



VESPERS

2025 Feb 6

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.

Introductory Responses

Presider

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

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

Act of Praise

O Laughing Light, O First-born of Creation.

Common Praise 18

Presider or Cantor

O laughing Light, O First-born of creation, radiance of glory, light from light begotten, God self revealing, holy, bright, and blessed: you shine upon us.

Day's light is fragile; your light is eternal. We look to you, our light within the shadow. We sing to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit; you shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus, you are worthy! Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you! Hear us as the universe proclaims your glory! You shine among us.

The Psalm

Psalm 146

Psalmist

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The Psalm (Cont'd)

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *

**he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever, *

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

The Response

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

The Reading

John 8: 21 - 32

Reader

Jesus said, "I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." Then the Jews said, "Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" He said to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he." They said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him. Then Jesus said to the Jews who had

The Reading (Cont'd)

believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Response

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith

Presider

Let us affirm our Faith.

**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 the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than
these.**

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings

Presider

God of love, you refine silver and shelter the sparrow's nest. As you know all that tests and troubles us, accept the prayers we offer this day, responding to the bidding "Gracious God" with "**Hear our Prayers**".

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Diocese of Louisiana, the Episcopal Church; The Rt. Rev. Shannon Duckworth. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers**.

In the Anglican, Lutheran, Moravian cycle, we pray for the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada (ACC); the dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway areas of the Eastern Synod (ELCIC); and the people and ministries of the Heinetal Moravian Church in Leduc County, AB. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers**.

In our Diocese, we pray for St. Paul, Vancouver, Rev. Lorne Manweiler; All Saints, Ladner, Rev. Liz Hamel; Archdeacon Andrew Halladay. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers**.

Intercessions, Petitions & Thanksgivings (Cont'd)

Presider

In our companion Diocese, we pray for Bishop Benny, the people of Northern Philippines, and our sister parish of St. Gabriel the Archangel, Lubon. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In New Westminster, we pray for all who live here, all who are marginalized, and all in need of healing of body, mind, or spirit. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

In this parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, we give thanks for the saints of every age, those whom we have known and loved, and those whose names are known to you alone. Gracious God, **Hear our Prayers.**

God of all that was, is and is to be, embrace our needs in your blessing, so that we may be sustained, even in times of trial. **Amen.**

The Collect

Presider

O God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give; so that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and, freed from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

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 Presider)

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Presider

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give
us the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.