

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Vespers

Thursday October 15, 2026

People (words in **bold**),

Reader, (Epistle and Gospel)

Psalmist, (not words in **bold**)

Prayer

When it is your turn note that “...” indicates a pause

Territorial Acknowledgment

Officiant/People

We recognize and respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and surrendered land of the Qayqayt First Nation, alongside all Coast Salish Halkomelem-speaking peoples. We acknowledge that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. We are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth, and reconciliation in action.

The Preparation

Officiant

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Greeting and Call to Prayer

Officiant/People

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;

Let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

Diotrephes and Demetrius

I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not welcome us. So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing in spreading false charges against us. And not content with those charges, he refuses to welcome the brothers and sisters and even prevents those who want to do so and expels them from the church.

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. Everyone has testified favorably about Demetrius and so has the truth itself. We also testify for him, and you know that our testimony is true.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom,

Amen

Praise to God Who Comes in Judgment

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Luke 11:47–54

Reader

Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. For this reason, the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’ so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. Woe to you experts in the law! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees became hostile to him and began to interrogate him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom,

Amen

The Apostles' Creed

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

Prayers of the People

Prayers

Let us we pray to the Lord, responding with, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Let us pray for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. Let us pray to the Lord.

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People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to your Church grace to speak the word of pardon and show the power of forgiveness by example. May your clergy and laity be strengthened in godliness and resistance to sin. Let all who confess their faith in Christ be slow to find fault in others. Quick to forgive offenses and tireless in working toward right relationships.

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People : Lord, hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People

Prayers

Let us pray for all who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, that they may have a place in his eternal kingdom. ... Let us pray to the Lord.

People : Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask for a new spirit of generosity for those who have much, that they moved to compassion for those who have little. May those who hold resources and authority exercise them with mercy. Please bring to the world right relationships between all nations. Let us pray to the Lord.

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People : Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders in the world that are using fear and punishment, Constrain them, We ask that you raise people up to lead us in peace. Thy will be done in all the nations. Let us pray to the Lord.

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People : Lord, hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People

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Almighty and ever-loving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

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your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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Give us today our daily bread.

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Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

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Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

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Amen.

Collects & Blessing

Officiant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of your servants, as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Blessing

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

Amen.