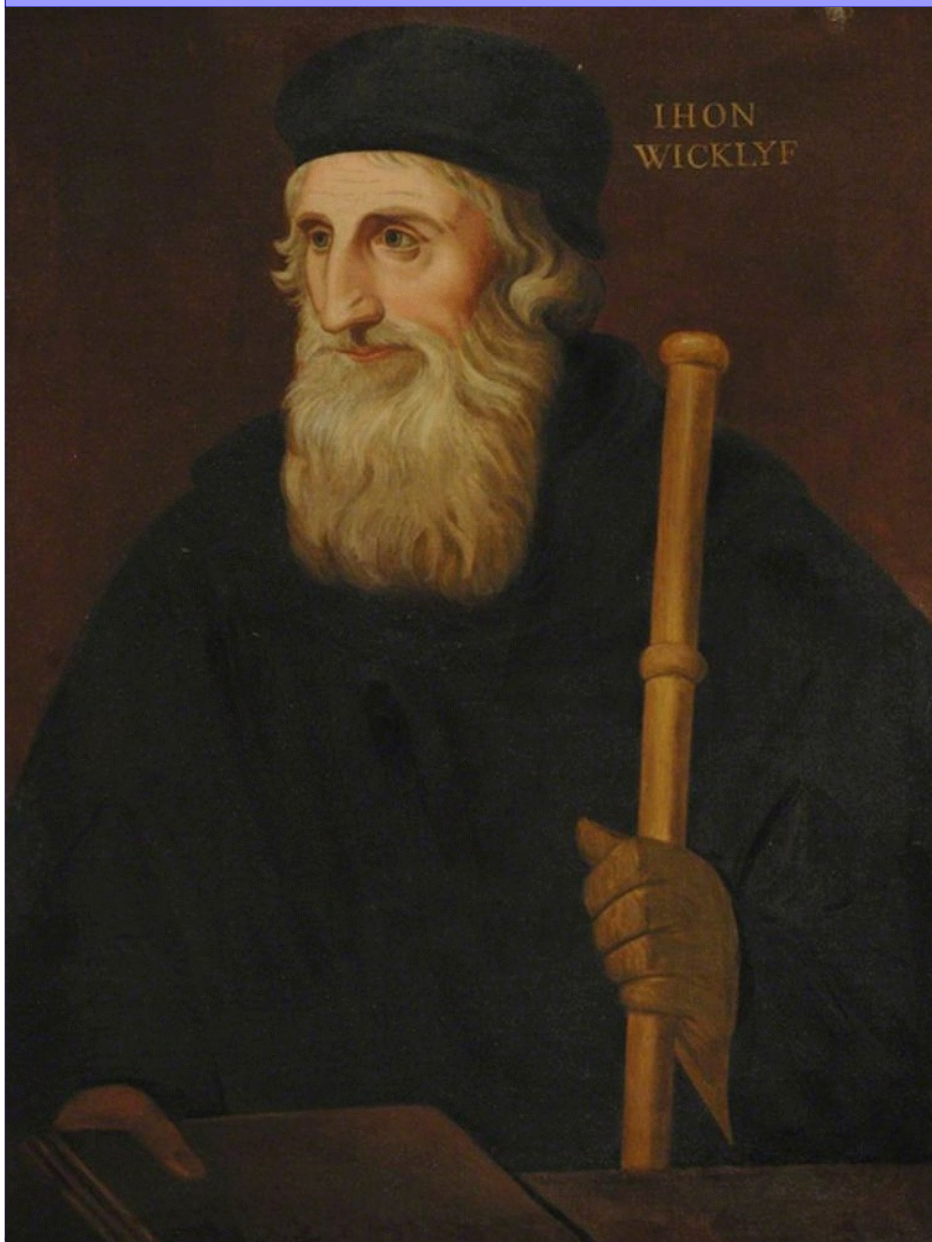




Lest We Forget

VESPERS on the Commemoration of John Wyclif 1384

2025 October 30

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

The Preparation

Officiant

John Wyclif was a fourteenth-century English priest who has been remembered in the Protestant tradition as a forerunner of the Reformation. A native of Yorkshire, Wyclif entered Oxford University in 1345 and spent most of the next forty years there. The details of his career are very obscure, though it is known that he was granted a doctorate in 1372 and appointed rector of Lutterworth two years later. By that time Wyclif had become notorious for his attacks on the clergy of his day. He produced a series of theological treatises in which he argued for the right of secular rulers to deprive “unworthy priests.” He was cited for heresy, but the patronage of the English royal family saved him from being tried in ecclesiastical court. His royal patrons withdrew their protection when Wyclif went on to attack the Church’s official teaching about Christ’s presence in the eucharist. With the king’s support, his opinions were formally condemned in 1382 and his supporters were excluded from Oxford. Wyclif himself seems to have left the university two years earlier and retired to Lutterworth. Wyclif gave his approval to a translation of Scripture into Middle English, although he had no hand in its actual production. A movement known as the Lollards called

The Preparation (Cont'd)

their master, but his academic concerns and connection with the unpopular policies of the Crown left him without any wide influence or following among the people of England. He died in 1384, having suffered a stroke while hearing Mass.

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Anglican Church of Canada

The Preparation

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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

O Light, Whose Splendour Thrills
Common Praise 16

Officiant or Cantor

O Light, whose splendour thrills and gladdens with
radiance brighter than the sun, pure gleam of God's
unending glory, O Jesus, blest, Anointed One;

as twilight hovers near at sunset, and lamps are lit,
and children nod, in evening hymns we lift our voices
to Father, Spirit, Son: one God.

In all life's brilliant, timeless moments, let faithful
voices sing your praise, O Son of God, our life
bestower, whose glory lightens endless days.

The Psalm

Psalm 50: 7-15; 22-24

Psalmist

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

For the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

The Psalm (Cont'd)

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.

Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honour me.”

“I have made my accusation; *
I have put my case in order before your eyes.

Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving
honours me; *
**but to those who keep in my way will I show
the salvation of God.”**

The Psalm Prayer

Blessed are you, God of glory; you call us to give up
all our vain attempts to reach you, and to come before
you in thanksgiving for your great salvation, shown to
us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Reading

Mark 13: 3 - 13

Reader

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. “As for yourselves, beware, for they will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak but the Holy Spirit. Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

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 “Hear, O Israel”

**Hear, O Israel,
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

Officiant

God of mercy and healing, you hear the cries of those in need. We offer our prayers that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage as we respond to the bidding “Merciful God” with “Hear our Prayers.”

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Diocese of Pittsburgh – The Episcopal Church; the Rt. Revd. Ketlen A. Solak, Bishop. Merciful God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In the Anglican - Lutheran - Moravian cycle, we pray for The Most Revd. John Stephens, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster; we Remember October 31, 1517 – as the day Martin Luther published the Ninety-five Theses. Sometime cited as the launching of the Protestant Reformation; and together we pray for an end to gender-based violence and human trafficking. Merciful God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In our Diocesan cycle, we pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury designate; for Shane, our Primate; Stephanie, our priest; for St. Augustine, Marpole - The Revd Katherine Hough; and the Synod Office Staff. Merciful God, **Hear our Prayers.**

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

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In this Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we pray for Bishop Benny and the people of Northern Philippines; our sister parish of St. Gabriel, the Archangel, Lubon; those in need of healing and/or prayer, remembering especially Robert R., Marilyn L., George R., and any you wish to name either silently or aloud. Merciful God, **Hear our Prayers.**

Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

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O God,
whose justice continually challenges your Church to
live according to its calling, grant us who now
remember the work of John Wyclif so to forsake all
anger and self-will, that the pure light of your gospel
may continually cleanse and renew the body of your
Son Jesus Christ; who is alive 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

May the peace of God, which passes all
understanding, keep our hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.

Amen.