



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, September 20, 2020 — Proper 25, Year A

10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider: The Reverend Ross Bliss
Musical Setting: Missa in F (Caldara)

Please sit in designated chairs or pews, maintaining 2 metres distance in all directions. Households may sit together. Children are invited to remain with their parents or guardians.

This service is being televised live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear in that live stream.

Dominical Greeting & Sunday Notices

The Very Reverend M. Ansley Tucker

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

People **And also with you.**

Organ Prelude: Adagio from Sonata no. 1

Felix Mendelssohn (d. 1847)

The Gathering of the Community

All stand as the chancel party enters from the side.

Collect for Purity

please remain standing

Presider Almighty God,
All **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.

Kyrie eleison

sung by the choir

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us hold this moment open to God's grace.

Creator God, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts your love of justice through all the earth.
Deepen our sense of reverence for your work of creation,
that you may nurture through us, that which you have made good,
and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Exodus 16.2-15 / all seated

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

Response to the Reading: Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45

remain seated / sung by choir

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face .

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one who stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham, his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.
He gave his people the lands of the nations *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
that they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Philippians 1.21-30

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!

All stand as the Book of the Gospels is carried to the chancel step, and the choir sings the gospel acclamation.

Gospel Reading

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Deacon Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 20.1-16

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily
Affirmation of Faith

The Reverend Ross Bliss
Iona Community, Northumbria

Presider Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day;
and though we are poor, today we believe.**

**Lord, you have always given strength for the coming day;
and though we are weak, today we believe.**

**Lord, you have always given peace for the coming day;
and though anxious of heart, today we believe.**

**Lord, you have always kept us safe in trials;
and now, tried as we are, today we believe.**

**Lord, you have always marked the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden, today we believe.**

**Lord, you have always lightened our darkness ;
and though the night is here, today we believe.**

**Lord, you have always spoken when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now, today we believe.**

The Prayers of the People

please stand, sit or kneel as preferred

Leader We ask this in Christ's name.
People **Our hope is in the name of the Lord.**

The Exchange of the Peace

all standing as able

*Handshakes and other forms of touch are not permitted at this time.
Please exchange the peace with your neighbours using a suitable gesture.*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Please remain seated while the altar is prepared with gifts of bread and wine. The collection basket will not be passed hand to hand. A spare basket may be found at the Quadra Street exit, for those who wish to make a gift on their way out. Our donation kiosk at the Quadra Street doors is also available.

Prayer over the Gifts

Deacon Blessed be God,
 by whose grace creation is renewed,
 by whose love heaven is opened,
 by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
 Blessed be God for ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

ELW Eucharistic Prayer # 9, alt. / many prefer to stand

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you,
 almighty and merciful God,
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection
 opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

<i>Choir</i>	<i>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,</i> <i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i> <i>Pleni sunt coeli et terra</i> <i>gloria tua.</i> <i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i> <i>Benedictus qui venit</i> <i>in nomine Domini.</i> <i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
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<i>Presider</i>	Holy God, you are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea within each cell; with every breath.
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<i>People</i>	We praise you, O God.
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<i>Presider</i>	Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day: across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
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<i>People</i>	We bless you, O God.
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<i>Presider</i>	We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now,
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<i>People</i>	We praise you, O God
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<i>Presider</i>	In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
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Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying, "This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

All Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering,
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise and thanks to you,
holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All say **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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Fraction Anthem

many prefer to be seated

Choir *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Communion

The sacrament will be distributed at a standing station at the chancel step. Please follow the directions of the sidesperson, who will invite those seated to one side of the centre aisle to receive first, followed by those seated on the other side.

When proceeding up the centre aisle, please maintain 2 metres distance between communicants, and return to your seat via your side aisle.

At this time, the sacrament will be administered under the form of bread only. The Church has always taught that receiving in one kind (bread or wine) conveys the fulness of Christ's sacramental presence.

Anthem: Cibavit eos (prima pars)

William Byrd (d. 1623)

*Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, alleluia.
Et de petra melle saturavit eos, alleluia.*

He fed them from the fulness of the wheat, alleluia.
And sated them with honey from the rock, alleluia.

Prayers after Communion

please stand

Presider God of our hope,
in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished in these holy mysteries
may we, with our lives,
give you continual thanks and praise.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,
All **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 Blessing

Common Worship, Creation Resources, alt.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness and growth,
and of all things created,
so guide you his children,
that you may use all gifts to God's glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing ...

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Voluntary: Allegro and Fugue from Sonata no. 2

Felix Mendelssohn (d. 1847)

Please use the Quadra Street doors to exit the cathedral. As you leave the cathedral, please take your leaflet with you. We regret that for safety's sake, there is no opportunity for refreshments, queueing up to greet the clergy, or congregating outdoors.

Thank you for being part of today's service.



The Flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, May and Kaare Teigen, and Edna and Jack Wheatley, by Gordon and Janis.

Welcome to the **Cathedral Church** of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia. Here we respectfully acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. We also have also adopted ten aspirational statements to guide our priorities and decision-making, and to provide a basis for accountability.

Aspirational Statement #1: *Christ Church Cathedral Cathedral's liturgy, study, and preaching provide inspiration, comfort, challenge, healing, learning, and spiritual formation for all ages so that the Church may be the heart and hands of God in the world.*

Where is this happening now? Providing comfort and reassurance is the easy part of this aspiration. After all, who doesn't want to be comforted? One example of providing challenge, however, occurred in the past year when Professor Chris Hedges preached here at the cathedral, calling the church to account for its silence on such matters as climate change and economic injustice. Those who were present will recall that our guest was heckled – a distinctly “unAnglican” way of registering dissent. There was much debate afterwards about the appropriateness of inviting a “controversial” speaker to preach. At the same time, others noted that seldom have we attracted so large a congregation, or shown ourselves to be engaged in a conversation that actually matters to society. There's lots to think about here.

Season of Creation We are highlighting one or two local organizations each week, that provide opportunities for citizens to get involved in volunteering or support. For the full list, see our website.

The Victoria Natural History Society <http://www.vicnhs.bc.ca>

The Victoria Natural History Society (VNHS) formed in 1944 and currently has about 750 members. They are a volunteer-run organization. Members have developed their interest in nature in a wide variety of ways—some are professional biologists, others are students, most are amateur or volunteer naturalists. VNHS provides an opportunity for those interested in the natural world to come together to share their ideas and experiences. They also organize initiatives such as an annual butterfly count. The primary objectives of the Society are to stimulate active interest in natural history, to

study and protect flora and fauna and their habitats, and to work with other societies and like bodies having interests in common with this Society.

Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidesperson</i>	Gail Gill
<i>Duty Warden</i>	Michael Wolff
<i>Verger</i>	Canon Elaine Ellison
<i>Server</i>	Ian MacDonald
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Cathedral Consort Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Ian MacLennan
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Nancy E. Ford
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Alan Batten
<i>Camera and Tech Team</i>	Kate Newman Mark Thompson
<i>Chancel Guild</i>	Margaret Ketchen, <i>president</i>



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