



**VESPERS**  
**on the Memorial of the founding of**  
**The Anglican Church of Canada**  
**1893**

**2025 September 18**

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 Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth and Tsawwassen nations.

# The Preparation

## *Officiant*

On this day in 1893 the first General Synod of the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada closed its deliberations with a Service of Thanksgiving. The Canadian Church was no longer three separate provinces, united only through their common obedience to the archbishop of Canterbury. It was now an autonomous national Church, united in itself as a full member of the Anglican Communion throughout the world. Today we commemorate this historic event in the life of our Church, and take the occasion to give thanks for all those men and women who contributed in various ways, both great and small, to building the Anglican way of life in this nation of Canada. We may well feel like the author of the Letter to the Hebrews who, as he reckoned up the heroes of faith, finally had to confess: “And what more shall we say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets.” Just so, time would fail us now to tell of all the founders and missionaries who settled the Church and the gospel among us – Charles Inglis of Nova

## The Preparation (Cont'd)

Scotia, George Mountain of Quebec and Francis Fulford of Montreal, John Strachan of Toronto and Benjamin Cronyn of Huron, John McLean of Saskatchewan, George Hills of British Columbia, and William Bompas of Athabasca. And what of all those who never held high office in the Church — all the faithful clergy and people who joined together to build the churches and nourish the parish communities that dot this land: time would certainly fail us even to begin to tell of them! We may use this feast to reflect upon the history of our own parishes and to recall with thanksgiving the founders, benefactors, and missionaries who, having laid the one foundation which is Jesus Christ, went on to raise, adorn, and sustain the Anglican household of faith in our own corners of Canada.

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# The Preparation

*Officiant*

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

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ  
(Common Praise 14)

## *Officiant or Cantor*

O Gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the  
Father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blest is he,  
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps  
are lit to pierce the night. Praise Farther, Son, and  
Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God,  
life giving Lord; wherefore you are through  
all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

# The Psalm

Psalm 89: 1 - 4

## *Psalmist*

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*

**from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*

**I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

‘I will establish your line for ever, \*

**and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

# The Psalm Prayer

Remember us, gracious God, when we cannot see your way and purpose, and renew in us the joy of your kingdom of light and life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

# The Reading

## John 4: 32 - 38

### *Reader*

The disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.”

# 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

## *Officiant*

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

## *Officiant*

In the cross our need meets God's redemption.  
In confidence and hope, we bring the prayers of our hearts  
for the transformation of the church and the world, responding  
to the bidding "God of Glory" with "Hear our Prayers".

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Diocese of  
Oregon – The Episcopal Church, The Rt. Revd. Dr. Diana  
Akiyama, Bishop. God of Glory, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican - Lutheran - Moravian cycle, we pray for The  
Most Rev. John Stephens, Metropolitan, and the clergy and  
people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and  
Yukon; The Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British  
Columbia Synod; and we remember September 16 – 1741 –  
at a synod (legislative assembly) in London, the delegates  
determined that no human being would be the head of the  
church; by Lot, Jesus Christ was named as "Chief Elder of  
the Unitas Fratrum." Today, this day is celebrated by ordained  
servants renewing their ordination vows in a Cup of Covenant  
service. God of Glory, **Hear our Prayers.**

# Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

## *Officiant*

In Canada, we pray for Charles, our King; Mary, our Governor General; Mark, our Prime Minister; Jake, our MP; David, our Premier; Jennifer, our MLA; Patrick, our Mayor; and all in authourity; God of Glory, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Diocese of New Westminster, we pray for St. Anne, Steveston – The Rev. Marnie Peterson; The Deanery of Golden Ears - The Revd David Edgerton, Regional Dean; Postulants for Holy Orders. God of Glory, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for Bishop Benny and the people of Northern Philippines, and for our sister parish St. Gabriel the Archangel, in Lubon. God of Glory, **Hear our Prayers.**

Accept our prayers, God of mercy, in union with Jesus the Christ, who offered his life for our salvation upon the wood of the cross and who now reigns with you in eternal glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

# The Collect

*Officiant*

Almighty God,  
we remember all your faithful servants who laboured  
in this Church to preach and establish your Word and  
to nurture your people in the ways of holiness. Grant  
us so to tend the heritage which you gave them grace  
to secure, that we may become true partners with  
them in the joys of your heavenly kingdom; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

## *Officiant*

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 go forth into the night, rejoicing  
in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the  
love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**Amen.**