



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 28

Sunday, October 11, 2026 at 10.30 am

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.

By attending, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

Today's service ("the liturgy") is the work of the whole People of God, and all are encouraged to speak the responses in **bold** and sing the hymns, found in the blue *Common Praise* hymnal.

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*

Johannes Brahms (d. 1897)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 262

St. George's, Windsor

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;

from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Text: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

DOMINICAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be
with you all.
And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

David Thorne

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'n - ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the

high - est. Lord, Je - susChrist, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; You are

sea-ted at the righthand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one,

You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the Glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us hold this moment open to God's grace.

Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25.1-9

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (HYMN 519)

Crimond

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:

he makes me down to lie

in pastures green; he leadeth me

the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,

and me to walk doth make

within the paths of righteousness,

even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,

yet will I fear no ill;

for thou art with me, and thy rod

and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished

in presence of my foes;

my head thou dost with oil anoint,

and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life

shall surely follow me,

and in God's house for evermore

my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Ps. 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650. Music: Melody Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836–1887); harm. Thomas C. L. Pritchard (1885–1960). Harm. © Oxford University Press.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4.1-9

The reading concludes

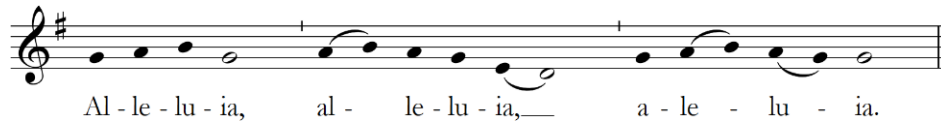
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Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22.1-14

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the center aisle.



The choir sings

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope to which we are called.

The acclamation is reprised

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the people, concluding

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The people sit.

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

The people stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Promotion of Choristers

The congregation is seated. The Dean welcomes the congregation and introduces the promotion. Then, the Dean says

I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt so lovingly with me;
I will praise the name of the Lord most high.

O God, whose praise is in the whole creation: we ask your blessing on all who make music to your glory, and especially upon the choristers of this cathedral church; that by their ministry of music the faith of all who worship here may be strengthened, and their hearts uplifted; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO BE PROMOTED

The Director of Music begins

Dean Thomas, I present to you Adia Larson and Samuel Loomer who are being promoted to Deputy Head Choristers of this cathedral.

The Dean addresses the candidate for promotion

Adia and Samuel, you have demonstrated by your diligence and faithfulness that you are ready to assume the responsibilities of Deputy Head Chorister. Will you be mindful of younger choristers, newer to the ministry of music, always supporting and helping them, to grow in skill and confidence?

The candidate replies

I will.

The Dean asks

Respecting your fellow choristers and those who guide you, will you commit to leading by example?

The candidate replies

I will.

The Dean asks

Will you continue to be reverent in all your conduct within this cathedral church?

The candidate replies

I will.

THE PROMOTION

The Dean takes the candidate by the hand, and promotes them saying:

Adia and Samuel, I promote you to Deputy Head Chorister of Christ Church Cathedral in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Director of Music presents the newly promoted choristers with a medal.

THE CHORISTERS' PRAYER

All pray together

Bless, O Lord, us your servants who minister in your temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The intercessor begins

Let us exalt and praise the name of our God, source of all goodness, for the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of creation, for the splendour of sea and sky, and the provisions of a generous harvest, Source of all goodness,
we give thanks and pray.

For the constant invitation to prayer and communion, for the feast set before us, and companions at our sides, Source of all goodness,
we give thanks and pray.

For friends and family, for the circle of relations that reveal your love, sharing in joy and sorrow, Source of all goodness,
we give thanks and pray.

For wise leaders, generous stewards, and manifest concern for the welfare of societies and cultures, Source of all goodness,
we give thanks and pray.

For refuge for the poor, shelter from storm, and shade from heat; for refreshment for the weary and anointing for the sick, Source of all goodness,
we give thanks and pray.

For the example of those who have lived faithfully, for gentleness and excellence, and the peace which urges us on, Source of all goodness,
we give thanks and pray.

For those we love and see no longer, for the communion of saints, [especially], and the hope of your eternal wedding feast, Source of all goodness,
we give thanks and pray.

The presider concludes

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we are and possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace, then take their seats for the announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.



The people stand.

The people's gifts of bread, wine and money are offered at the altar. All are invited to give by placing money in the offering basket as it circulates, visiting a Tap machine, located at the Quadra Street and Burdett Avenue doors, or scanning the QR code found in this service leaflet.

HYMN 401

How Can I Keep from Singing

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
it sounds and echoes in my soul;
how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm...

What though the tempest 'round me roar,
I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm...

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing;
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm...

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his;
how can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm...

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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

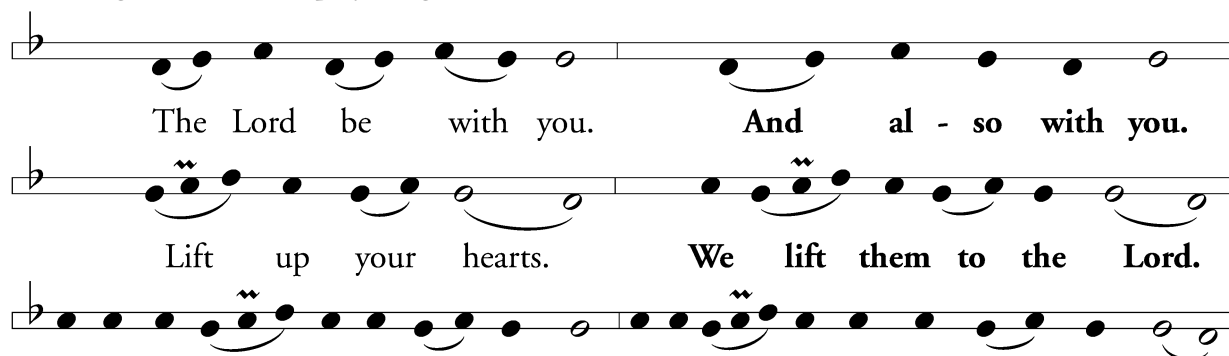
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Common Worship, Prayer B

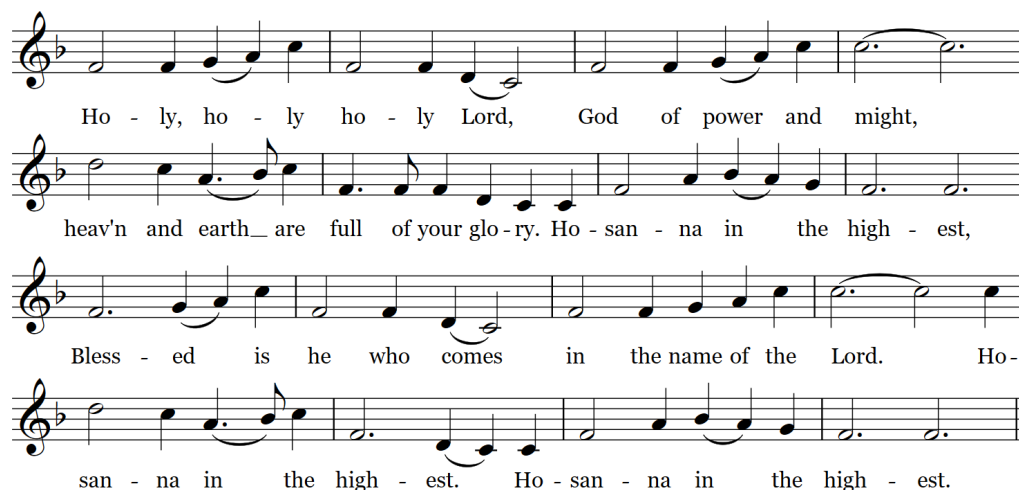
When sung, the Eucharistic prayer begins



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you created all things; the Savior you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus took flesh; as your Son, born of the Blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; He opened wide his arms on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and gathered to you a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you as we sing:

Land of Rest



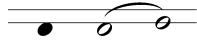
The presider continues

You are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Spirit, and according to your will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper Jesus took the cup and gave you thanks he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Eternal God, calling to mind Jesus' death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for Christ's coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share the one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Savior; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever.



A - MEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

FRACTION SENTENCE

Bread is broken. Silence may be kept.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive communion around the altar rails. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer not to receive the Bread or Wine, simply cross your arms and a blessing will be offered. Communion ministers will come to the pews to serve any who cannot access the altar rails.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

During the distribution of communion, prayers for healing with the laying-on-of-hands and anointing may be sought in the Lady Chapel, to the left of the high altar. Prayers may be requested for yourself or for others, and the content of prayers is held in confidence.

AGNUS DEI

Amiel Elfert (b. 2004)

The choir sings

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

ANTHEM

Vernon Hoyle (b. 1948)

The choir sings

Harvest blessings, richly show' red by the God of love;

field and garden, sweetly flow' red; Heav'n's blue sky above.

For these mercies now we sing grateful praise to God our King.

Nature's wonders yearly sharing, thank we now our Lord,

who, for all his creatures caring, doth his gifts afford.

For these mercies now we sing grateful praise to God our King.

Loving God and loving neighbour, man in joy doth reap

harvest of the farmer's labour, harvest of the deep.

For these mercies now we sing grateful praise to God our King.

He who took the bread and brake it, blessed it with the wine,

common food of earth doth make it sustenance divine.

For these mercies now we sing grateful praise to God our King.

Harvest blessings, richly show' red by the God of might;

body, soul and mind, empow' red praise him in the height!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, so that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,

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.

The Sending Forth

THE BLESSING

The presider, or bishop when present, pronounces God's blessing.

Amen.

HYMN 399

Nun Danket

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinckart (1596-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662);
harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), Lobgesang, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Prelude in G major, BWV 568*

J. S. Bach (d. 1750)

*All are warmly invited to coffee hour located in the Chapter Room,
located directly behind the nave and accessible from both side aisles.*

Flowers in the cathedral are given to the glory of God.



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, <i>Vicar</i>
Homilist	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, <i>Dean</i>
Deacon	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
Assisting Clergy	The Reverend Ross Bliss
Vergers	Cyrus Chan, Pamela Robertson
Readers	Kit Pearson, Janis Wheatley
Intercessor	Susanna Longridge
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers
	The Community Choir
	The Parish Choir
	The Young Choristers
	The Youth Choir
	The Cathedral Choir
	Nathan Sood-Patel, <i>Organ Scholar</i>
	Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Eucharistic Ministers	Daniel Dempsey, Janis Wheatley, Jen Purkis, Elsie Hepburn
Healing Ministry	Susanna Longridge, Joyce Dreilich
Sidespersons	Donna White, Karen Young, Gwyneth Evans, Elaine Ellison
	<i>The Chancel Guild, Sue Black, President</i>
	<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.

SUPPORT OUR MONTHLY OUTREACH *The Food Bank at St. John the Divine*

The volunteers at the Food Bank at St John the Divine work together, networking and connecting with many partners to provide healthy food and other essentials, donated or purchased at cost-effective prices. They participate in advocating for food security, access to gardens, reduced food waste and promotion of healthy foods in the hope that one day the Food Bank will no longer be needed. The volunteers create a welcoming, inclusive, and respectful place where both guests and volunteers enjoy interacting together. More information can be found at www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Cathedral closed all day | Monday Oct 12

Please note that, in observance of Thanksgiving Monday, both the cathedral and cathedral office will be closed throughout the day on Monday October 12. There will be no services or

HAPPENING THIS WEEK *All are most warmly welcome*

Community Coffee Hour | Tues Oct 13,

9:30am-11:00am

Join us in the Chapter Room on the second Tuesday of every month.

Walking Group | Weds Oct 14 and

Sat Oct 17, 10:00 am

The current schedule can be found on the cathedral website.

Land and Treaties on Vancouver Island |

Saturday Oct 17, 10:00am-11:30am

A presentation and discussion with parishioner and historian, Jesse Robertson. Free to attend; please visit the cathedral website to find out more and to register.

Anna Lapwood in concert at Christ Church Cathedral | Feb 12 and Feb 13, 2027

Tickets are now on sale to hear global organ superstar, Anna Lapwood, in concert here at Christ Church Cathedral! Visit the cathedral website to find out more.



Please visit the Cathedral website for more information.