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



## **EVENSONG**

**Sunday, March 9, 2025 – 5:00 PM**

**The First Sunday of Lent**

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

09 February 2025

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

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

*The Officiant greets the community*

**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;*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1. 8, 9*

### 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 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

*Chanted by the precentor.*

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; \*  
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, \*  
and his righteousness on children's children;
- 18 On those who keep his covenant \*  
and remember his commandments and do them.
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in heaven, \*  
and his kingship has dominion over all.

- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, \*  
you ministers of his who do his will.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; \*  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

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

Daniel 9:3-10

A reading from the book of Daniel, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning at the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse.

**T**HEN I SET MY FACE TOWARD THE LORD GOD to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

“O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.”

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

*All stand, as able.*

1 O laugh-ing Light, O First-born of cre - a - tion, ra - diancance 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) sung by the choir.*

MAGNIFICAT *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C Major* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**M**Y SOUL doth magnify the Lord  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering 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. Amen.

*All shall sit.*

SECOND LESSON

Mark 2:18-22

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter, beginning at the 18<sup>th</sup> verse.

**T**HE DISCIPLES OF JOHN and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins.”

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.



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

NUNC DIMITTIS *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C Major*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before 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 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.

*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.*

*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

**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

**A**LMMIGHTY God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give thy servants grace to discipline ourselves in submission to thy Spirit, that as thou knowest our weakness, so we may know thy power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the 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. Open offerings made during the anthem will support the music program of the Church of the Holy Trinity.*

ANTHEM: Lead Me Lord

Samuel. S. 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.

*All shall stand, as able, for the following prayers.*

## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

*The officiant may offer 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.*

*Descant*

5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev - er, like

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

earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way; thy

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

king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er, till  
 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

all thy crea - tures own thy sway.  
 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.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Then shall the officiant continue;*

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

*All shall stand for the retiring procession.*

VOLUNTARY

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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

*The Aumbry candle burns this week to the Glory of God given by Susan Cummings in loving memory of her husband George.*

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who supported this wonderful event. Thanks for the setup, the decorations, the clean up, the greeting and serving. And thanks to the kitchen crew for the amazing pancakes and sausage! What a great way to head into our Lenten journey!

## **Evensong – Tonight at 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for evensong at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. This service is a perfect way to prepare us for the week to come and a wonderful way to introduce friends and family to the Anglican Tradition.

## **Chair Yoga – Monday, March 10 at 9:30 a.m.**

Cindy will lead our next chair yoga class on Monday, March 10. All are welcome, every body!

## **Lenten Book Study and Soup Lunch**

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent, **beginning March 12**, at noon in the library for a soup and roll lunch followed by a discussion of Rob Bell's *Love Wins*. Fr. Joe has copies of the book available in the church office. Feel free to pick one up. If you'd like to prepare soup or provide rolls for lunch, there is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board!

## **Stations of the Cross in Lent**

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on **Fridays at noon** during Lent. All are welcome.

## **Holy Trinity Labyrinth – March 15 and 16**

The Holy Trinity Labyrinth will be set up in the parish hall on Saturday, March 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, March 17, following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. All are invited to come walk and pray the labyrinth. Sunday morning coffee and tea will be in the library.

## **WORK ON THE CHURCH FLOOR**

The installation of our new floor in the church will begin on Monday, March 17. Sunday Morning Church services will be held in the parish hall. Weekday services will be held in the library. More information is in the Friday newsletter and feel free to direct questions to the office.

## **Seniors' Lunch**

Mark your calendars. The next senior lunch is on Thursday, March 20 at noon. Invite your friends!

## **Men's Group**

Henry Lazar is making plans for our first gathering. If you're interested in being part of this group, please add your name to the list in the office!

## **Women's Group**

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

## **Bible Study – Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.**

All are invited to join us as we continue reading through Romans. The only prerequisites are an open heart, an open mind, and a willingness to dive into scripture.

**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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