

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church,

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 17, 2021

“We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ,
who brings us truth and grace.” *See John 1*

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.

10:00am Service of the Word

Presider:	The Rev'd John Macquarrie
Preacher:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Musicians:	The St. Mary Singers, Pamela Whiston
Live Stream Manager:	Barry Whiston

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

The Community Gathers Before God

Prelude & Procession

*Romanze Opus 118 Nr. 5, (Johannes Brahms),
Pamela Whiston*

Welcome

Introductory Responses

Blessed are you, David's heir, born to rule,
you received gifts from the magi.

Blessed are you, Son of Man, baptized by John,
you saved us from ourselves.

Blessed are you, Servant Lord,
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,
you proclaimed God's gracious reign.

With all the voices of heaven and earth,
we celebrate your epiphany.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Centring Stillness

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

Silence is kept.

Collect of the Day

Persevering God, ***by your sure voice you rouse us from our slumber and call us to discipleship and mission in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

Psalm 139. 1-5, 12-17

Regina Rios

Refrain: When ever I walk or rest, you know where I have been

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways. R.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. R.

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. R.

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them. R.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. R.

Reading from the New Testament Letters

1 Corinthians 6.12–20, Bob Gill

¹²‘All things are lawful for me’, but not all things are beneficial. ‘All things are lawful for me’, but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³‘Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food’, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication

but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, ‘The two shall be one flesh.’ ¹⁷ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (508)

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!'⁵⁰ Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'⁵¹ And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Responding to the Word

Sermon

Anthem

Lead Me, Lord, S.S. Wesley

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 for ourselves and the world

Bob Gill

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness...

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including James, Waite, Maggie, Sandy, Brad, Robert, Leanne, Dorothy, Mary, Anne, Rachel, Brynn, Scottie, Vic, Monty, and Catherine. We pray our diocese of islands and inlets and for Anna, our bishop-elect, Ansley, our diocesan administrator, Melissa, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Pray for the congregation of St. Dunstan, Gordon Head and their clergy Jeremy Carr. Diocese of Kootenay and Bishop Lynne McNaughton. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. Pray for all who are struggling with isolation during the ongoing pandemic. Give thanks for the development of coronavirus vaccines and pray for their swift and wise distribution.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory

and gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

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.

We Are Sent into the World

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

Hymn

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

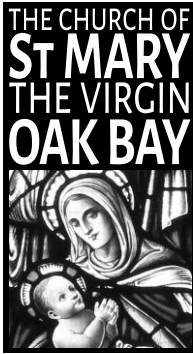
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, (384)

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.

Processional on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Martin Shaw



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