CHORAL EVENSONG
THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 32

Sunday, November 8, 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 *Épitaphe* — Louis Vierne (d. 1937)

The people stand as the procession enters.

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES — John Stainer (d. 1901)

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 26 — Te Lucis

To you before the close of day,
Creator of all things, we pray
that, in your saving constancy,
our guard and keeper you would be.

Save us from troubled, restless sleep;
from all ill dreams your children keep.
So calm our minds that fears may cease
and rested bodies wake in peace.

A healthy life we ask of you:
the fire of love in us renew,
and when the dawn new light will bring,
your praise and glory we shall sing.

Almighty Father, hear our cry
through Jesus Christ, our Lord most high,
whom with the Spirit we adore
forever and for evermore.

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PSALM 34

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord :
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :
the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.
O praise the Lord with me :
and let us magnify his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he heard me :
yea, he delivered me out of all my fears.
O look unto him and be lightened :
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him :
yea, and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him :
and delivereth them.
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is :
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints :
for they that fear him lack nothing.
The lions do lack, and suffer hunger :
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
Come, ye children, and hearken unto me :
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is he that desireth to live :
and would fain see good days?
Keep thy tongue from evil :
and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
Depart from evil, and do good :
seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous :
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil :
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them :
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart :
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
Great are the troubles of the righteous :
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
He keepeth all his bones :
so that not one of them is broken.
But misfortune shall slay the ungodly :
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants :
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.
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

Amos 4.6-13

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return to me, says the Lord. And I also withheld the rain from you when there were still three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would be rained upon, and the field on which it did not rain withered; so two or three towns wandered to one town to drink water, and were not satisfied; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord. I struck you with blight and mildew; I laid waste your gardens and your vineyards; the locust devoured your fig trees and your olive trees; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord. I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I killed your young men with the sword; I carried away your horses; and I made the stench of your camp go up into your nostrils; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord. I overthrew some of you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were like a brand snatched from the fire; yet you did not return to me, says the Lord. Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel! For lo, the one who forms the mountains, creates the wind, reveals his thoughts to mortals, makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth—the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat (Luke 1.45–55)

George Dyson (d. 1964)
Service in C minor

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

Matthew 24.1-14

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2.29-32)

Dyson

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

Stainer

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

Stainer

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

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

The people sit.

The Anthem

Giovanni Battista Martini (d. 1784)

In monte Oliveti oravit ad Patrem:
"Pater, si fieri potest,
transeat a me calix iste.
Spiritus quidem promptus est,
caro autem infirma.
Fiat voluntas tua."

On the Mount of Olives he prayed to his Father:
"Father, if it be possible,
let this cup pass from me.
The spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak.
Your will be done."

The Sermon

The Venerable Craig Hiebert

The people stand.

Hymn 584

Herongate

The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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Closing Prayers

The people may kneel or stand. 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 Grace

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

Voluntary *Nimrod, Enigma Variations*

Edward Elgar (d. 1934), arr.
William Henry Harris (d. 1973)

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Serving in Today's Liturgy

Officiant, Homilist	The Venerable Craig Hiebert
Readers	Susanna Longridge, Jen Purkis
Verger	Cyrus Chan
Musicians	Members of the Cathedral Choir
	Mark McDonald, *Assistant Director of Music*
	Donald Hunt, *Director of Music*
Sidespeople	Maureen Applewhaite, Jen Purkis
	The Cathedral Technical Team

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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 *Gleams of Hope*

Gleams of Hope is a multi-faith, multicultural group that is sponsoring a Syrian widow and her two daughters who fled their country to escape the dangers of the war almost a decade ago. Since then, they have been living without legal status in another country, facing the constant risk of arrest and deportation. The mother has also battled significant health issues, including fighting stage 4 metastatic breast cancer; Gleams of Hope has been funding her cancer treatments and now needs to raise additional funds to continue providing this life-saving support. Join Gleams of Hope in helping this family – our neighbours at a distance. For more information, please email aharvey@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

HAPPENING THIS WEEK *all are most warmly welcome!*

Walking Group | Sat Nov 14, 10:00am
The current schedule can be found on the cathedral website.

Community Coffee Hour | Tues Nov 10, 9:30am
Join us on the second Tuesday of every month.

Capriccio Vocal Ensemble | Weds Nov 11, 3:00pm
On Remembrance Day, Capriccio Vocal Ensemble presents *No Place like Home: Songs of Memory, Love and Return*. Tickets on sale via the cathedral website.

Candlelight Concerts | Fri Nov 13, 6:30pm and 8:45pm
Concerts held under the gentle glow of candlelight. Tickets available at feverup.com

Cathedral and office closed all day | Weds Nov 11

Please note that, in observance of Remembrance Day, the cathedral and office will be closed all day, apart from for the Capriccio concert at 3pm.



Please visit the cathedral website for more information.