



The Election of the Fourteenth Bishop
of the Diocese of British Columbia

OPENING EUCHARIST

Saturday, September 26, 2020 — 9.00 a.m.

Feast of Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester

Lancelot Andrewes Bishop of Winchester, d. 1626

Lancelot Andrewes was a scholarly bishop of Winchester who died in 1626, and we remember him today because his legacy of preaching and devotion is one of the touchstones of our Anglican tradition.

Andrewes spent over thirty years at Cambridge University, first as an undergraduate, then as a teaching Fellow, and finally as Master of Pembroke College. His learning was immense, and he knew so many languages (a wit once said) that he could have been “the interpreter-general at the confusion of tongues.” His gifts as a scholar not only won him a seat on the commission which produced the King James Version of the Bible in 1611, but also successive appointments as bishop of Chichester, Ely, and finally Winchester.

But there was more to Andrewes than scholarship and the prestige it won for him. While Master of Pembroke College he was also the rector of a London church where he nourished his congregation with instruction in the art and discipline of prayer; and every Saturday he used to walk the aisles of old St. Paul’s Cathedral, ready to hear any who came to him for confession and spiritual counsel. Likewise, in his sermons, he marshalled all his learning in order to expound with passion the saving truth contained in each word and phrase of his text.

At his death in 1626 he left behind another testimony to his devotion, a little book called “Private Prayers,” in which texts from Scripture and the Church’s ancient liturgies were brought together in a braid of adoration, praise, thanksgiving, penitence, oblation, intercession, and petition. Thus, in private prayer as in public office, Lancelot Andrewes sought to be in touch with the deepest springs of Christian action, experience and thought — so that his character became like a mirror in which the Church of England beheld the rich integrity of its own inheritance.

— For All the Saints, p. 292

Order of Service

Presider: The Most Reverend Melissa Skelton, Metropolitan
Musical Setting: Mass of St Thomas (Bancroft)

Please sit in designated chairs or pews, maintaining 2 metres distance in all directions.

This service is being televised live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear in that live stream.

Dominical Greeting, Notices & Territorial Acknowledgment

The Dean

Dean The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Organ Prelude: Melody

Coleridge-Taylor

The Gathering of the Community

All stand as the chancel party enters from the side.

Collect for Purity

please remain standing

Archbishop Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

sung by the choir

*Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Archbishop Let us pray.

Everlasting God,
as by your grace your servant Lancelot Andrewes was conformed to Christ
and empowered to renew the Church,
so clothe us in your Holy Spirit
that we may choose a bishop for this diocese,
by whose preaching and prayer,
by whose leadership and vision,
our hearts may love you,
our minds may serve you
and our lips may proclaim the greatness of your mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Sirach 51.13-22 / all seated

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the Reading: Psalm 78.1-6

remain seated / sung by choir

Hear my teaching, O my people; ♦
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; ♦
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us, ♦
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, ♦
and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, ♦
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; ♦
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!

All stand as the Book of the Gospels is carried to the chancel step, and the choir sings the gospel acclamation.

Choir Alleluia! I inclined my ear and received wisdom. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 13.44-52

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily
The Apostles' Creed

*Archbishop Melissa Skelton
please stand as able*

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

All **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.**

The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution

please stand, sit or kneel as preferred

The presider invites the community to make its confession.

Archbishop Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Archbishop Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

all standing as able

*Handshakes and other forms of touch are not permitted at this time.
Please exchange the peace with your neighbours using a suitable gesture.*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

At this point, those gathered in local churches are welcome to turn off the video-stream, and to continue with a local celebration of the eucharist. All others are invited to continue watching the video.

*Delegates are to log onto the Zoom link previously provided, no later than 10.55 a.m., for opening announcements and instructions concerning the first ballot. **Observers** may follow the proceedings on the livestream posted to our diocesan website (www.bc.anglican.ca).*

The Preparation of the Gifts

All remain seated while the altar is prepared with gifts of bread and wine.

Prayer over the Gifts

Deacon Source of all mercy and love,
who taught your servant Lancelot Andrewes to seek wisdom in prayer,
fill us with your own true gift,
that we may share in the wisdom of your Word
and be partners in the work of your Spirit.
This we ask in the Name of Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

BAS & Evangelical Lutheran Worship / many prefer to stand

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
because in the communion of your saints
you have given us a glorious pledge
of the hope of our calling.
Therefore we join our voices with theirs
as earth and heaven unite
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify,
you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites
and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us
through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people

for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection,
which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming, when,
with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Presider Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms
all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree,
sharing your bounty with all the world.

People **Amen. Come Holy Spirit.**

Presider Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer
and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honour is yours,
O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church,
now and for ever.

People **Amen!**

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All say **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.
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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Fraction Anthem

many prefer to be seated

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion

The sacrament will be distributed at a standing station at the chancel step. Please follow the directions of the sidesperson, who will invite those seated to one side of the centre aisle to receive first, followed by those seated on the other side.

When proceeding up the centre aisle, please maintain 2 metres distance between communicants, and return to your seat via your side aisle.

At this time, the sacrament will be administered under the form of bread only. The Church has always taught that receiving in one kind (bread or wine) conveys the fulness of Christ's sacramental presence.

Anthem: Ecce sacerdos magnus

Victoria

Ecce sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus suis placuit Deo. Ideo jurejurando fecit illum Dominus crescere in plebem suam. Benedictionem omnium gentium dedit illi et testamentum suum confirmavit super caput ejus. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Behold a great priest, who in the day pleased God. Therefore, by an oath, the Lord made that priest increase among the people; God bestowed the blessing of all nations, and confirmed the covenant upon the priest's head. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

please stand

Presider Glory to God,
All **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine;
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in the power of the Spirit to do the Spirit's work.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Prélude

Bédard

The work of Synod will begin at 11.00 a.m. with announcements and instructions concerning the first ballot. Members of Synod should log on to the Zoom link which was provided earlier this week. All others are invited to observe the livestream by logging onto our diocesan website at www.bc.anglican.ca.



Assisting with Today's Liturgy

<i>Sidesperson</i>	Sue Black
<i>Duty Warden</i>	Michael Wolff
<i>Verger</i>	Canon Elaine Ellison
<i>Server</i>	Bob Fearnley
<i>Officers of Synod</i>	Robert S. Gill, <i>chancellor</i> Nathan Lampard, <i>registrar</i> The Very Reverend M. Ansley Tucker, <i>diocesan administrator</i> The Venerable J. Barry Foster, <i>executive archdeacon</i> Canon Elaine Ellison, <i>lay secretary</i> The Reverend Dr Paul Schumacher, <i>clerical secretary</i> Michael Murgatroyd, <i>treasurer</i>
<i>Musicians</i>	The Christ Church Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Cathedral Consort Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>director of music</i>
<i>Reader</i>	Charlotte E-W, <i>youth delegate</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Canon Nancy E. Ford, <i>director of deacons</i>
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Dave Conway, <i>Church of St Philip, Oak Bay</i>

The Episcopal Transition Team strongly encourages all local eucharistic gatherings on this day to use the propers for Lancelot Andrewes, and to make use of Archbishop Melissa's opening homily. This copy of the liturgy being celebrated at the cathedral is provided on the chance that it may be a helpful resource to local communities, either in part or in whole.