CHORAL EVENSONG
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 34

Sunday, November 22, 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 *Verse for Double Organ* — Christopher Gibbons (d. 1676)

The people stand as the procession enters.

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES — William Byrd (d. 1623)

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 303 — Rockingham

Unto thy temple, Lord, we come
with thankful hearts to worship thee,
and pray that this may be our home
until we touch eternity;

the common home of rich and poor,
of bond and free, and great and small;
large as thy love for evermore,
and warm and bright and good to all.

And dwell thou with us in this place,
thou and thy Christ, to guide and bless.
Here make the well-springs of thy grace
like fountains in the wilderness.

May thy whole truth be spoken here;
thy gospel light forever shine,
thy perfect love cast out all fear,
and human life become divine.

Text: Robert Collyer (1823-1912). Music: Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1897); harm. Samuel Webbe the elder (1740-1816), Collection of Psalm-Tunes, 1820, alt.

PSALM 145

I will magnify thee O God my King :
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I will give thanks unto thee :
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and marvellous worthy to be praised :
there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another :
and declare thy power.
As for me I will be talking of thy worship :
thy glory thy praise and wonderful works;
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
The Lord is gracious and merciful :
long-suffering and of great goodness.
The Lord is loving unto every man :
and his mercy is over all his works.
All thy works praise thee O Lord :
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
They shew the glory of thy kingdom :
and talk of thy power;
That thy power thy glory and mightiness of thy kingdom :
might be known unto men.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom :
and thy dominion endureth through out all ages.
The Lord upholdeth all such as fall :
and lifteth up all those that are down.
The eyes of all wait upon thee O Lord :
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand :
and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways :
and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him :
yea all such as call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him :
he also will hear their cry and will help them.
The Lord preserveth all them that love him :
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord :
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and 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 Readings

The First Reading

Isaiah 44.21-28

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel. Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by myself spread out the earth; who frustrates the omens of liars, and makes fools of diviners; who turns back the wise, and makes their knowledge foolish; who confirms the word of his servant, and fulfils the prediction of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited', and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up their ruins'; who says to the deep, 'Be dry—I will dry up your rivers'; who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall carry out all my purpose'; and who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be rebuilt', and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat (Luke 1.45–55)

Byrd
Second 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

Matthew 1.46-50

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, 'Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.' But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' And pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2.29-32)

Byrd

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

Byrd

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

Byrd

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious role; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Anthem

Greta Tomlins (d. 1972)

Sung by the choir

Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!

George Herbert (d. 1633)

The Sermon

The Reverend **

The people stand.

Hymn 379

Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the judge, shall come
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice,
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Text: Charles Wesley, (1707-1788). Music: John Darwall (1731-1789).

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 *Praeambulum in d* Heinrich Scheidemann (d. 1663)

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Serving in Today's Liturgy

Officiant, Homilist	The Reverend Canon Doug Friesen
Readers	David Collins, Jacquie Collins
Musicians	The Cathedral Schola
	Mark McDonald, *Assistant Director of Music*
	Donald Hunt, *Director of Music*
Sidespeople	David Collins, Jacquie Collins
	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!*

Servers Guild Information Session | Sun Nov 22, 12.30 pm
For those considering a role in this ministry, as well as those who simply want to learn more.

Walking Group | Wed Nov 25 and Sat Nov 28, 10.00 am
The current schedule can be found on the cathedral website.

Holy Eucharist | The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Priesting of Women | Wed Nov 25, 4.00 pm
Join us for this celebratory Eucharist. All welcome.

Please visit www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca for more information.

Advent Procession Candle Setup | Sat Nov 28, 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm, Chapter Room
Open to anyone interested in helping setting up the candle displays for this special service.

Combined Service | Sun Nov 29, 10.30 am
A 10.30 am Eucharist will replace the 9.15am and 11 am services next Sunday.

Make your own Advent Wreath | Sun Nov 29, 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Chapter Room
Free to take part and materials provided.

The Advent Procession | Sun Nov 29, 4.00 pm
A special service marking the Church's new year, with traditional readings, choral music and hymns. All welcome.