



CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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



## EVENSONG

**Sunday, September 29, 2024 – 5:00 PM**

*The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels  
with Prayers for Truth and Reconciliation*

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

## CONCERNING EVENSONG

**P**ERHAPS 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

29 September 2024

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

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

*The Officiant greets the community*

**A**S 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;*

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;*

**D**EARLY 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.*

**A**Lmighty 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.*

**A**Lmighty 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 104 *Benedic, anima mea*

*Said by all.*

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*  
    O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
    you are clothed with majesty and splendour.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
    and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
    you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers \*  
    and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
    so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the deep as with a mantle; \*  
    the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; \*  
    at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
    to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
    they shall not again cover the earth.
- 10 You send the springs into the valleys; \*  
    they flow between the mountains.
- 11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  
    and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  
    and sing among the branches.
- 13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*  
    the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
    and plants to serve mankind;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
    And wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
    and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, \*  
    the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests, \*  
    and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey \*  
and seek their food from God.
- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away \*  
and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 24 Man goes forth to his work \*  
and to his labour until the evening.
- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \*  
and the wicked be no more.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \* Hallelujah!

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.

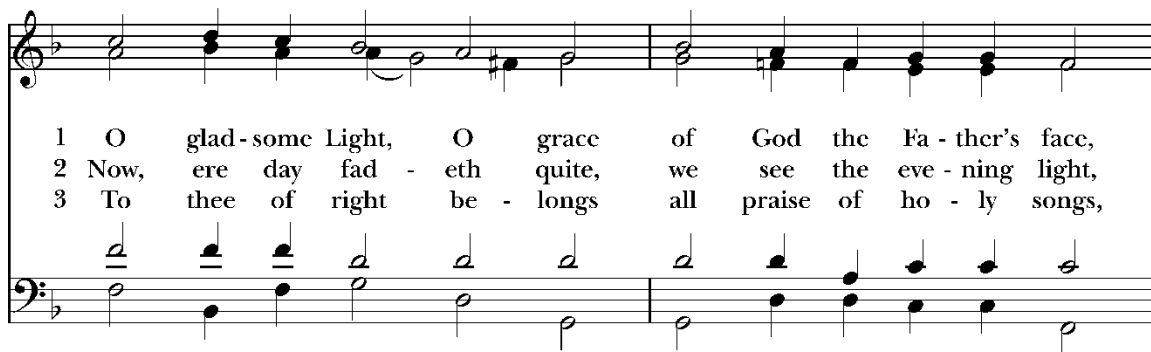
FIRST LESSON      2 Kings 6:8-17

A reading from the second book of Kings, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse.

**N**OW the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan." Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

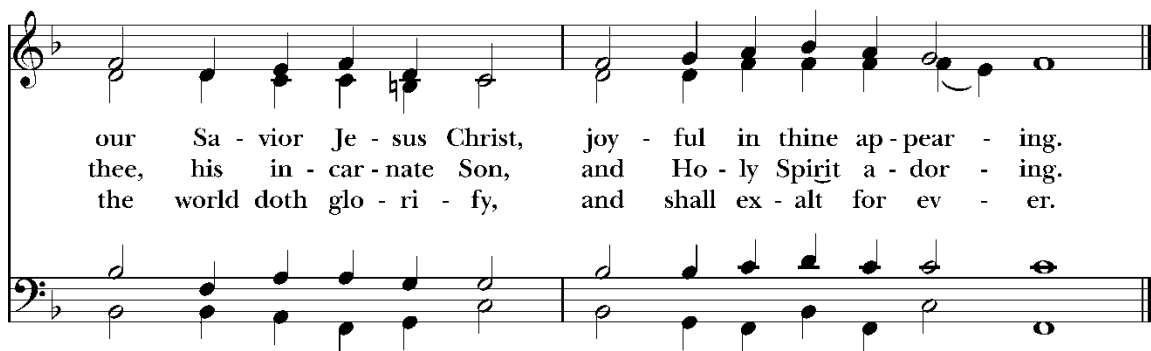
*All stand, as able.*



1 O glad - some Light, O grace of God the Fa - ther's face,  
 2 Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve - ning light,  
 3 To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs,



the e - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,  
 our wont - ed hymn out - pour - ing; Fa - ther of might un - known,  
 O Son of God, Life - giv - er; thee, there - fore, O Most High,



our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap - pear - ing.  
 thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.  
 the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.



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

MAGNIFICAT

*James Turle (1802-1882)*



**M**Y 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 Revelation to St. John the Divine, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

**A**ND I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us king and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

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

NUNC DIMITTIS

R. Farrant (1530-1580)



**L**ORD, 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.*

**O**UR 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

**E**TERNAL God, thou hast ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as thy holy angels stand before thee in heaven, so at thy command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

**L**IGHTEN 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 HAIL: Glorious Angels

Christopher Tye  
(C.1505 – 1573)

Hail, glorious angels, heirs of light,  
Ye high born sons of fire!  
Whose hearts burn clear, whose flames shine bright,  
All joy, yet all desire.

Hail, all ye happy spirits above,  
Who make that glorious ring  
About the sparkling throne of love  
And there forever sing.

*All shall standing or kneel for the following litany, as able.*

A LITANY FOR THE HEALING AND RESTORATION OF OUR CHURCH

From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

*Officiant* Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,  
*People* Have mercy on us.

*Officiant* Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,  
*People* Have mercy on us.

*Officiant* Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of  
our lives,  
*People* Have mercy on us.

*Officiant* Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,  
*People* Have mercy on us.

*Officiant* From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in  
the First Peoples of this land,  
*People* Saviour, forgive and heal us.

*Officiant* From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty,  
language, culture and spirituality,  
*People* Saviour, forgive and heal us.

*Officiant* From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique  
society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,  
*People* Saviour, forgive and heal us.

*Officiant* From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

*People* Saviour, forgive and heal us.

*Officiant* From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,

*People* Saviour, forgive and heal us.

*Officiant* O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

*People* Hear us, O Christ.

*Officiant* Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

*People* Hear us, O Christ.

*Officiant* Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

*People* Hear us, O Christ.

*Officiant* Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

*People* Hear us, O Christ.

*Officiant* Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

*People* Hear us, O Christ.

*Officiant* Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

*People* Hear us, O Christ.

*Officiant* Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

*People* Hear us, O Christ.

*The officiant continues.*

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

*The officiant may offer additional prayers or intercessions.*

## GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*All shall say;*

**A**LMIGHTY 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;*

**A**LMIGHTY 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 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see:  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee:

Help of the help - less, O  
 O thou, who chang - est not,  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou  
 in life, in death, O Lord,



*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

### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant	The Rev. Joseph Dirbas
First Lesson	Joan Dietrich
Second Lesson	Linda Ingham
Crucifer	Karyn Eisler
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Music Director	Maris Golas
Greeter	Jacqueline Sephton
Livestream Guild	Andrew Kendrick
Altar Guild	Richard & Susanna Hampson-Thorpe

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 30<sup>th</sup>. 10:30 a.m. – Women’s Group
- October 1 - 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study
- October 3 - 10:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga
- October 3 – Christmas Crafts & Creations 1:30 to 3:30 Library
- October 6 - Sunday Worship – Guest Preacher and Celebrant, The Rev. Dr. Rob James
- October 7 - Prayer Shawl Plus 10:00 a.m. Library
- October 7 - Women’s Group 10:30 a.m.
- October 10 - Christmas Crafts & Creations 1:30 to 3:30 Library
- October 13 – Food Bank Sunday
- October 13 - Start of the Annual Parish Pledge Drive
- October 14 - Women’s Group 10:30 a.m.
- October 17 - Christmas Crafts & Creations 1:30 to 3:30 Library
- October 21 - Women’s Group 10:30 a.m.
- October 24 - Seniors Lunch – please remember to register
- October 24 - Christmas Crafts & Creations 1:30 to 3:30 Library
- October 26 - Tea Dance – 2:30 p.m. to 5: p.m.
- October 27 – Family Sunday / We invite people to wear costumes
- October 28 - Women’s Group 10:30 a.m.
- October 31 - Christmas Crafts & Creations 1:30 to 3:30 Library

## **Christmas Crafts and Creations - Thank You Thursdays**

The Christmas Marketplace Committee is inviting you to show off your crafting skills on **Thursday afternoons** from **1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** in the library. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the bulletin board in the library. And, we are also looking for donations of Lavendar to make Lavendar bags.

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Today **Sunday, September 29**, we will offer our annual pet blessing at **2:00 p.m.** We'll gather outside at the corner of Foster and Roper, pray with and for our beloved animal companions, and bless them with a splash of holy water. All animals are welcome, caged or uncaged, big or small. One caveat: snakes will be blessed from a distance. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbours, all are welcome!

## **Evensong, Sunday, September 29 at 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for evensong as we celebrate St. Michael and all angels. Evensong is a beautiful service of light, prayer, and song. It's a wonderful way to wrap up the weekend and prepare for the way to come. It's also a beautiful service for newcomers to the church and a great way to invite people to experience the beauty of the Anglican tradition.

## **Chair Yoga, October 3, 10:00 a.m.**

Cindy Thornton-Veltri will guide us through relaxing and rejuvenating exercises. We'll gather in the library and Cindy will join us via zoom. If you'd like to participate from home, use the following: Meeting ID 861 1768 8050 Passcode 003028

## **Holy Trinity Tea Dance – October 26, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

Ticket Sales begin today! Tickets are \$25 each. Help us get the word out to the community by taking a flyer and posting it at your strata or at a neighbourhood shop. Invite your friends and neighbours! All proceeds from the Tea Dance will support the Source's Food Bank.

## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the library. We're working our ways through the epistles. All are to join us. There is no pre-requisite, no barriers, just come and be in conversation with us.

## **Guest Celebrant and Preacher – October 6**

Come to church and give the Ven. Dr. Rob James a warm Holy Trinity welcome as he fills in for Fr. Joe. Fr. James is an associate professor of Anglican Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology.

## **Prayer Shawls Plus**

Our prayer shawl knitters will meet on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m** in the library. If you like to knit, you are welcome to join us for this time of fellowship and service.

## **Women's Group**

Our Women's group meets every Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the library. All are welcome!

**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, 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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