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# Christ Cathedral hosts Solemn Evening of Prayer in Thanksgiving, a day after its dedication



Bishop Kevin Vann, left, is enveloped with a cloud of incense burning in a censer during the Solemn Evening of Prayer in Thanksgiving ceremony at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove on Thursday, July 18, 2019. (Photo by Leonard Ortiz, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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Voices of the Christ Cathedral Choir resonated as Bishop Kevin Vann lead dozens of clergy in a procession into the cathedral to begin the Solemn Evening of Prayer in Thanksgiving, Thursday, July 18, a day after the [cathedral's official dedication](#).

The ceremony included representatives of other faiths, public officials and dignitaries from across Southern California. They listened as the Most Rev. Thanh Thai Nguyen, the Auxiliary Bishop of Orange, delivered the homily.

Among those in attendance were Sheila Schuller Coleman, founding pastor of Hope Center of Christ and the daughter of the late Rev. Robert H. Schuller, and her husband Jim Coleman.

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