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



EVENSONG

Baptism of our Lord

Sunday, January 11, 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

11 January 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;

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

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 111 *Confitebor tibi*

Chanted by the precentor.

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendour, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures 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.

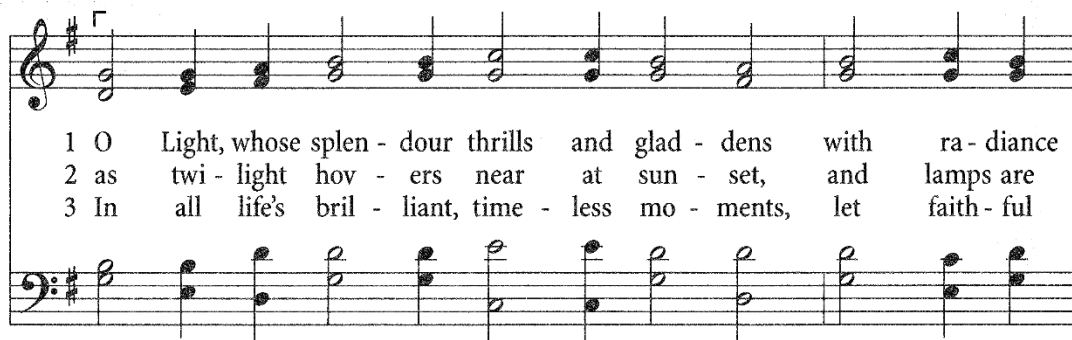
A reading from the prophet Isaiah, the 40th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

COMFORT, O COMFORT MY PEOPLE, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low, the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

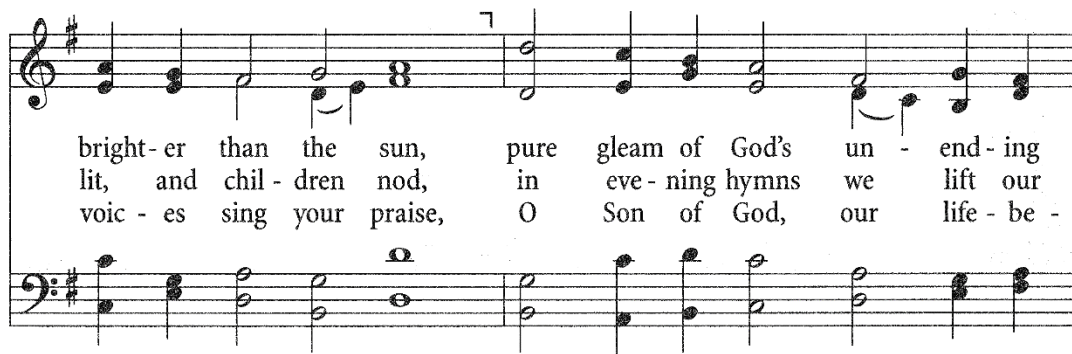
A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All stand, as able.



1 O Light, whose splen - dour thrills and glad - dens with ra - diance
 2 as twi - light hov - ers near at sun - set, and lamps are
 3 In all life's bril - liant, time - less mo - ments, let faith - ful



bright - er than the sun, pure gleam of God's un - end - ing
 lit, and chil - dren nod, in eve - ning hymns we lift our
 voic - es sing your praise, O Son of God, our life - be -



glo - ry, O Je - sus, blest A - noint - ed One;
 voic - es to Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.
 stow - er, whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

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.

SECOND LESSON

John 1:29-34

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter, beginning at the 29th verse.

THE NEXT DAY JOHN SAW JESUS coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

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

O HEAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.*

All shall be seated for the anthem

ANTHEM: Now from the Altar of My Heart

Text: John Mason (1645? - 1694)

Music: attrib. Charles Collignon (1725 - 1785)

- 1 *Now from the altar of my heart
let incense flames arise;
assist me, Lord, to offer up
my evening sacrifice.*
- 3 *This day my God was sun and shield,
my keeper and my guide.
His care was on my frailty shown,
his mercies multiplied.*

- 2 *Awake, my love; awake, my joy;
awake, my heart and tongue!
Sleep not; when mercies loudly call,
break forth into a song.*
- 4 *New time, new favour, and new joys
do a new song require;
till I shall praise thee as I would,
accept my heart's desire.*

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The officiant may offer additional 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.

HYMN

EVENTIDE

The musical score for the hymn 'Eventide' is presented in two staves, treble and bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, featuring several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Thy strong Word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and

it was done; for cre - a - ted light we thank thee
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 hon - our be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,

while thine or - dered sea - sons run: al - le - lu - ia,
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: al - le - lu - ia,
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: al - le - lu - ia,
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spir - it,

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
 Light - Re - veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee:

Al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 Al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 mor - tals, an - gels, now and ev - er praise the ho - ly Tri - ni - ty!

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

For health, wellness, support, and comfort:

Dianne, Sandy, Jane, Azhar, John, Elaine, Priscilla, Oakley, Paul, Hayley, Peter, Lynne, Sherrill, Alexandra, Anthony, Catherine, Nora, Bill, Susan, Tricia, Jacob, Alison, Stephanie

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
First Lesson	Julianne Hayes
Second Lesson	Kaye Kerlande
Crucifer	Karyn Eisler
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Music Director	Maria Golas
Greeter	TBA

*Flowers at the altar this week are given to the Glory of God by Audrey Mistiades
in loving memory of her dear sister Muriel McNicholls.*

*The Aumbry Candle burns this week to the Glory of God given by Jacqueline Sephton & Haley Grant
for Oakley Milligan*

Flower and Aumbry Candle Dedications for 2026

The new flower chart is posted in the hallway outside the sacristy. If you would like to dedicate altar flowers or the aumbry candle in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a life event, feel free to sign up. You can donate for the flowers or candle by e-transfer, check, or cash. Simply indicate “flowers” in the memo.

Chair Yoga – January 14, 9:30 a.m.

Join us in the library for chair yoga with Cindy Thornton-Veltri. A perfect way to exercise mind, body, and soul.

Seniors Lunch January 15th at 12:00 noon.

All seniors are welcome to join us for lunch, live entertainment, and great fellowship. RSVP with the church office or online before Wednesday, January 14.

Baby Café – Fridays from 10 to noon

Our Baby Café resumed this last Friday, January 9. This is a wonderful social opportunity for families with young children. Please let your neighbours know about this free offering!

Annual Vestry Meeting - Mark Your Calendar

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will be Sunday, February 15th, following the 10:00 a.m. service. This will be a time to recall the year past and look forward to a joy filled 2026. Please plan on being with us!

Women’s Group

All are invited to join the women’s group. We meet on **Mondays at 10:30 a.m.** in the library. We hope to see you there.

Bible Study

Our Bible study will meet on Tuesday, January 13. We’ll dive into John, chapter 8. We meet in the library on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us. The only prerequisites are an open heart and an open mind.

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

Morning Prayer – Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

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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