



CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

White Rock, BC Canada



EVENSONG
Proper 24
In Observance of the Season of Creation

Sunday, September 17, 2023 – 5:00 PM

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

17 September 2023

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 unceded 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;

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

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.*

All stand.

PRECES

The Officiant shall continue:

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

All shall sit for the appointed PSALM.

PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

- O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world :
thou hast set thy glory above the heavens!
2. Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of
thine enemies :
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
 3. For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers :
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
 4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him :
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
 5. Thou madest him lower than the angels :
to crown him with glory and worship.
 6. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands :
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;
 7. All sheep and oxen :
yea, and the beasts of the field;
 8. The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea :
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
 9. O Lord our Governor :
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

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.

A Reading from Job, the 38th Chapter, beginning at the 18th verse.

THE LORD ANSWERED JOB out of the whirlwind, and said,

‘Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all. Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof, That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof? Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?’

‘Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?’

‘Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder; To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man; To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?’

‘Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew? Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it? The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.’

‘Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?’

Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go and say unto thee, Here we are? Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart? Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven, When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?’

‘Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions, When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait? Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.’

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All stand, as able.

OFFICE HYMN 96

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, thy peo - ple's ev -
2 Thou, sor - rowing at the help - less cry of all cre - a -
3 When earth was near its eve - ning hour, thou didst in love's
4 At thy great name, ex - alt - ed now, all knees in low -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi -



er - last - ing light, Je - sus, re - deem - er of us all,
tion doomed to die, didst save our lost and guil - ty race
re - deem - ing power, like bride - groom from his cham - ber, come
ly hom - age bow; all things in heaven and earth a - dore,
rit, Three - in - One, praise, hon - our, might, and glo - ry be



hear thou thy ser - vants when they call.
by heal - ing gifts of heaven - ly grace.
forth from a mai - den moth - er's womb.
and own thee King for ev - er - more.
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

All shall remain standing for the MAGNIFICAT (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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 11th chapter, beginning at the 45th verse.

THEN MANY OF THE JEWS WHICH CAME TO MARY, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.

Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples.

And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take 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

IBELIEVE 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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir and People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.
Choir and People 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

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

COLLECTS

The officiant continues.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

ALMIGHTY GOD, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PEACE

OGOD, 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.*

COLLECTS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

OGOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAISE TO YOU, GOD, for all your work among us. Yours is the vigour in creation, yours is the impulse in our new discoveries. Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do. *Amen.*

All are seated for the anthem.

ANTHEM: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Text: *Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)*

Music: *Robert Jackson (1840-1914)*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All shall remain standing or kneel as able; thereafter all 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.*

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 then shall boldly sing;

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed; the
 2 We thank thee that thy church un - sleep - ing, while
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the
 4 The sun that bids us rest is wak - ing thy
 5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev - er, like

dark - ness falls at thy be - hest. To
 earth rolls on - ward in - to light, through
 dawn leads on an - oth - er day, the
 faith - ful 'neath the west - ern sky, and
 earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way; thy

thee our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed; thy
 all the world her watch is keep - ing, and
 voice of prayer is ne - ver si - lent, nor
 hour by hour fresh lips are mak - ing thy
 king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er, till

praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 rests not now by day or night.
 dies the strain of praise a - way.
 won - drous do - ings heard on high.
 all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

VOLUNTARY

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
First Lesson	Linda Ingham
Second Lesson	Catherine Robertson
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Greeters	Carol De Boeck
Streaming	Patrick Finch

Flowers at the altar this week are given to the Glory of God by Carol McPherson in loving memory of her husband Mickey.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 - Parish Council Meeting

September 25, 7:00 p.m. - Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. David Taylor at St. Mark's Ocean Park

September 26, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunchtime Chair Yoga in Griffiths Hall

September 29, 7:00 p.m. - Solemn Mass for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. (Please note, incense will be used at this service.)

October 1 - Newcomer's Lunch following the 10:00 a.m. service

October 1, 2:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Animals at the church steps on Foster and Roper

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 Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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