

# St. Mary Anglican Church

Together in Christ, Sharing God's Love

March 14, 2021

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



### WELCOME



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| Prelude    | Lenten Medley of 3 Irish Tunes Public Domain<br>"Be Thou My Vision", Irish traditional tune & words<br>from an 8th century Irish hymn<br>SKU 117636 One License<br>"The King of Love"<br>to a well-known Irish melody St Columba<br>"I bind unto myself today", melody known as St.<br>Patrick's Breastplate. Words attributed to that saint |
| Interlude  | "Our Darkness is Never Darkness in Your Sight"<br>Jacques Berthier/ Taizé, GIA<br>SKU 04140 One License  |
| Reflection | "Nocturne" by Irishman John Field<br>First published in 1817. Field is credited with<br>creating the nocturne style for which Chopin later<br>became famous  |
| Postlude   | "Lord of the Dance", Shaker melody<br>Words - Sydney Carter © 1963 Hope Publishing<br>SKU 01248 One License  |

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*Celebrant: The Venerable Rev. Alan Naylor*

*Musician: Margaret Nelson*

***We gather today on the traditional lands of the Nanoose Bay First Nations.***

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

**Silence** *(as we open our minds and hearts in preparation for worship)*

### **The Bell Rings**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

### **We Gather**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

***All: And also with you.***

Celebrant: Almighty God,

***All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **The Collect of the Day**

**Reading from scripture:** Gospel Reading – John 3:14 - 21

### **Sermon**

*Contemplative*  / *time to reflect*

**Confession**

Celebrant: The coming of Christ was not,  
and still is not, widely welcomed.  
Wherever there is light, there will also be darkness:  
the darkness of superstitions and rigid beliefs  
that keep our hearts and minds closed;  
the darkness of arrogance that pretends to be wisdom;  
the darkness of evil that hates the light  
and tries to smother it;  
the darkness of privilege which manifests as apathy.  
Let us make our confession –

**All: *Most holy and loving God,  
we admit to you and to one another,  
that in our foolishness and willfulness,  
too often we choose darkness over light.  
Here and now we surrender to you our fears  
and proud opinions, our short-sightedness,  
our deep-seated sins and our apathy towards  
change and renewal.  
Forgive the darkness and pain we inflict on others  
and restore the light in our hearts.  
Trusting in your grace, we pray,  
"Create in us, O God, a clean heart,  
and put a new and loving spirit within us."  
Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Amen.***

**The Peace**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: *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**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***



