



CHORAL EVENSONG

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Sunday, October 18, 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.*

This service is being broadcast live on the internet.

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The Invitatory and Psalter

PRELUDE *Voluntary*

Thomas Tomkins (d. 1656)

The people stand as the procession enters.

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Richard Ayleward (d. 1669)

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 293

St. Michael's

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old

were strong to heal and save;

they triumphed over pain and death,

o'er darkness and the grave.

To you they went, the blind, the mute,

the palsied and the lame,

the leper set apart and shunned,

the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health,

gave speech and strength and sight;

and youth renewed, with health restored,

claimed you, the Lord of light.
And so, O Lord, be near to bless,
almighty now as then,
in every street, in every home,
in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still,
O Lord of life and death;
restore and strengthen, soothe and bless,
with your almighty breath.
On hands that work and eyes that see,
your healing wisdom pour,
that whole and sick and weak and strong
may praise you evermore.

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: attrib. Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809).

PSALM 67

God be merciful unto us and bless us, *
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
That thy way may be known upon earth, *
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee O God; *
yea let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad; *
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise thee O God; *
yea let all the peoples praise thee.
The earth hath brought forth her increase; *
and God, even our own God shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us; *
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

PSALM 96

O sing unto the Lord a new song; *
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name; *
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his honour among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the peoples, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before him: *
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples; *
ascribe unto the Lord glory and power.

Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; *
 bring presents and come into his courts.
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
 Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King; *
 he hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;
 he shall judge the peoples righteously.
 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; *
 let the sea make a noise and all that is therein.
 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *
 then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord;
 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
 and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.
 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

Isaiah 52.7-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1.45-55)

Thomas Tomkins (d. 1656)
Fifth 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

Acts 1.1-8

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (LUKE 2.29-32)

Tomkins

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

Ayleward

Sung in alternating voice between officiant and choir.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All may stand or kneel.

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

Ayleward

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 God, who didst inspire thy servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son; Graciously continue in thy Church the like love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of thy Name; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

THE ANTHEM

Orlando Gibbons (d. 1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Collect for Epiphany 3

THE SERMON

The Reverend Ross Bliss

The people stand.

HYMN 381

Praise, My Soul

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Ps. 103; para. Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Music: John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Gerald Manning (1943-) ©.

CLOSING PRAYERS

The people remain standing. Prayers are offered, concluding with

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 hear their requests: Fulfill 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.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

VOLUNTARY *Fantasia in G*

William Byrd (d. 1623)



SERVING IN TODAY'S LITURGY

Officiant	Jesse Robertson
Homilist	The Reverend Ross Bliss
Readers	Elaine Ellison, Gwyneth Evans
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Musicians	Members of the Cathedral Choir Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
Sidespeople	Gwyneth Evans, Maureen Applewhaite <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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Walking Group | Weds Oct 21 and

Sat Oct 24, 10:00am

The current schedule can be found on the cathedral website.

The Liturgy at Christ Church Cathedral |

Thurs Oct 22, 12:00pm

Join the Rev'd Anna E. Rossi, Vicar, for a Zoom-based conversation. Questions encouraged!

In Conversation |

Fri Oct 23, 6:00pm

Bring a potluck dish of your choice to share. All welcome.

Exploratory Conversation: Cathedral

Altar Guild | Sun Oct 25, 12:30pm

Meet Sean Tiernay and Cyrus Chan in the Narthex and learn about the emerging altar guild.



Please visit the Cathedral website for more information.