

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 9, 2020

"I wait for the Lord; in his word is my hope."

Psalm 130.4

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.

10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert

Ministers of Welcome: Christine Moeckl, Rosemary Cameron

Organist: Curt Bergen

Musicians: Alexa Ste Marie, Pamela Whiston, Regina Rios

Pedro Siqueira (guitar) Dorothy Cook (harp)

Live Stream Manager: Pedro Siqueira

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

Blessed Jesus at Your Word, J.S. Bach

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Your love, O God, has been poured into our hearts.

We abide in you and you in us.

We will give thanks to you and call upon your name;

we will make known your deeds among the peoples.

We raise our songs of praise to you

and speak of all your marvellous works.

You alone are the Holy One,

who was and is and is to come!

CENTRING STILLNESS

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

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Ever-faithful One,

you answer the cries of all who call upon your name.

Give us grace to trust in you,

so that we may walk faithfully amidst the storms of life;

through Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FWM Proposed Prayers alt.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE HERREW SCRIPTURES

1 Kings 19. 9-18 (Elinor Powell)

⁹At Mount Horeb Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' 14 He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' 15 Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85.8-13

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before you, and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL HYMN

At the Name of Jesus (375)

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.

- At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2. Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
- 3. Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.
- 4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.
- 5. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

GOSPEL Matthew 14. 22-33

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.

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Se ela Perguntar", Dilermando Reis, Pedro Sequeria, (guitar)

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Apostles Creed

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

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

(Elinor Powell)

Let us bring the needs of other people before the throne of grace, saying, "God of grace, *hear our prayer.*"

In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including Monty; and Melissa and Chauncey after the death of their daughter Mia Renee. Ansley, the diocesan administrator, Melissa, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Pray for the congregation of St. Columba, Tofino. Our diocese of islands and inlets, as we prepare to elect a new bishop on September 26. Pray for the Territory of the People Anglican Church and Bishop-elect Lincoln McKoen; for the new Province de L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda and The Most Rev'd Laurent Mbanda. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson. Pray for all who are struggling with the physical, social and economic effects of the current COVID-29 Pandemic. Give thanks for the successful re-opening of the Churchmouse Books and our place of worship, and pray for the parish members and volunteers who serve our community.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In humility,

as children of God and sisters and brothers in Christ, we receive God's mercy and respond to God's call to make new all relationships.

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

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY

O Praise Ye the Lord (330)

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.

- O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height; rejoice in God's Word, ye angels of light; ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.
- 2. O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth; in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth; praise God who hath brought you all grace from above, praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.
- 3. O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs, God's glory proclaim in deep tone, and sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.
- 4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song be ever outpoured all ages along; for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, so that we might for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 5

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

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 you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and 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 he to God.

THE COMMUNION

Inisheer & Einini, Gaelic lullabies, Dorothy Cook, Harp

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,

we give you thanks

that you have set before us this feast,

the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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

Trumpet Tune, John Stanley



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