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



EVENSONG

Sunday, May 10, 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

10 May 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*

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 16:5-11 *Conserva me, Domine*

Chanted by the precentor.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore

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

Sirach 43:1-12, 27-32

A reading from Sirach, the 43rd Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

THE PRIDE OF THE HIGHER REALMS is the clear vault of the sky, as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens. The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises what a marvellous instrument it is, the work of the Most High. At noon it parches the land, and who can withstand its burning heat? A man tending a furnace works in burning heat, but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains; it breathes out fiery vapours, and its bright rays blind the eyes. Great is the Lord who made it; at his orders it hurries on its course.

It is the moon that marks the changing seasons, governing the times, their everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for festal days, a light that wanes when it completes its course. The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself; how marvellous it is in this change, a beacon to the hosts on high, shining in the vault of the heavens!

The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a glittering array in the heights of the Lord. On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places; they never relax in their watches. Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it; it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the sky with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.

We could say more but could never say enough; let the final word be: 'He is the all.' Where can we find the strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works. Awesome is the Lord and very great, and marvellous is his power. Glorify the Lord and exalt him as much as you can, for he surpasses even that. When you exalt him, summon all your strength, and do

not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough. Who has seen him and can describe him? Or who can extol him as he is? Many things greater than these lie hidden, for I have seen but few of his works.

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All stand, as able.

OFFICE HYMN

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O glad - some light, O grace of God the Fa - ther's face,
2 As day fades in - to night, we see the eve - ning light,
3 To you of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs,

the e - ter - nal splen - dour wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,
our hymn of praise out - pour - ing, Fa - ther of might un - known,
O Son of God, life - giv - er; you, there - fore, O Most High,

our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in your ap - pear - ing.
Christ, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit, a - dor - ing.
the world will glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

All shall remain standing and join in singing the MAGNIFICAT (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

MAGNIFICAT

James Turl (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. Luke, the 12th chapter, beginning at the 13th verse.

SOMEONE IN THE CROWD said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”’ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All shall stand and join in singing 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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir and People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.
Choir and People Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

The people continue after the officiant.

LORD'S PRAYER

MONOTONE

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

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

COLLECTS

The officiant continues.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. *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: *Ave Maria*

Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

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

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.

HYMN

SLANE

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose

trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy, be
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be
hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace, be
voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, be

there at our wak - ing and give us, we pray, your
there at our la - bours and give us, we pray, your
there at our hom - ing and give us, we pray, your
there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray, your

bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

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	Linda Ingham
Second Lesson	Julianne Hayes
Crucifer	Karyn Eisler
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Music Director	Maria Golas
Livestream Guild	Andrew Kendrick
Greeter	Sheila Johnston

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chair Yoga – May 13, 9:30 a.m.

Feast of the Ascension – May 14, 7 p.m.

Men’s Group – May 15, Noon – Roadhouse Grille

Women’s Group- May 18, 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study – May 19, 10:00 a.m.

Seniors’ Lunch – May 21 at noon

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We are a joyful, inclusive/ service-oriented community. Our church building is a sacred space and a house of prayer for all. Our parish is composed of people from infants to grandparents, from cradle Anglicans to seekers, and we pride ourselves in being a place where a diverse range of opinions are held and respected. While we are a varied group, we strive to be unified as the Body of Christ.

We centre ourselves around our baptismal vow to, “strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being”. Our community also extends far beyond our pews as we seek to feed, clothe, and support people who are in need.

We pray you will feel at home here and, no matter your reason for joining us. We welcome you with open arms regardless of your race, age, culture, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, previous religious affiliation, or socioeconomic status. All are welcome at Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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