

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*All Saints' Day, November 1, 2020*

"They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence."

*Revelation 7.15*

## Welcome

*The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin is a member of the Diocese of British Columbia and the Anglican Church of Canada. We are an inclusive and welcoming parish: the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we. As a parish we acknowledge with gratitude that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the Lekwungen speaking people. We commit ourselves, as a settler church and people, to continue with our First Nations hosts on the journey of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.*

**VISITORS** *Welcome!* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.

**COMMUNION** All are invited to receive communion. For your safety, only the bread will be shared. Be assured that in the Anglican Church of Canada it has always been our tradition that receiving only one of the elements is considered full Communion.

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request it from the person who is distributing the bread



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and with thanks for St. Mary's  
support from the Oak Bay Preschool*

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## 10:00am Service

*From the Book of Alternative Services*

Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison
Assistant:	The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert
Ministers of Welcome:	Karen Wilson, Mary Lawrence
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Musicians:	The St. Mary Singers, Bob Gill, Pamela Whiston
Live stream manager:	Pedro Siqueira

*Note: in the service order, words set in **bold italic type** are said by the congregation.*

*Please note that this service is live streamed and available to the public. By attending in person this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear in that live stream.*

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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

### PRELUDE & PROCESSION

*Valet will ich dir geben, J.S. Bach*

### THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

*Words of welcome, concluding with:*

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!

***Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,  
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.***

### CENTRING STILLNESS

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

*Silence is kept.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, ***whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

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## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### PSALM 34. 1-10, 22

Bob Gill

*Taste and see that God is good; happy are they who trust in God.*

I will bless God at all times;  
my mouth will always be praising my Maker.

I will glory in the Holy One;  
let the humble hear and rejoice. R

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Most High;  
let us exalt God's name forever.

I sought my God, and was answered  
and delivered from all my terror. R

Look upon God and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.  
I called in my affliction and was heard  
and saved from all my troubles. R

Your angel, O God, encompasses those who  
fear you,

and will deliver them.

Taste and see that God is good;

Happy are they who trust in the Holy One. R

Fear God, all you saints,  
and you will lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

You, God, ransom each faithful servant,  
and none will be punished who trust in you. R

### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 John 3. 1-3, Jackie Hiebert

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he<sup>[a]</sup> is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

### GOSPEL HYMN

*Blest Are the Pure in Heart (439)*

*Please note: for the time being, congregational singing is not permitted in order to maintain the safety of all.*

*Please allow the musicians in the chancel to sing on our behalf.*

1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our King,

3. still to the lowly soul  
his presence doth impart,  
and for a dwelling and a throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for thee.

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 5. 1-12

*Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:*

God be with you.

***And also with you.***

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of Christ

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

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **SERMON**

### **ANTHEM**

*Andante from Sonata opus 49 #1 (Ludwig Van Beethoven), Pamela Whiston, piano*

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen***

**PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD**

Jackie Hiebert

The church on earth has many branches; but we have one gracious Christ, one loving God, and one Spirit of living Truth. Our prayers today centre on our fellow saints.

Let us pray, responding: God of salvation, ***save your people.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including Dorothy, Brynn, Anne, Scottie, Vic, and Monty. Pray for those who have died, especially Harry Borris, and for their families and all who mourn. We pray for our diocese of islands and inlets and for Anna Greenwood-Lee, our bishop-elect, Ansley, our diocesan administrator, Melissa, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Pray for the parish of Salt Spring Island and their clergy Gyllian Davies; for the Territory of the People Anglican Church and Bishop Lincoln McKoen. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa and The Most Rev'd Dr Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart, Primate & Metropolitan of the Church of the Province of West Africa and Archbishop of the Internal province of West Africa and Bishop of Liberia. Pray for all who are struggling with the physical, social and economic effects of the current COVID-19 Pandemic. Give thanks for the continued outreach of our parish, and pray for the parish members and volunteers who serve our community.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in  
penitence and faith.

[Hebrews 12. 1]

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,  
***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.***

*The Presider reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness*

## PEACE

*The congregation stands*

“We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our  
Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.”

[Ephesians 2.19,17]

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

***And also with you.***

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# THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

## OFFERTORY

*For All the Saints (276)*

*For safety, the Collection Plate has been placed at the back of the church for use as you arrive. It will be moved to the front of the church during the Offertory hymn and placed in a location where you may place your gifts as you come to receive Communion. Please also consider one of the other means of giving that we have made available, that do not require our volunteers and staff to handle cash and cheques: electronic donations on our website via CanadaHelps, or bi-weekly or monthly direct debit donations via our diocesan Electronic Collection Plate (details are available in a brochure at the entrance, or on the website: [www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate](http://www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate)).*

*Please note: for the time being, congregational singing is not permitted in order to maintain the safety of all.*

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress,  
and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought  
fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one  
true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown  
of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the earth the distant triumph-song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms  
are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes  
their rest;  
sweet is the calm of Paradise blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
7. But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's  
farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl, streams in the  
countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Prayer over the gifts

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3*

*The congregation remains standing, as they are able*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord***

***God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.



On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

***we remember his death,***

***we proclaim his resurrection,***

***we await his coming in glory;***

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

***Amen.***

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.***

***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 for ever. Amen.***

*Silence is held*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

***We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.***

The gifts of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

## THE COMMUNION

*Prayer of Saint Francis (Sebastian Temple), St. Mary's Singers*

*Please follow the direction of the greeters as they invite rows to approach the nearest station to receive communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, but someone else in your aisle wishes to pass by you, please exit your pew temporarily to allow them to pass at a safe distance. You are also welcome to approach the presider for a blessing only—this is traditionally indicated simply by crossing your hands over your chest as you approach.*

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## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

### COMMUNITY NOTES

#### AFFIRMATION

*The congregation stands*

Glory to God, ***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.***

#### BLESSING

#### DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

***Amen.***

#### Postlude

*Fugue in E flat, J.S. Bach*

*The musical postlude is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for our encounter with God's Word as it has been experienced this day. You are invited to use this time for reflection, remaining seated.*

**All Souls Day, Monday, November 2, 7:00pm**  
**A live-streamed Liturgy in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

Many of us have lost loved ones over the past year or more, and that loss has been made more difficult to bear by the isolation we must endure during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, on All Souls' Day, Monday, November 2, starting at 7:00pm, join us online as we remember with thanksgiving those who have graced us with their companionship but who are no longer present with us.

The service will include music and prayers, and the reading of names as candles are lit to symbolise our loved ones continuing life in the arms of a loving God. If there is a name that you would like to have read, please email Canon Craig at [incumbent@stmarysoakbay.ca](mailto:incumbent@stmarysoakbay.ca) or call the main office (250-598-2212) and leave a message before 6pm Monday evening.

The live stream will be available starting just before 7:00pm Monday, November 2, on the parish website: [www.stmarysoakbay.ca/live](http://www.stmarysoakbay.ca/live).

**Wednesdays, 11:30am: Midweek Eucharist**

Our short but peaceful midweek celebration of the Eucharist returns, each Wednesday at 11:30am. The form of this service alternates each week between a *Meditative Eucharist* with ample opportunity for silent reflection, and a Eucharist according to the form of the *Book of Common Prayer* (1963). The dates and forms for the coming month are as follows:

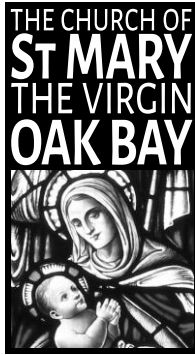
*November 4: Meditative Eucharist*

*November 11: Remembrance Day, Book of Common Prayer*

*November 18: Meditative Eucharist*

*November 25: Book of Common Prayer*

Entrance is through the main church doors—doors open at 11:15am. Please check in with yourself before you come: if you feel at all unwell, please stay home and be safe. Masks are recommended. You can view our parish COVID-19 safety plan online at [www.stmarysoakbay.ca/news/we-have-re-opened](http://www.stmarysoakbay.ca/news/we-have-re-opened).



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