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



EVENSONG

Sunday, September 20, 2026 – 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

20 September 2026

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;

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.

Psalms 74:15,16

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 for the appointed PSALM.

PSALM 105:1-6 *Confitemini Domino*

Chanted by the precentor.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

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 the second book of Kings, the 4th Chapter, beginning at the 8th verse.

ONE DAY ELISHA was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.'

One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' When he had called her, she stood before him. He said to him, 'Say to her, Since you have taken all this trouble for us, what may be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?' She answered, 'I live among my own people.' He said, 'What then may be done for her?' Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.' He said, 'Call her.' When he had called her, she stood at the door. He said, 'At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.' She replied, 'No, my lord, O man of God; do not deceive your servant.'

The woman conceived and bore a son at that season, in due time, as Elisha had declared to her.

When the child was older, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. He complained to his father, 'Oh, my head, my head!' The father said to his servant, 'Carry him to his mother.' He carried him and brought him to his mother; the child sat on her lap until noon, and he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, closed the door on him, and left. Then she called to her husband, and said, 'Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again.' He said, 'Why go to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath.' She said, 'It will be all right.' Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, 'Urge the animal on; do not hold back for me unless I tell you.' So she set out, and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, 'Look, there is the Shunammite woman; run at once to meet her, and say to her, Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is the child all right?' She answered, 'It is all right.' When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi approached to push her away. But the man of God said, 'Let her alone, for she is in bitter distress; the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me.' Then she said, 'Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not mislead me?' He said to Gehazi, 'Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, give no greeting, and if anyone greets you, do not

answer; and lay my staff on the face of the child.' Then the mother of the child said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave without you.' So he rose up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. He came back to meet him and told him, 'The child has not awakened.'

When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. So he went in and closed the door on the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. Then he got up on the bed and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and while he lay bent over him, the flesh of the child became warm. He got down, walked once to and fro in the room, then got up again and bent over him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' So he called her. When she came to him, he said, 'Take your son.' She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took her son and left.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All stand, as able.

1 O laugh-ing Light, O First-born of cre - a - tion, ra - diance of
 2 Day's light is fra - gile; your light is e - ter - nal. We look to
 3 Light of the world, O Je - sus, you are wor - thy! Giv - er of

glo - ry, light from light be - got - ten, God self - re - veal - ing,
 you, our light with - in the shad - ow. We sing to you, Cre -
 life and Child of God, we praise you! Hear as the un - i -

ho - ly, bright, and bless - ed: you shine up - on us.
 a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it; you shine be - fore us.
 verse pro - claims your glo - ry! You shine a - mong us.

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. Matthew, the 6th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

JESUS SAID ‘Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.’

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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

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.

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, who hast created the heavens and the earth, and hast made us in thine own image: teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works and thy likeness in all thy children; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of 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.*

ANTHEM: *Lead me Lord*

Composer: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me Lord

Lead me in thy righteousness,

Make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only

That makest me dwell in safety.

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

Offered by the officiant.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All shall say;

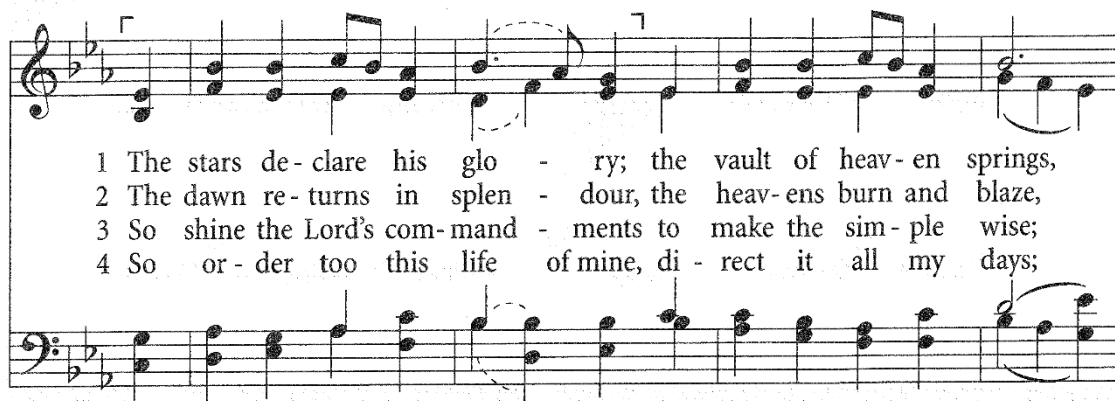
ALmighty GOD, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the 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.*

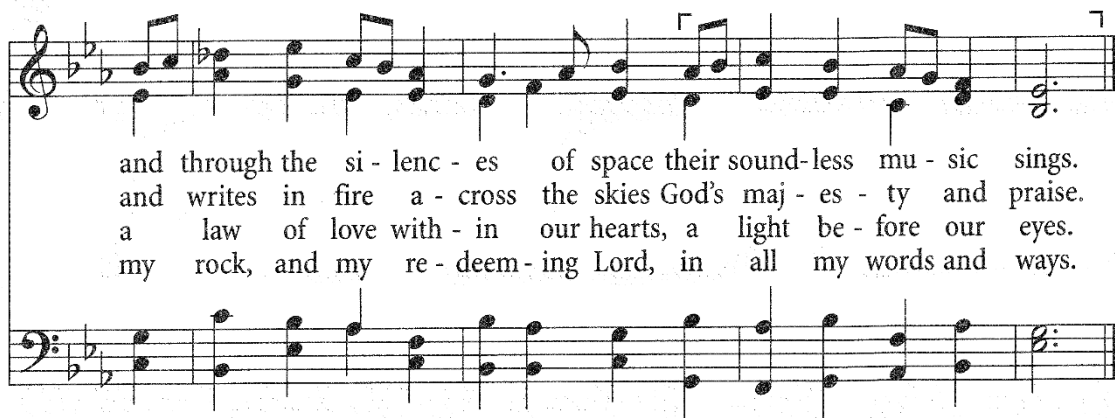
All remain standing, as able, for the singing of the hymn.



1 The stars de - clare his glo - ry; the vault of heav - en springs,
 2 The dawn re - turns in splen - dour, the heav - ens burn and blaze,
 3 So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;
 4 So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;



mute wit - ness of the Mas - ter's hand in all cre - at - ed things,
 the ris - ing sun re - news the race that mea - sures all our days,
 more sweet than hon - ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize,
 the med - i - ta - tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise,



and through the si - lenc - es of space their sound - less mu - sic sings.
 and writes in fire a - cross the skies God's maj - es - ty and praise.
 a law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes.
 my rock, and my re - deem - ing Lord, in all my words and ways.

Officiant
People

Let us bless the Lord.
 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

All shall be seated for the anthem. Open offerings made during the anthem will support the music program of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
First Lesson	Julianne Hayes
Second Lesson	Sheila Johnston
Crucifer	Linda Ingham
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Music Director	Maria Golas
Livestream Guild	Andrew Kendrick
Greeter	Sheila Johnston

Flowers at the altar this week are given to the Glory of God by Richard & Susanna Hampson-Thorpe in loving memory of Stella Thorpe.

Flowers at the altar this week are given to the Glory of God by Audrey Mistiades in loving memory of her Mum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 21, 10 a.m.- Women's Group

September 22, 10 a.m.- Bible Study

September 22, 5 – 7 p.m. – Silent Prayer

September 24, 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

September 25, 5:30 p.m. – Youth Games Night

September 27, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 10 a.m.- Women's Group

September 29, 10 a.m.- Bible Study

September 29, 7 p.m. – Solemn Mass for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

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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