



# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church,

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, October 31, 2021*

“If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.” *John 14.23*

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## 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.



## **FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

*in Memory or Celebration . . .*

*To make arrangements contact:*

*Anne Underhill – 250-370-5027.*

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**10:00am Service**

*From the Book of Alternative Services*

Presider:	The Rev'd John Macquarrie
Preacher:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Greeters:	Chris Moeckl, Mary Huxley
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.*

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**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE & PROCESSION**

*"Prelude on Old Hundreth", Healey Willan*

**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**

Eternal God,  
***teach us to love you not only in mind and heart  
but also in purpose and action,  
so that we may love the children of the earth  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

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## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 9. 11-14, Elizabeth Bergen

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

### PSALM 119. 1-8

Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord!

***Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts;***

who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

***You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.***

Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

***Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.***

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgements.

***I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.***

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

*You Call Us, Lord, To Be. (450)*

Text: Jane Manton Marshall ©1992 Hope Publishing Co.

1. You call us, Lord, to be  
a people set apart,  
to feel with thoughtful mind  
and think with tender heart.

*Refrain:*

***Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask  
for faith in your unfailing grace  
to make us equal to the task.***

2. You call us, Lord, to care  
for self and neighbor too,  
to take the risk, and dare  
to show what love can do. **R**
3. You call us, Lord, to be  
good stewards of the earth;  
to tend it as a place  
of blessedness and worth. **R**
4. You call us, Lord, to serve:  
to die that we may live,  
to know we best receive  
when joyfully we give. **R**

## GOSPEL

Mark 12. 28-34

*Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:*

God be with you.

***And also with you.***

The Good News of Jesus according to Mark.

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

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all

your strength.”<sup>31</sup> The second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’<sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”’;<sup>33</sup> and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

*After the Gospel, the reader says:*

The Gospel of Christ

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

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **SERMON**

### **ANTHEM**

*Renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, Carlton Russell*

### **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**

Elizabeth Bergen

Let us pray to the Lord saying:

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including Peter, Gill, David, 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 parish of St. John the Divine, Victoria and their clergy*

*Alastair Singh-McCollum, Bill Tarter & Stephanie Wood. Diocese of New Westminster and Bishop John Stephens; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Church in the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. 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.*

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## **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](http://www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate)).*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* (486)

sung to alternate tune Hyfrydol 374

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## 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 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, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*sung: 735*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,***

***God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**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**

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 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.*

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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)

### 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

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (425)*

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

#### **DISMISSAL**

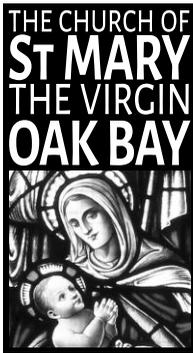
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata from Suite Gothique, Leon Boellman*

*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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