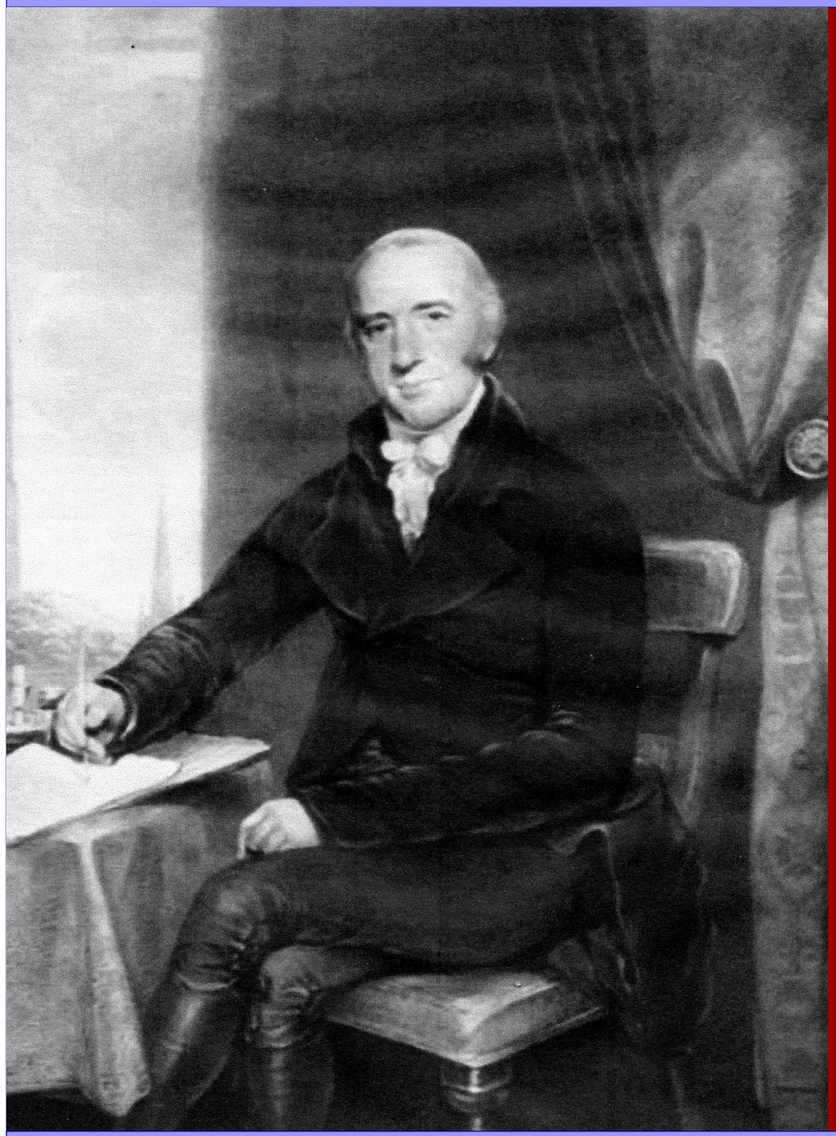


# VESPERS
# on the Commemoration of
# Charles Simeon

## 2026 November 12

As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth and Tsawwassen nations.

# The Preparation

***Officiant***

Charles Simeon was an Anglican priest who died in 1836 after fifty-four years of ministry at Cambridge University, where he was a spiritual guide for innumerable students and a shining light in the Evangelical Revival of his day. Simeon went to Cambridge as a serious young man who imposed such burdens on his own conscience that he experienced the eucharist as an occasion of guilt, not gladness. Then, as he prepared to make his Easter communion in 1780, he came to know worthiness in Christ alone, and when he received the Sacrament on Easter morning he experienced the sweetness and beauty of the risen Christ in his own life. From that moment he devoted himself to helping others know the same joy. After his graduation Simeon remained at Cambridge, took Holy Orders, and was appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity, the University church. His enthusiasm for Christ was considered vulgar by academics and townspeople alike, and rowdy students often disrupted worship in his church. But his faithfulness as a pastor, especially towards those who suffered during a local famine, finally outmatched the

# The Preparation (Cont'd)

hostility and by 1800 his spiritual authority was unrivalled. Simeon won his greatest fame in the pulpit, where he preached sermons which were passionate in their delivery and powerful in communicating the vibrant joy of salvation in Christ. But he exercised his most enduring influence at "conversation parties," where he entertained undergraduates and provided them with tea and serious discussion as an alternative to the drunkenness, idleness, and bullying which beset their peers. These parties formed several generations of students and gave them a fervent commitment to Christ, so that Simeon had an truly evangelical impact which reached far beyond Cambridge and was felt in all corners of England long after his death.

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# The Preparation

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O God, make speed to save us,
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
**your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.**
**Amen.**

# Act of Praise

## We Praise You, Father, for Your Gift
(Common Praise 33)

***Officiant or Cantor***

We praise you, Father, for your gift of dusk and
nightfall over earth, foreshadowing the
mystery of death that leads to endless day.

Within your hands we rest secure, in quiet
sleep our strength renew; yet give your people
hearts that wake in love to you, unsleeping Lord.

Your glory may we ever seek in rest, as
in activity, until its fullness
is revealed, O source of life, O Trinity.

# The Psalm

Psalm 145: 8 - 13

***Psalmist***

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone *
**and his compassion is over all his works.**

All your works praise you, O Lord, *
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom *
**and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power *
**and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

# The Psalm Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to know you more and more, that knowing we may love and loving we may praise, that the whole world may hear your name and worship you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**.

# The Reading
## John 21: 15 - 17

***Reader***

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him “Feed my sheep.”

# Response

***After a brief period of reflection the Reader says:***

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the Earth.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Affirmation of Faith

***Officiant***

Let us affirm our Faith as we recite the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

# Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

***Officiant***

God of life, we praise you for your abiding presence from generation to generation, blessing your people, strengthening us to lives of service, empowering us to witness. Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of your creation as we respond to the bidding “Gracious God” with “Hear our Prayers”.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Diocese of Chester, the Church of England; the Rt. Revd. Mark Tanner, Bishop. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle, we pray for the Principal, Faculty, Students and Staff of the Vancouver School of Theology; The Principal-Dean, Faculty, Students and Staff of Martin Luther Community College; we remember November 13, 1741, which is celebrated in the wider Church as the Festival of Christ the Elder. It took two months for the September 16 decision to be communicated to the churches around the globe; we pray for those who have died in war and for a new commitment to work for peace. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

# Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

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In our Diocesan cycle, we pray for the Mission to Seafarers, the Revd. Peter Smyth; and for St. Anne Steveston, the Revd. Marnie Peterson. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for Shane, our Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; John, our Metropolitan; Stephanie, our Priest; retired clergy Michael Deck and Alain-Michel Rosseal; Bishop Benny Len-Akan and the people of Northern Philippines; our sister Parish of St. Gabriel the Archangel in Lubon; and all in need. Please add any others you wish to name, either silently or aloud. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

Loving God, grant that as we serve you now on earth, so we may one day rejoice with all the saints in your kingdom of light and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# The Collect

***Officiant***

God of grace and compassion,
whose providence is unerring wisdom
and whose wisdom is unbounded love,
grant that, like your servant Charles Simeon,
we may walk with Christ in all simplicity
and in all things know your mercies;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**.

# The Lord’s Prayer

***Officiant***

Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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,**
**and 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 forever.**
**Amen.**

# The Sending Forth

***Deacon (or Officiant)***

Let us bless the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

***Officiant***

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen**.