CHORAL EVENSONG
THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 33

Sunday, November 15, 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 *Three Preludes on Well Known Hymn Tunes "Bangor," "Dominus regit me," & "Ellers"* — Healey Willan (d. 1968)

The people stand as the procession enters.

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES — plainsong

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 586 — St. Ethelwald

Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace
the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cru-el consequence;
give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!

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PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
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

Ezekiel 7.10-27

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

See, the day! See, it comes! Your doom has gone out. The rod has blossomed, pride has budded. Violence has grown into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, not their abundance, not their wealth; no pre-eminence among them. The time has come, the day draws near; let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn, for wrath is upon all their multitude. For the sellers shall not return to what has been sold as long as they remain alive. For the vision concerns all their multitude; it shall not be revoked. Because of their iniquity, they cannot maintain their lives. They have blown the horn and made everything ready; but no one goes to battle, for my wrath is upon all their multitude. The sword is outside, pestilence and famine are

inside; those in the field die by the sword; those in the city—famine and pestilence devour them. If any survivors escape, they shall be found on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning over their iniquity. All hands shall grow feeble, all knees turn to water. They shall put on sackcloth, horror shall cover them. Shame shall be on all faces, baldness on all their heads. They shall fling their silver into the streets, their gold shall be treated as unclean. Their silver and gold cannot save them on the day of the wrath of the Lord. They shall not satisfy their hunger or fill their stomachs with it. For it was the stumbling-block of their iniquity. From their beautiful ornament, in which they took pride, they made their abominable images, their detestable things; therefore I will make of it an unclean thing to them. I will hand it over to strangers as booty, to the wicked of the earth as plunder; they shall profane it. I will avert my face from them, so that they may profane my treasured place; the violent shall enter it, they shall profane it. Make a chain! For the land is full of bloody crimes; the city is full of violence. I will bring the worst of the nations to take possession of their houses. I will put an end to the arrogance of the strong, and their holy places shall be profaned. When anguish comes, they will seek peace, but there shall be none. Disaster comes upon disaster, rumour follows rumour; they shall keep seeking a vision from the prophet; instruction shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. The king shall mourn, the prince shall be wrapped in despair, and the hands of the people of the land shall tremble. According to their way I will deal with them; according to their own judgements I will judge them. And they shall know that I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat (Luke 1.45–55)

plainsong
Magnificat tone 1.5 (Solemn);

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 12.43-45

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to some scribes and pharisees: 'When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but it finds none. Then it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." When it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2.29-32)

Geoffrey Burgon (d. 2010)

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

plainsong

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

plainsong

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

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Anthem

Franz Schubert (d. 1828)

Sung by the choir, in German.

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow! My fainting soul doth He restore, And guideth me in the ways of peace To glorify His Name. And though in death's dark valley My steps must wander, My spirit shall not fear, For Thou art by me still; Thy rod and staff are with me, And they shall comfort me.

Psalm 23

The Sermon

The Reverend Ross Bliss

The people stand.

Hymn 31

Ellers

Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,
then lowly kneeling, wait thy word of peace.

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.

Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton (1826- 1893) Music: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901).

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 *Double Voluntary* John Hingeston (d. 1683)

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Serving in Today's Liturgy

Officiant, Homilist	The Reverend Ross Bliss
Readers	Lynne Walker, Gwyneth Evans
Musicians	Members of the Cathedral Choir
	Mark McDonald, *Assistant Director of Music*
	Donald Hunt, *Director of Music*
Sidespeople	Lynne Walker, Gwyneth Evans
	The Cathedral Technical Team

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WORSHIP WITH US

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer (Lady Chapel)
8.45 am | Weekdays, except Wednesdays

School Chapel (Nave)
9.40 am | Wednesdays during term

Midweek Eucharist (St Christopher Chapel)
12.15 pm | Wednesdays, except holidays

Choral Evensong (Nave)
5.00 pm | Wednesdays during term

Evening Prayer (Lady Chapel)
5.00 pm | Weekdays, except Wednesdays

SUNDAYS

BCP Holy Eucharist
8.00 am | Lady Chapel

Holy Eucharist
9.15 am | Nave

Choral Eucharist
11.00 am | Nave and Livestream

Choral Evensong
4.00 pm | Nave and Livestream

Periodically, there is a combined Eucharist at 10.30 am. 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!*

The Liturgy in Advent | Tues Nov 17, 12.00 pm
Join the Rev. Anna Rossi for a Zoom-based conversation about the themes of Advent and resources for the season. Further information on the cathedral website.

Walking Group | Wed Nov 18 and Sat Nov 21, 10.00 am
The current schedule can be found on the cathedral website.

St Cecilia's Day Musical Open House | Sat Nov 21, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
Join us for our annual all-day musical open house and Christmas bake sale!

Combined Service | Sun Nov 22, 10.30 am
We invite you to return your Stewardship Pledge Cards at the 10.30 am Eucharist on our patronal feast day.

Celebrating 50 years of the priesting of women in the Anglican Church of Canada
Our commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the first women priested in the Anglican Church of Canada concludes in a celebratory Eucharist on **Wednesday November 25 at 4.00 pm.** All are warmly welcome.

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