 2026 at 4:00 PM

You are invited to join in the prayers and singing of the hymns, as we make our offering of prayer and worship.
Indications for standing and sitting are suggested,
although we invite you to adopt a pose according to your comfort and custom.

[Standing]

Hymn **CP 419 Let All Creation Bless the Lord** **[MIT FREUDEN ZART]**

[Standing]

The Dean/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

Officiant I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *[John 15.16]*

The Confession

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Minister May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Preces and Responses Joanne Forbes L'estrange (b. 1971)

Minister/Choir *O Lord, open thou our lips.*

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

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised!

[Sitting]

Psalm 145 Exaltabo te, Deus

1 I will exalt you, O God my sovereign, and bless your name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.
3 Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; there is no end to your greatness.
4 One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.
5 I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty and all your marvellous works.
6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.
7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
8 O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 You are loving to everyone and your compassion is over all your works.
10 All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.
11 They make known the glory of your dominion and speak of your power;
12 so that the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendour of your dominion.
13 Your sovereignty is an everlasting one; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
Lord, you are faithful in all your words and merciful in all your deeds.
14 You uphold all those who fall and lift up those who are bowed down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.
16 You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
17 You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
18 You are near to those who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
19 You fulfil the desire of those who fear you, you hear their cry and help them.
20 You preserve all those who love you, but you destroy all the wicked.
21 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord;
let all flesh bless your holy name for ever and ever.

[Standing]

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

[Sitting]

The First Lesson 2 Kings: 20: 1-21

Following the reading:

Reader Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All **Thanks be to God.**

[Standing]

Office Hymn **CP 279 Lo! Round the Throne, a Glorious Band**

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Canticle Magnificat in G Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

The congregation may stand for the Magnificat.

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.

[Sitting]

The Second Lesson Matthew 14:1-12

Following the reading:

Reader Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Nunc Dimittis in G Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

The congregation may stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

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.

[Standing]

The Apostles' Creed

Minister I believe in God,

All **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.

[Sitting]

Responses [Minister/Choir] Joanne Forbes L'estrange (b. 1971)

The Lord be with you And with thy spirit
Let us pray Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister Our Father,
All **which art in heav'n,**
hallow'd be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heav'n.
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.

Officiant/Choir

O Lord, shew 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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
who hast built thy Church
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
[CHOIR: Amen]

Collect for St. Francis

Grant us, Almighty God,
after the example of thy holy servant Francis,
to do what you thou wouldst have us do,
and always to desire what is pleasing in thy sight,
that cleansed by thy love,
enlightened by thy truth,
and kindled with the fire of thy Holy Spirit,
we may follow in the footsteps of thy beloved Son
and make our way to thee, O God most High;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
[CHOIR: Amen]

A Collect For Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee,
we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
[CHOIR: Amen]

A Collect For Aid Against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. *[CHOIR: Amen]*

Anthem All Things Bright and Beautiful — John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Litany

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.**

[The Officiant may add additional spoken prayers,
and may offer a time of silence for your own prayers and reflection.]

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom:

Officiant 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 grant their requests:
fulfil 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.

All **Amen.**

[Standing]

Hymn **CP 325 Angel-Voices, Ever Singing** **[ANGEL VOICES]**

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

Postlude *Cortège Académique* Sir Ernest Macmillan (1893-1973)

If you wish to depart before the end of the postlude, please leave in silence.

Sundays@4

Sundays@4 features a different music-centered worship each Sunday at 4 p.m.
based on the service of Evening Prayer, following the Revised Common Lectionary.
Please join us in-person for Sundays@4. These services are not livestreamed.

October is Women's History Month in Canada
Sundays@4 will feature a selection of music and texts by women creators

October 11 - Evening Prayer with Music from the Taizé Community

October 18 - Holden Evening Prayer

October 25 - Broadway Vespers

Compline

The short, monastic service of Compline (Night Prayer) is sung weekly in the Cathedral on Sundays at 8pm. If the summer weather takes you further afield and you can't return in time for Sundays@4, join us for chanted psalms, canticles, and meditative prayer at Compline. Services run for about half an hour.

Participants

Clergy	The Rev'd Clare Morgan
Reader	Allan Morgan
Music	The Cathedral Choir
	Dr. Neil Cockburn *(Director of Music)*

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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.

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