



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

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Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH St. Mary Church



OCTOBER 10, 2021 - HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Join us as we worship the living Christ!

*We acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional
lands of the WSÁNEĆ and Coast Salish peoples*

Alternating:

Sunday Service (BCP) 7:45 a.m.

St. Mary's Service:

Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Service:

Sunday Service: 11:15 a.m.

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The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Honorary Assistant

Leslie Flynn, Theological Student Intern

Retired Clergy: The Ven. Bob Baillie; The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane
The Rev. Canon Lorry Harrison, The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, Deacon

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Mary

Book of Common Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane, Presiding & Preaching

The service begins on page 67

Today's readings are Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;
Matthew 6:25-33

The text of the readings may be found in the service outline below

9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Vancouver Island Liturgy

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Presider

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.

The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Processional Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth* (CP#429)

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint / Music: Conrad Kocher; Arr. by W.H. Monk

Tune: DIX

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

(refrain)

***Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; *(refrain)***

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; *(refrain)***

**For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, *(refrain)***

The gathering of the people:

Presider: In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands of the *WSÁNEĆ* and *Coast Salish* peoples.

All: From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

Presider: In this time and place we are not alone for we meet in the presence of the living God.

All: For we meet in the presence of the living God.

Presider: In this time and place we are not alone for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

All: The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

Presider: In this time and space we are not alone for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

All: The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

Presider: In this time and space we are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven. In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

All: In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

Presider: In this time and place together, one people in Jesus Christ.

All: In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glory to God (said)

Presider: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Centering Stillness:

Presider: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. (Silence)

Prayer of the Day: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in

generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Joel 2:21-27 NRSV – *Barb Baillie*

²¹ Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,

for the Lord has done great things!

²² Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 BAS – *Barb Baillie (responsively by the half verse)*

I When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * **then were we like those who dream.**

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * **and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations, * **“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

4 The Lord has done great things for us, * **and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * **like the watercourses of the Negev.**

6 Those who sowed with tears * **will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

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.

Song: *When the Lord Brought Back* (CP#406)

Text: Psalm 126

para. Henry Bryan Hays, OSB / Music: Henry Bryan Hays, OSB

**When the Lord brought back from captivity his flock,
we were all like people in a dream.**

**Then our throats with laughter rang
and our tongues burst out in song;
we awoke like people from a dream.**

(Refrain)

**Though with tears we set out sadly in the early morn,
bearing forth the seed to be sown,
we shall come back rejoicing at the setting of the sun,
we shall come back carrying the sheaves.**

**We shall come back rejoicing, carrying the sheaves,
we shall come back rejoicing all the way.**

**Though we left in the morning with a bitter seed to sow,
we shall come back rejoicing all the way.**

**Then they said among the nations,
“God for them has done great things;
mighty marvels God has done indeed.”**

**Yes, the Lord has wonders done,
saving wonders from above,
and we are glad indeed. *(Refrain)***

**Restore, O Lord, our fortunes as of old,
like the torrents of the deserts in the south.**

**Those who weeping sow the seed
shall in joy the harvest reap.**

Life shall be restored as torrents of the south. *(Refrain)*

1 Timothy 2:1-7 NRSV – Leslie Flynn

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a

ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* by Karen Lafferty

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia.**

Leslie: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leslie: The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Jesus Christ.

Matthew 6:25-33 NRSV – *Leslie Flynn*

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Leslie: The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

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Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

The Sermon –The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

Attitude of Gratitude: What do we give thanks for?

Song: *Across the Lands* by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice.
Let the skies declare your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice.

*You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the land.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
end exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you calmed the sea;
yet how silently you suffered,
that the guilty may go free.

*You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the land.*

With a shout you rose victorious,
wrestling victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in your way.
Now you stand before the Father,
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

*You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of everyone,
and your cry of love rings out across the land.*

The Apostles' Creed (*said*)

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

All: 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 (sit or kneel) – *Leslie Flynn*

Confession & Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

(Staying in your spot, The Peace may be shared, with a smile or a nod with those around you)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offering Song: Give Thanks

text and music by Henry Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. (x2)**

**And now, let the weak say
"I am strong". Let the poor say,
"we are rich because of what
the Lord has done". (x2)**

Give thanks with a grateful heart ----

Prayer over the Gifts: Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

(Eucharist Prayer A)

Presider: God is here

***People:* The Spirit is with us.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts and minds.

***People:* We lift them to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

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

Presider: Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation.

At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be.

In you, all created things shared life with one another.

In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets.

The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty.

When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

All: (said) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Presider: We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying,

"Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me. Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

**All: Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word.
Come, Creator Spirit.**

Presider: With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth.

Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen.**

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us say:

**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 forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: The hunger of the world is satisfied in this bread.

All: May we feed this bread to all who hunger.

Presider: The thirst of all humanity is quenched in this wine.

All: May we satisfy this yearning in us and others.

Administration of Communion

All are invited to share in the Bread or a Blessing

Please cross your arms at the rail if you would prefer a blessing only.

At this time, the sacrament will be administered under the form of Bread only. The Church has always taught that receiving in one kind (bread or wine) conveys the fulness of Christ's sacramental presence

Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

Instrumental Music during and after Communion

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Prayer after Communion

Presider: God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God

All: whose love, 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

Sending Song: *Doxology* (CP#666) (Tune, Old 100th)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

Dismissal:

Leslie: Go, respecting and serving all that God has created.

All: For God created all and saw that it was good.

Postlude

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MINISTER'S THANKSGIVING MESSAGE – was sent by mail. Should you wish to make a special offering to give thanks to God for all that he has given, please use the envelope enclosed in your Thanksgiving letter. Please ensure that you note your envelope number or name and address on your offering. Spare envelopes may be found on the table in the narthex.

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 17, 2021

Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b,

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTS – We have resumed Wednesday Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary beginning October 6 and going forward as conditions allow.

Please note that if you are not double-vaccinated we ask that you participate in the on-line aspects of worship.

7:45 A.M. SERVICE USING THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER The location will be alternated weekly between St. Stephen Church and St. Mary Church. Logan and Brett have kindly offered their time to preside and offer a short Homily at these Communion Services. Each week we will send an Email and post to the website as to which location the service will be held.

October 17 - St. Stephen; October 24 - St. Mary

OUTREACH

For those who do not have offering envelopes, you may bring your outreach offering in a plain envelope, marked “Outreach for Month of ____” with your name and address and, if applicable, your Electronic Collection Plate number. You may also use the DONATE tab on the website and choose either St. Mary Outreach or St. Stephen Outreach.

ST. MARY’S OUTREACH

Oct	Rector’s Discretionary Fund
Nov.	South Island Centre for Counselling & Training

ST. STEPHEN’S OUTREACH

Oct	Generations Development Mission - GENDEMI
Nov.	Christmas Hampers

THANK YOU to everyone for continuing your offerings. Your dedication to your church is heartwarming. If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish,

- You may place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the church when you attend services.
- You may donate to either congregation on-line by going to the parish website (**ParishCS.ca**) and clicking the “DONATE” tab on the top line. From there, follow the instructions to indicate where your donation should be applied. May be used for Outreach donations as well.
- There are secure mail slots in the office doors at St. Mary and St. Stephen for drop off.
- You may send a cheque (made payable to either St. Mary’s Church or payable to St. Stephen’s Church) and mail it to the respective address on the back of the bulletin.

The Wardens

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa; for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; the Anglican Church of Canada – Linda, Lynn and Mark.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop; Jeremy and the congregation of St. Dunstan, Gordon Head and Territory of the People. For Father Rolf and people of the Roman Catholic Saanich Peninsula Parish.

Our Parish Ministers: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Lorry, Gil and Leslie, our VST intern.

In our Parish: We pray for and thank our Pastoral Care Team members and those who are coordinating the Prayer Chain.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville, Alan, Margaret & Tony, Jillian, Jenny

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Erica, Cheryl, Sharie, Lise, Ted, Doreen H., Brenda, Louise, Liz, Cathy and John, Ken B.

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Dimas & Violeta, Shelia & Candice, Amanda, Val, Sharon, Donna, Jo-Jo, Virginia, Health Care and Frontline workers, Dave G.

MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesdays October 6 & 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary
forward as conditions allow

7:45 A.M. BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EUCHARISTS

October 17 at St. Stephen
October 24 at St. Mary
October 31 at St. Stephen

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8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesday to Thursday

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9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Monday, Thursday, Friday

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