



VESPERS on the Feast Day of Ignatius of Loyola

1556

2025 July 31

As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.

The Preparation

Officiant

Ignatius was born into a noble Basque family in 1491. His autobiography tells us that until the age of 26 he was “a man given over to the vanities of the world and took special delight in the exercise of arms with a great and vain desire of winning glory.” Seriously wounded during the Battle of Pamplona in 1521, he experienced a profound spiritual awakening during convalescence at Loyola. Following his recovery and an arduous period of retreat, a call to be Christ’s knight in the service of God’s kingdom was deepened and confirmed. Ignatius began to share the fruits of his experience with others, using a notebook which eventually became the text of the “*Spiritual Exercises*”. Since his time, many have found the “*Exercises*” to be a way of encountering Christ as intimate companion and responding to Christ’s call: “Whoever wishes to come with me must labor with me.” Being an unschooled layman made him suspect in the eyes of church authorities and led him, at the age of 37, to study theology at the University of Paris in preparation for the priesthood. While there, Ignatius gave the “*Exercises*” to several of his fellow students; and in 1534, he and six companions took vows to live lives of strict poverty and to serve the needs of the poor. Thus, what later came to be known as the Society of Jesus was born. In 1540 the Society was formally

The Preparation (Cont'd)

recognized, and Ignatius became its first Superior General. A profound sense of sharing God's work in union with Christ made the season of intense activity which followed a time of great blessing and consolation. Having sought God in all things and having tried to do all things for God's greater glory, Ignatius died on July 31, 1556, in the simple room which served both as his bedroom and chapel.

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O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the Sun to its setting
your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen.

Act of Praise

Spirit of the Living God
Common Praise #647

Cantor (or Officiant)

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing -
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me -
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

The Psalm

Psalm 34: 1 - 8

Psalmist

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The Psalm (Cont'd)

Psalmist

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

The Psalm Prayer

Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Reading

Luke 9: 57 - 62

Reader

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Response

*After a brief period of reflection
the Reader says:*

Blessed are the meek for they shall
inherit the Earth.

Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

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Let us affirm our Faith as we recite the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

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Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world as we respond to the bidding “God of Love” with “Hear our Prayers”.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Diocese of Niger Delta, the Nigerian Church, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Okwuchi Oko-Jaja, Bishop. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican - Lutheran - Moravian cycle, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton; the dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

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In our Diocesan cycle, we pray for St. Alban, Richmond as the parish seeks a new Vicar; the Anglican Church Women – Ms Kelly Bowman, President. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for John, our archbishop; Bishop Benny and the people of Northern Philippines; our sister parish of St. Gabriel the archangel in Lubon; all who provide help to those who suffer from addiction, homelessness, hunger, or poor physical, mental, or emotional health. Please add any others you wish to name, either silently or aloud. God of Love, **Hear our Prayers.**

Holy One, hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. **Amen.**

The Collect

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Almighty God, who called Ignatius of Loyola to the service of your Divine Majesty and to seek you in all things; give us also the grace to labour without counting the cost and to seek no reward other than knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Believing in the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Sending Forth

Deacon (or Officiant)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.