

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 23, 2020*

*“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

*Matthew 16.16*

## 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 in Loving Memory of  
Olga Coventry mother of Anne Underhill*

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## 10:00am Service

*From the Book of Alternative Services*

Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison
Ministers of Welcome:	Karen Wilson, Mary Huxley
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Musicians:	Alexa Ste. Marie, Regina Rios, Pamela Whiston
Live Stream Manager:	Pedro Siqueira

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

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### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

#### PRELUDE & PROCESSION

*All Glory be to God on High, 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

Living God,

you accept our stumbling faith,

our misplaced answers,

our false horizons,

and through them you build a way of peace.

Empower and enable us  
to bind the wounds of the world  
and loose the bonds of oppression,  
so that all may confess the grace  
that is your work alone;  
through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

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## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

### **READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS**

Romans 12. 1-8 (Elizabeth Bergen)

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **PSALM 138**

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

***I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name  
and your word above all things.***

When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

***All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.***

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

***Though you are high, you care for the lowly;  
you perceive the haughty from afar.***

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your mighty hand shall save me.

***O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me;  
your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.***

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

## *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (300)*

*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. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One-in-Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.
3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three, and ever one,  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 16. 13-20

*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>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' <sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.' <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Christ

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

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **SERMON**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*I Waited for the Lord*, Felix Mendelssohn  
(Alexa Ste. Marie, Regina Rios)

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

(Elizabeth Bergen)

In confidence and expectation, let us bring our thanksgivings and requests before God.

“God our strength, ***hear our prayer***”

*In your prayers this week remember the following: We pray for Ansley, the diocesan administrator, Melissa, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Pray for the congregation of St. Barnabas, Victoria and their clergy Travis O'Brian. Our diocese of islands and inlets, as we prepare to elect a new bishop on September 26. Pray for the Diocese of Kootenay, and Bishop Lynne McNaughton. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia and The Most Rev'd Melter Tais, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Sabah. Pray for all who are struggling with the physical, social and economic effects of the current COVID-19 Pandemic. Give thanks for the continued success of the 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.**

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## **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (384)*

*Please note: for the time being, congregational singing is not permitted in order to maintain the safety of all.  
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1. Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy entreaties have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord,  
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy  
here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord,  
who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
who, when the elements madly  
around thee are raging,  
biddeth them cease,  
turneth their fury to peace,  
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

5. Praise to the Lord,  
who when darkness of sin is abounding,  
who when the godless do triumph,  
all virtue confounding,  
sheddeth his light,  
chaseth the horrors of night,  
saints with his mercy surrounding.

6. Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

### **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 be to God.***

## **THE COMMUNION**

*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**

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) alt.

## **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.

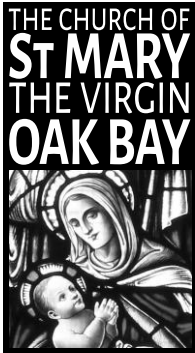
***Thanks be to God.***

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

***Amen.***

### **POSTLUDE**

*Allegro Maestoso from Water Music, G. F. Handel*



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