



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church,

Harvest Thanksgiving, October 10, 2021

“Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.”

Psalm 126. 6

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 thanksgiving for the Life of
Gaelan's Mother and all Mothers.*

10:00am Service

From the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Islands

Presider:	The Rev'd John Macquarrie
Preacher:	The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Greeters:	Joyce Mackie, John McCann
Musicians:	St Mary's Singers

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

*Congregational singing is now permitted while wearing a mask indoors,
with or without outdoors this is in order to maintain the safety of all.*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

Prelude on Nun Danket Alle Gott, J.S. Bach

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CENTRING STILLNESS

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

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of heaven and earth, ***we sing of your bounty and your goodness in the abundant harvest, in the changing seasons, and in the wonder of nature. With generous hearts, may we share what we have received with those who have little, so that none may hunger or thirst and all may know your wide justice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Joel 2. 21-27, Kat McCann

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^[a] 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 to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

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

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

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

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

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

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

*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 forever. Amen.

GOSPEL HYMN

Let All Things Now Living (403)

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1. Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Love's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.
2. God's law still enforces
the stars in their courses
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”

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.

Jesus said, 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? ²⁶Look 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? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But 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? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

After the Gospel, the reader says:

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**SERMON****ANTHEM**

For the Beauty of The Earth, John Rutter

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

Kat McCann

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest,
that God will bring to fruition all that God desires for creation.

Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including David, Gary, Judy, Barbara, Carrie, Cody, Isobel, Colin, Janice, Robby, Terry, Ian, Sandy, Brynn, Dorothy and Mary; our diocese of islands and inlets and Anna, our bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate; the congregation of St. Dunstan, Gordon Head, and their clergy Jeremy Carr; the Territory of the People Anglican Church and ; the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa. Pray for all of us in our communities as we seek to reverse decades of systemic discrimination. Pray for the continued work of vaccination clinics and all health care workers. Pray for the ongoing work of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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.

Remaining in our places, we share physically-distant signs of Peace with those around us.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

For safety, the Collection Plate has been placed at the back of the church for use as you arrive. It will be moved to the front of the church during the Offertory hymn and placed in a location where you may place your gifts as you come to receive Communion.

Please also consider one of the other means of giving that do not require our volunteers and staff to handle cash and cheques: electronic donations on our website via CanadaHelps, or bi-weekly or monthly direct debit donations via our diocesan Electronic Collection Plate (details are available in a brochure at the entrance, or on the website: www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate).

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Plough the Fields and Scatter (258)

1. We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.
2. He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. **R**
3. We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts. **R**

Refrain:

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.***

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Liturgy of the Islands, Eucharistic Prayer A

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

God is here

The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; heaven itself cannot contain you and your glory fills all the world. You accept our setting apart of places for your worship and in them pour out your gifts of grace upon your faithful people. This table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar, where your saints and angels praise you. Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son; here we have been fed with the body and blood of your Son; here our sins have been forgiven; here we have tasted the joys of your eternal kingdom. Grant that in these mysteries we may be united with one another and strengthened for service in your world.

Therefore with angels and archangels and those who worship you in every age, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Repeat each line after the cantor:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full,

Are full of your glory.

Blessed is the one who comes

In the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

St. Bride Setting, The Iona Community

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:

Come Source of life.

Come, transforming Word.

Come, Creator Spirit.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.***

Silence is held after the Lord's Prayer

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The hunger of the world is satisfied in this bread.

May we feed this bread to all who hunger.

The thirst of humanity is quenched in this wine.

May we satisfy this yearning in us and others.

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 receive communion. Please maintain a single flow: approach via the main aisle and return via the side aisles. 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.

One of the ministers will bring the Bread out into the garden to serve those worshipping outside.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.***

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

Now Thank We All Our God (399)

1. Now thank we all our God,
with our hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

DISMISSAL

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

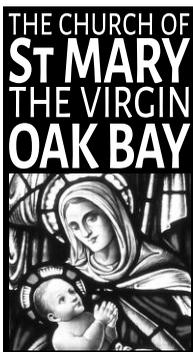
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia on Nun Danket Alle Gott, Sigfried Karg-Elert

The musical postlude is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for our encounter with God's Word as it has been experienced this day. You are invited to use this time for reflection, remaining seated.



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