



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

White Rock, British Columbia

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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*We acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional and
ancestral land of the Semiahmoo First Nation.*



EVENSONG

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19

Sunday, August 10, 2025 – 5:00 PM

In Christ we are a caring community
seeking and welcoming others to join us on our faith journey.

CONCERNING EVENSONG

PERHAPS nothing is more peculiarly Anglican than the ORDER OF EVENSONG. It has been sung daily in the Anglican Church since the sixteenth century. Originating from the monastic hours, its beauty consists of the distinctive parts of the ancient office of Vespers and Compline as set forth by Thomas Cranmer in *The Book of Common Prayer* 1549. Today's ORDER OF EVENSONG is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1662 and the 1962 Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada.

There is a formality about the service which often seems far removed from the uncertain, large incoherent beliefs of many who attend; it is a choral service with little opportunity for the congregation to take an active part. Yet to some extent the formality is deceptive: the words used result from the long quest of generation after generation of Christians for ways to express their thanksgiving and their hope. The preface to the ORDER OF EVENSONG used in King's College Chapel offers a further explanation:

If you are prepared to join in this turning towards God, you will find this is a service in which you can join, though perhaps in ways that are unfamiliar. Here is a liturgical, architectural, and musical space into which, without fretting too much about the words, you may gather the preoccupations and anxieties of your own life and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose acts we celebrate. But many have found that once they have quietly offered the preoccupations which are chattering in their minds they are free silently to go on to offer to God all that they are. The service becomes the medium for our self-offering. By that offering we become open to receive again the love and mercy of God. So we begin again in the Christian life, which is life lived in response to that love and mercy.

[Michael Till, Dean of King's College, Cambridge 1970-1981]

The congregation is invited to attend carefully to the texts of the service and to boldly join in singing the designated portions.

EVENSONG

10 August 2025

OPENING VOLUNTARY

All shall stand at the tolling of the bell for the entrance of the ministers and choir.

The Officiant greets the community

AS WE begin our worship, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional and ancestral territories of the Semiahmoo First Nation and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant shall say;

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel 2.13

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Officiant shall say;

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling, as able.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like Lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRECES

The Officiant shall continue:

<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips;
<i>Choir and People</i>	And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make speed to save us.
<i>Choir and People</i>	O Lord make haste to help us.
<i>Officiant</i>	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
<i>Choir and People</i>	As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.
<i>Officiant</i>	Praise ye the Lord.
<i>Choir and People</i>	The Lord's name be praised.

All shall sit and join in chanting the appointed PSALM.

PSALM 46 *Deus noster refugium*

Adapted from *Allein Gott in der Höh*
by William Bradley Roberts



Chanted by all.

- 1 God is our refuge and | strength, *
a very present help in | trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be | moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the | sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and | foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its | tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is | with us; *
the God of Jacob is our | stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of | God, *
the holy habitation of the Most | High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of | day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are | shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt a- | way.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is | with us; *
the God of Jacob is our | stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the | Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on | earth.
- 10 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.
- 11 “Be still, then, and know that I am | God; *
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the | earth.”
- 12 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. A- | men.

A reading from the book of Judges, the 11th Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

NOW JEPHTHAH THE GILEADITE was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman. Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him. And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob: And they said unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the Lord deliver them before me, shall I be your head? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The Lord be witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words. Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the Lord in Mizpeh. Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon. And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the Lord delivered them into his hands. And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel. And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back. And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath

proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the Lord hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon. And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows. And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. And it came to pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel, That the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All stand, as able.

OFFICE HYMN

TALLIS'S CANON

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; the lamps are
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of

Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 God, life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spir - it: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

All shall remain standing for the MAGNIFICAT (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) sung by the choir.

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MAGNIFICAT

James Turle (1802-1882)



MY SOUL doth | magnify · the | Lord :
and my spirit hath re | joiced · in | God my | Saviour.
For | he hath · re | garded :
the | lowli · ness | of his | handmaiden.
For be | hold, from | henceforth :
all gene | rations · shall | call me | blessèd.
For he that is mighty hath | magni · fied | me :
and | holy | is his | Name.
And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
throughout | **all** | gene | rations.
He hath showed | strength · with his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagin | ation | of their | hearts.
He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex | alted · the | humble · and | meek.
He hath filled the | hungry · with | good things :
and the rich he | hath sent | empty · a | way.
He re | membering · 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.** | **A** | men.

All shall sit.

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter, beginning at the 22nd verse.

AFTER THESE THINGS CAME JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES into the land of Judaea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison. Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All shall stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS (The Song of Simeon).

NUNC DIMITTIS

R. Farrant (1530-1580)



LORD, now lettest thou thy servant de | part in | peace :
ac | cording | to thy | word.
For mine eyes have | seen thy · sal | vation,
Which thou hast prepared be | fore 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 FÁTHER, and | to the | Son :
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be :
world without | **end.** | **A** | men.

All shall remain standing, taking up the APOSTLES' CREED, *following the officiant;*

APOSTLES' CREED

MONOTONE

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.

LESSER LITANY

Then shall the people stand or kneel as able.

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>Choir and People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.
<i>Choir and People</i>	Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
	Lord, have mercy upon us.

The people continue after the officiant.

LORD'S PRAYER

MONOTONE

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
<i>Choir and People</i>	And grant us thy salvation.
<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, save the King
<i>Choir and People</i>	And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
<i>Officiant</i>	Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
<i>Choir and People</i>	And make thy chosen people joyful.
<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, save thy people.
<i>Choir and People</i>	And bless thine inheritance.
<i>Officiant</i>	Give peace in our time, O Lord.
<i>Choir and People</i>	Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make clean our hearts within us.
<i>Choir and People</i>	And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

The officiant continues.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY GOD, thou hast graciously bestowed thy Holy Spirit to serve as the life and light of thy holy Church. We beseech thee to open our hearts to the abundant riches of thy grace, that we may manifest the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The officiant may offer prayers or intercessions.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All shall say;

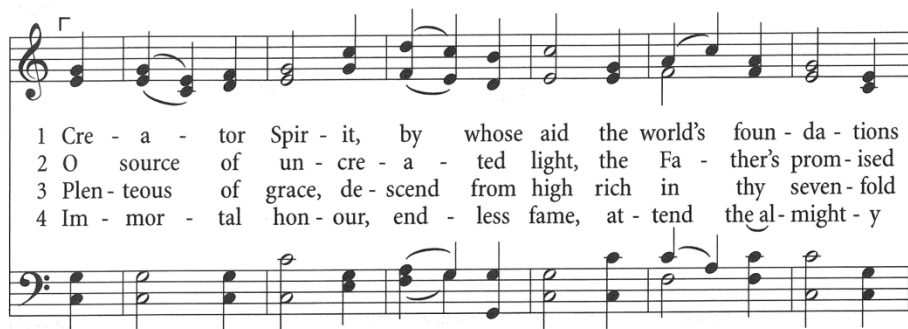
ALmighty GOD, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST CHRYSOSTOM

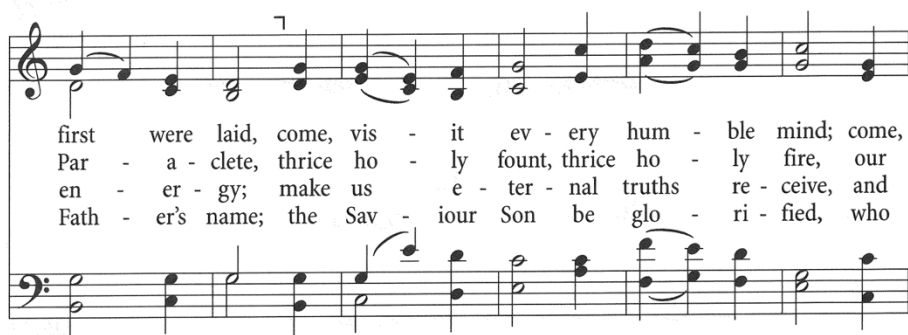
The prayer shall be pronounced by the Officiant alone;

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 grant their requests; Fulfil 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.*

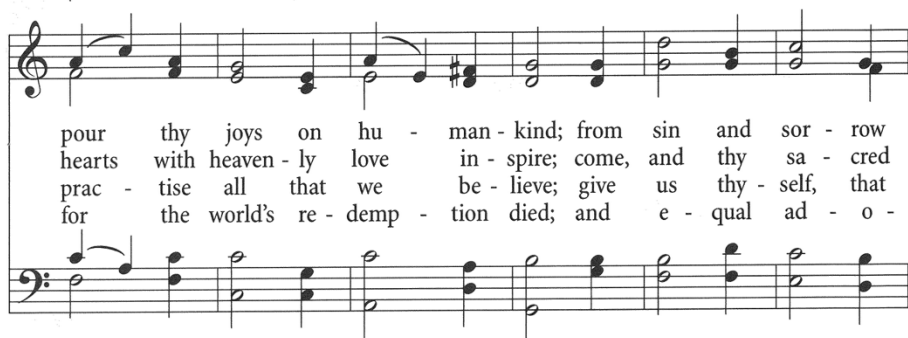
All remain standing, as able, for the singing of the hymn.



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid the world's foun - da - tions
 2 O source of un - cre - a - ted light, the Fa - ther's prom - ised
 3 Plen - teous of grace, de - scend from high rich in thy seven - fold
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - our, end - less fame, at - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, come, vis - it ev - ery hum - ble mind; come,
 Par - a - clete, thrice ho - ly fount, thrice ho - ly fire, our
 en - er - gy; make us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive, and
 Fath - er's name; the Sav - iour Son be glo - ri - fied, who



pour thy joys on hu - man - kind; from sin and sor - row
 hearts with heaven - ly love in - spire; come, and thy sa - cred
 prac - tise all that we be - lieve; give us thy - self, that
 for the world's re - demp - tion died; and e - qual ad - o -



set us free, and make us tem - ples wor - thy thee.
 unc - tion bring to sanc - ti - fy us while we sing.
 we may see the Fath - er and the Son by thee.
 ra - tion be, e - ter - nal Par - a - clete, to thee.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Then shall the officiant continue;

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

All shall stand for the retiring procession.

VOLUNTARY

Please join us for a sherry and shortbread reception in the narthex following the service.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
First Lesson	Lenore Richards
Second Lesson	Simon Johnston
Crucifer	Karyn Eisler
Organist	Reynhardt Krause
Music Director	Maria Golas
Livestream Guild	Andrew Kendrick
Greeter	Carol De Boeck & Sheila Johnston

Bible Study

Our Bible study is growing and we're learning so much about Luke's Gospel and the teachings of Jesus. All are welcome to join us. The only prerequisites are an open heart, an open mind, and a willingness to dive into scripture.

Women's Group

We gather every Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the library. We invite you to join us!

Weekday Worship All are welcome to join us for our weekday worship services:

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We are a joyful, inclusive service-oriented community. Our church building is a sacred space and a house of prayer for all. Our parish is composed of people from infants to grandparents, from cradle Anglicans to seekers, and we pride ourselves in being a place where a diverse range of opinions are held and respected. While we are a varied group, we strive to be unified as the Body of Christ.

We centre ourselves around our baptismal vow to, “strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.” Our community also extends far beyond our pews as we seek to feed, clothe, and support people who are in need.

We pray you will feel at home here and, no matter your reason for joining us. We welcome you with open arms regardless of your race, age, culture, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, previous religious affiliation, or socioeconomic status. All are welcome at The Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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