HOLY EUCHARIST
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 33

Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 9.15 am

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.

Today's service ("the liturgy") is the work of the whole People of God, and all are encouraged to speak the responses in **bold** and sing the hymns, found in the blue *Common Praise* hymnal.

The Gathering

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement and Welcome

The people stand as the procession enters.

Hymn 599

Church Triumphant

Awake! Awake! Fling off the night,
for God has sent a glorious light,
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

Awake and sing, with praises strong,
in psalm and hymn and spirit-song.
Let love our words and works renew
with all that's good and right and true.

Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross expectant kneel,
that Christ may judge, and judging, heal.

Then rise as children of the light.
Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.
Be careful how you live, and wise
to sift the truth from cunning lies.

Through Christ give thanks to God, and say
to other sleepers on the way:
"Awake, and rise up from the dead
that Christ may shine on you instead!"

Text: J.R. Peacey (d. 1971) Music: James William Elliott (1833-1915).

Dominical Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Let us hold this moment open to God's grace.
Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The people sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

The reading concludes
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90.1-8, 12

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

The reading concludes

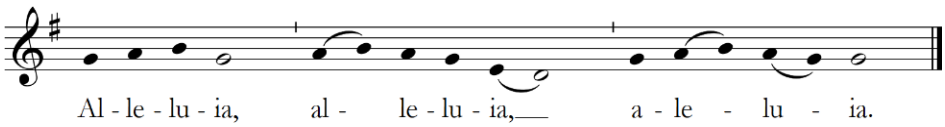
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25.14-30

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel as it is processed into the center aisle.



The choir sings

I am the vine, you are the branches, **says** the Lord.

Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

The acclamation is reprised

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the people, concluding

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The acclamation is reprised

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The people sit at the homilist's invitation.

Homily

The Reverend Canon Ian Powell

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

English Language Liturgical Consultation

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The intercessor bids the prayers of the community, each concluding

… we pray:
Hear our prayer.

The presider adds the following, or another suitable collect

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we are and possess: Grant us grace that we may honour you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of you bounty, through Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

The presider bids the confession.

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to the holy table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

All may kneel, or remain standing. A brief silence is observed.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The presider, or bishop when present, pronounces God's forgiveness

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The people stand.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace, then take their seats for the announcements.

Announcements

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2



The people stand.

The people's gifts of bread, wine and money are offered at the altar. All are invited to give by placing money in the offering basket as it circulates, visiting a Tap machine, located at the Quadra Street and Burdett Avenue doors, or scanning the QR code found in this service leaflet.

Hymn 67

Highwood

God of all time, all seasons of our living,
source of our spark, protector of our flame,
blazing before our birth, beyond our dying –
God of all time, we come to sing your name.

Here in this place, where others have been building,
we come to claim the legacy of faith;
take, in our turn, the telling of your story;
and, though we tremble, speak your hope, your truth.

Spirit, who draws our fragile selves together;
Spirit, who turns a stranger to a friend:
be at the table where we greet each other;
be in the peace we pass from hand to hand.

Let us not die from poverty of caring;
let us not starve, where loved is to be shared.
Come, break us open to receive your healing;
your broken body be our wine and bread.

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Common Worship, Prayer B

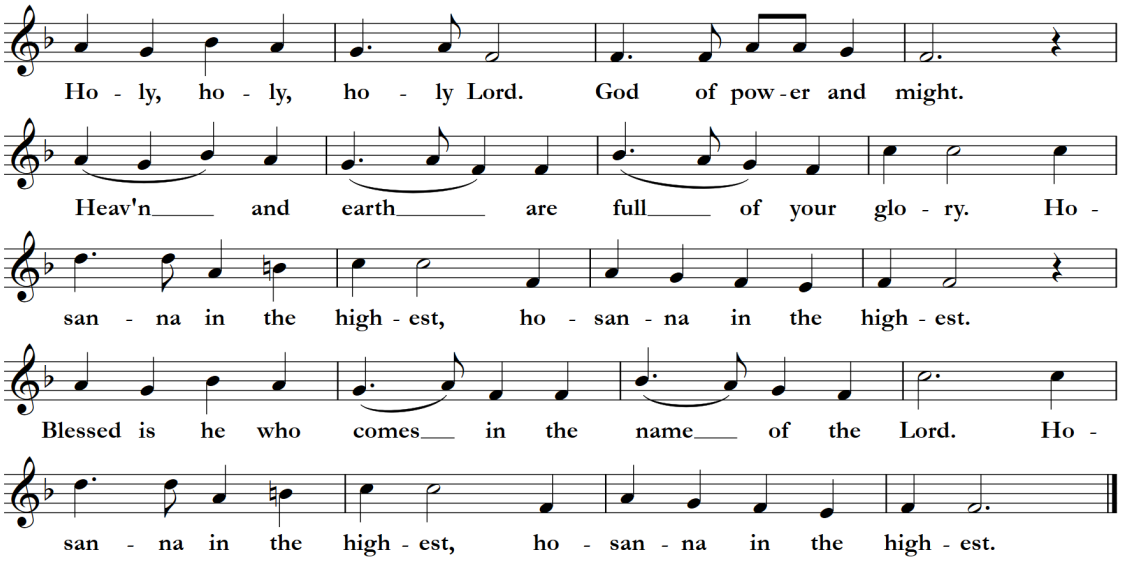
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you created all things; the Savior you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus took flesh; as your Son, born of the Blessèd Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; He opened wide his arms on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and gathered to you a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you as we sing:

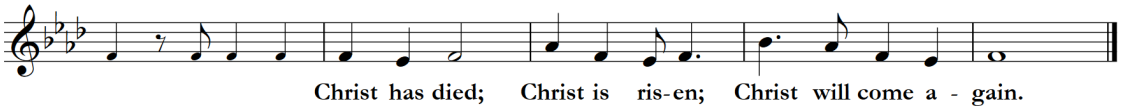
Richard Proulx (d.2010)
A Community Mass



The presider continues

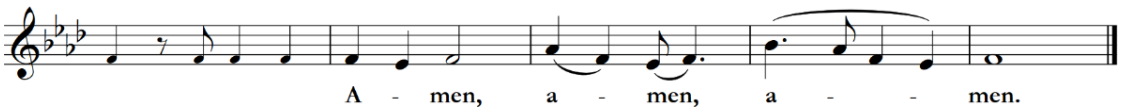
You are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Spirit, and according to your will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, on the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper Jesus took the cup and gave you thanks he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Proulx



Eternal God, calling to mind Jesus' death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for Christ's coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share the one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Savior; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever.

Proulx



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.

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 for ever. Amen.

Fraction Sentence

Bread is broken. Silence may be kept.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive communion around the altar rails. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer not to receive the Bread or Wine, simply cross your arms and a blessing will be offered. Communion ministers will come to the pews to serve any who cannot access the altar rails.

Prayers for Healing

During the distribution of communion, prayers for healing with the laying-on-of-hands and anointing may be sought in the Lady Chapel, to the left of the high altar. Prayers may be requested for yourself or for others, and the content of prayers is held in confidence.

Prayer after Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Let us pray.
O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, so that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine;

Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Sending Forth

The Blessing

The presider, or bishop when present, pronounces God's blessing.

Amen.

Hymn 5

Ratisbon

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, (1707-1788). Music: Melody Geystsliche Gesangk Buchleyn, 1524; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

All are warmly invited to coffee hour located in the Chapter Room,
located directly behind the nave and accessible from both side aisles.

Flowers in the cathedral are given to the glory of God,
and at the High Altar in memory of family members.

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Serving in Today's Liturgy

Presider	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, *Dean*
Homilist	The Reverend Canon Ian Powell
Deacon	The Reverend Anna E. Rossi, *Vicar*
Assisting Clergy	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
Crucifer	Richard Routledge
Readers	Ted McLeod, Gordon Wheatley
Intercessor	Susanna Longridge
Musicians	The Cathedral Guild of Bellringers The Parish Choir Alice Chapman, *soloist* Donald Hunt, *Director of Music*
Server	Susan McKelvie
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue MacRae, Heather Frame
Healing Ministry	Janine Davies, Susanna Longridge
Sidespersons	Anthony Danda, Brenda Mowbray
	The Chancel Guild, Sue Black, *President*
	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.



Please visit the cathedral website for more information.