



CHORAL EVENSONG THANKSGIVING DAY

Sunday, October 11, 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.*

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The Invitatory and Psalter

PRELUDE *Schmücke dich, o liebe seele*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (d. 1933)

The people stand as the procession enters.

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins (d. 1656)

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 259

Ar Hyd Y Nos

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

Gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,

God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbour,

God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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PSALM 4

Hear me when I call O God of my righteousness :
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble
have mercy upon me and hearken unto my prayer.
O ye sons of men how long will ye blaspheme mine honour :
and have such pleasure in vanity and seek after leasing?
Know this also that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly :
when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.
Stand in awe and sin not :
commune with your own heart and in your chamber and be still.
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness :
and put your trust in the Lord.
There be many that say, Who will shew us any good?
Lord lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
Thou hast put gladness in my heart :
since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.
I will lay me down in peace and take my rest :
for it is thou Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 7

O Lord my God in thee have I put my trust :
save me from all them that persecute me and deliver me;
Lest he devour my soul like a lion and tear it in pieces :
while there is none to help.
O Lord my God if I have done any such thing :
or if there be any wickedness in my hands;
If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me :
yea I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;
Then let mine enemy persecute my soul and take me :
yea let him tread my life down upon the earth
and lay mine honour in the dust.
Stand up O Lord in thy wrath and lift up thyself

because of the indignation of mine enemies :
 arise up for me in the judgement that thou hast commanded.
 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee :
 for their sakes therefore life up thyself again.
 The Lord shall judge the people; give sentence with me O Lord :
 according to my righteousness
 and according to the innocency that is in me.
 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end :
 but guide thou the just.
 For the righteous God trieth the very hearts and reins.
 My help cometh of God :
 who preserveth them that are true of heart.
 God is a righteous Judge strong and patient :
 and God is provoked every day.
 If a man will not turn he will whet his sword :
 he hath bent his bow and made it ready.
 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death :
 he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.
 Behold he travaileth with mischief :
 he hath conceived sorrow and brought forth ungodliness.
 He hath graven and digged up a pit :
 and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.
 For his travail shall come upon his own head :
 and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.
 I will give thanks unto the Lord according to his righteousness :
 and I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.
 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

Jeremiah 36.11-26

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

When Micaiah son of Gemariah son of Shaphan heard all the words of the Lord from the scroll, he went down to the king's house, into the secretary's chamber; and all the officials were sitting there: Elishama the secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the officials. And Micaiah told them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the scroll in the hearing of the people. Then all the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah son of Shelemiah son of Cushi to say to Baruch, 'Bring the scroll that you read in the hearing of the people, and come.' So Baruch son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them. And they said to him, 'Sit down and read it to us.' So Baruch read it to them. When they heard all the words, they turned to one another in alarm, and said to Baruch, 'We certainly must report all these words to the king.' Then they questioned Baruch, 'Tell us now, how did you write all these words? Was it at his dictation?' Baruch answered them, 'He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the scroll.' Then the officials said to Baruch, 'Go and hide, you and Jeremiah, and let no one know where you are.'

Leaving the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the secretary, they went to the court of the king; and they reported all the words to the king. Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the

king. Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. Yet neither the king, nor any of his servants who heard all these words, was alarmed, nor did they tear their garments. Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them. And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son and Seraiah son of Azriel and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest the secretary Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah. But the Lord hid them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1.45–55)

Thomas Weelkes (d. 1623)
Short service

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

Luke 8.26-39

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time the man had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Tomkins

Sung in alternating voice between officiant and choir.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The people remain standing.

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.

THE SUFFRAGES

Tomkins

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

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.

The people sit.

THE ANTHEM

Maurice Greene (d. 1755)

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.

-Psalm 65

THE SERMON

Canon Ian Alexander

The people stand.

HYMN 419

Mit Freuden Zart

Let all creation bless the Lord,
till heaven with praise is ringing.
Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord,
stir up the angels' singing.
Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet!
Make music, day, night, cold, and heat:
exalt the God who made you.

All living things upon this earth,
green fertile hills and mountains,
sing to the God who gave you birth;
be joyful, springs and fountains.
Lithe waterlife, bright airborne birds,
wild roving beasts, tame flocks and herds:
exalt the God who made you.

O men and women everywhere,
lift up a hymn of glory;
all you who know God's steadfast care,
tell our salvation's story.
No tongue be silent; sing your part,
you humble souls and meek of heart:
exalt the God who made you.

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CLOSING PRAYERS

The people remain standing. Prayers are offered, concluding with
Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The officiant pronounces God's blessing. The people respond
Amen.

VOLUNTARY *Nun danket*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (d. 1933)



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	Canon Ian Alexander
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