THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE REIGN OF CHRIST

Sunday, November 22, 2026 at 10.30 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.

This service is being broadcast live on the internet.
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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 *Gloria (excerpts)* Nicolas de Grigny (d. 1703)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The people stand as the procession enters.

HYMN 302 Little Cornard

They did not build in vain
who founded here a church
as witness to God's love
amid a world of pain;
for still to those who wish to see,
this place proclaims God's mystery.

They built upon the rock
that is the risen Lord,
the one foundation laid
which stands each earthly shock;
that, Spirit filled, we here might raise,
as living temples, prayer and praise.

Those who have loved this place,
a cloud of witnesses,
surround and urge us on
as we now run our race;
and so we lay aside each sin
in our resolve to strive and win.

Though the horizon's bend
conceals the way ahead,

the footprints on the road
show Christ waits at the end.
In him alone our faith shall stand,
who waits for us at God's right hand.

In every place our world
is storm and tempest tossed;
the flames of fear and hate
are evil's flags unfurled;
yet still the Spirit's wind and fire
pour gifts for service in this hour.

Here is our meeting place
where doubt finds grounds of faith;
where hurt finds healing love,
our penitence finds grace;
where bridging time to eternity
is God the holy Trinity.

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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.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Herbert Howells (d. 1983)
Collegium Regale

Glory be to God on high
And in earth peace, goodwill towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Let us hold this moment open to God's grace.
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The people sit.

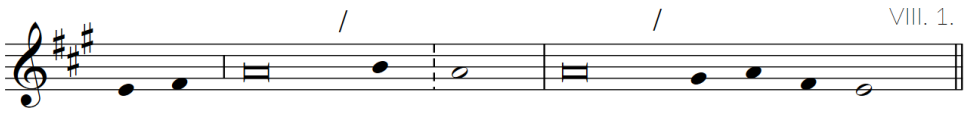
The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

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

Psalm 100



BE JOY-ful in the Lord, all you / lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's / pres-ence with a˝song.
Know this: * The Lord alone is / God;
we belong to the Lord, who made us; * we are God's people and the sheep / of God's pas-ture.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; * go into the holy courts with / praise;
give thanks and call upon the / name of the Lord.
For good is the Lord, whose mercy is ever-/last-ing;
and whose faithfulness en-/dures from age to˝age.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1.15-23

The reading concludes

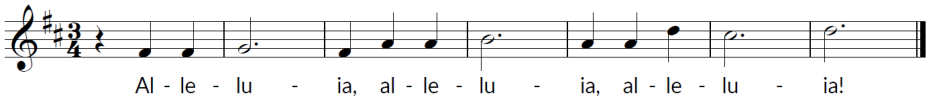
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25.31-46

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



The choir sings

Blessed is he who comes in the names of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

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 people sit.

Homily

The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas

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

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The presider adds the following, or another suitable collect

Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that in the reign of Christ there is a place set at your table for all your children. Help us to make that dream a reality here in this cathedral. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing of Prayer Shawls

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 378

Diademata

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) and Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), alt. Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893).

The Ingathering and Blessing of Pledges

The people stand.

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

When sung, the Eucharistic prayer begins

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:

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.
Christ is the bread of life:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

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.
AMEN.

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.

Agnus Dei

Howells

The choir sings

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

Anthem

Andreas Hammerschmidt (d. 1675)

The choir sings

Machet die Tore weit	Lift up your heads, O gates;
und die Türen in der Welt hoch,	and lift them high, everlasting doors;
daß der König der Ehren einziehe.	and the King of glory shall come in.
Wer ist der selbige König?	Who is this King of glory?
Es ist der Herr,	The Lord
stark und mächtig im Streit.	strong and mighty in battle.
Machet die Tore weit	Lift up your heads, O gates;
und die Türen in der Welt hoch!	and lift them high, everlasting doors;
Hosianna in der Höhe.	Hosanna in the highest;
Hosianna dem Sohne Davids.	hosanna to the Son of David.

Psalm 24.7-10

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 383

Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where e'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: John Hatton (?-1793).

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Offertoire sur les grand jeux — Nicolas de Grigny (d. 1703)

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. The flowers in St Christopher's Chapel are given in loving memory of Duncan and Doris Frame.

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Serving in Today's Liturgy

Presider and Homilist	The Very Reverend Jonathan Thomas, *Dean*
Deacon	The Reverend Canon Nancy Ford
Assisting Clergy	The Reverend Ross Bliss
Vergers	Pamela Robertson
Readers	Audrey Thomas, Julian Daly
Musicians	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bellringers
	The Parish Choir
	The Cathedral Choir
	Mark McDonald, *Assistant Director of Music*
	Donald Hunt, *Director of Music*
Servers	Heather Frame, Susan McKelvie
Eucharistic Ministers	Susan McKelvie, Ian MacDonald, Elsie Hepburn, Susan MacRae
Healing Ministry	Lois Rumsey, Susanna Longridge
Sidespersons	Donna White, Heather Murphy, Janis Wheatley, Wendy Dryden
	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!*

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.