ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Vespers

Thursday November 19, 2026

People (words in **bold**),
Reader, (Epistle and Gospel)
Psalmist, (not words in **bold**)
Prayer
When it is your turn note that "…" indicates a pause

Territorial Acknowledgment

Officiant/People

We recognize and respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and surrendered land of the Qayqayt First Nation, alongside all Coast Salish Halkomelem-speaking peoples. We acknowledge that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. We are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth, and reconciliation in action.

The Preparation

Officiant

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Call to Prayer

Officiant/People

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.

Psalm 105:23-45

Psalmist

Today's reading speaks of Moses and Aaron, chosen by God to perform his mighty acts and miracles in Egypt

Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
And the LORD made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes,
whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.
He sent his servant Moses and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham.
He sent darkness and made the land dark; they rebelled against his words.
He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die.
Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings.
He spoke, and there came swarms of flies and gnats throughout their country.
He gave them hail for rain and lightning that flashed through their land.
He struck their vines and fig trees and shattered the trees of their country.
He spoke, and the locusts came, and young locusts without number;
they devoured all the vegetation in their land and ate up the fruit of their ground.
He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the first issue of all their strength.

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Psalm 105:23-45

Psalmist

Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.
He spread a cloud for a covering and fire to give light by night.
They asked, and he brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
For he remembered his holy promise and Abraham, his servant.
So, he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
He gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,
that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom,

Amen

Luke 17:20-37

Reader

The Coming of the Kingdom

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.”

Then he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, ‘Look there!’ or ‘Look here!’ Do not go; do not set off in pursuit. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.

But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so, too, it will be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them.

Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot, they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day that Lot left Sodom it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed all of them; it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

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Luke 17:20-37

Reader

On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away, and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife.

Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left.”

Then they asked him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the eagles will gather.”

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom,

Amen

The Apostles' Creed

People

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us we pray to the Lord, responding with, "Lord, hear our prayer.“

Let us pray for the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. Let us pray to the Lord.

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Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to your Church grace to speak the word of pardon and show the power of forgiveness by example. May your clergy and laity be strengthened in godliness and resistance to sin. Let all who confess their faith in Christ be slow to find fault in others. Quick to forgive offenses and tireless in working toward right relationships.

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Lord, hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People

Let us pray for all who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, that they may have a place in his eternal kingdom. … Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask for a new spirit of generosity for those who have much, that they moved to compassion for those who have little. May those who hold resources and authority exercise them with mercy. Please bring to the world right relationships between all nations. Let us pray to the Lord.
…
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the leaders in the world that are using fear and punishment, Constrain them, We ask that you raise people up to lead us in peace. Thy will be done in all the nations. Let us pray to the Lord.
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Lord, hear our prayer.

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Prayers of the People

Thank you for bringing us together as a congregation and calling us to love our neighbors.
Bless the work of our hands and the reach of our Brunch ministry. Give our leaders and volunteers wisdom, patience, and a servant's heart. Open our eyes to see the needs around us, and open our doors to share your grace, comfort, and hope with everyone we meet.
May our actions reflect your love, and may our community grow stronger and kinder through your presence among us.
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Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty and ever-loving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
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Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

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your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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Give us today our daily bread.

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Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

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Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

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Amen.

Collects & Blessing

Officiant

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth.
Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand
in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love.

Amen

Blessing

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.