



# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*The Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2022*

“A voice came from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” *Matthew 3.17*

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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 peoples. 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.

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## 10:00am Service

*From the Book of Alternative Services*

Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd John Macquarrie  
Ministers of Welcome: Karen Wilson, Mary Lawrence  
Music Director: Curt Bergen

*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**

*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam BWV 684, 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.***

#### **STILLNESS**

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

*Silence is kept.*

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

God of glory,  
***immerse us in your grace,  
mark us with your image,  
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,  
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we may follow the example of Christ your beloved  
in whose name we pray. Amen.***

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

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## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43. 1-7, Elizabeth Bergen

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, 'Give them up',

and to the south, 'Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

## PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

***Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.***

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

***The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.***

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,  
***and makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.***

The voice of the Lord  
splits the flames of fire;  
***the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.***

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"

***The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.***

The Lord shall give strength to this people;  
the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

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 every. Amen.***

## GOSPEL HYMN

*Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement (111)*

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1. Herald! Sound the note of judgement,  
warning note of right and wrong,  
turning us from sin and sadness,  
till once more we sing the song.  
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!  
Christ the Saviour King has come!
2. Herald! Sound the note of gladness!  
Tell the news that Christ is here;  
Make a pathway through the desert  
for the one who brings God near.  
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!  
Christ the Saviour King has come!
3. Herald! Sound the note of pardon!  
Those repenting are forgiven;  
God restores the wayward children,  
and to all new life is given.  
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!  
Christ the Saviour King has come!
4. Herald! Sound the note of triumph!  
Christ has come to share our life,  
bringing God's own love and power,  
granting victory in our strife.  
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!  
Christ the Saviour King has come!

## GOSPEL

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

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

God be with you.

***And also with you.***

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of Christ

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

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SERMON

### ANTHEM

*Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness*, G.F. Handel

### 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

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Give strength to your people.

***Immerse us in your presence and peace.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Adeline, Allison, Austin, Brynn, Carrie, Colin, Derek, Dorothy, Enda, Kat, Mary, and Mézano. Our diocese of islands and inlets and for Anna, our Bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. The community of St. George at Kingcome Inlet, Wakeman, Hopetown, & Gilford Island. Diocese of New Westminster and Bishop John Stephens. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. Pray for all those whose lives have been disrupted by storms and flooding. Pray for the continued work of all health care workers, especially amid the current wave of the COVID pandemic. Pray for the ongoing work of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ the light of the world has come  
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*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*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
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

1. Lamb of God, to thee we raise  
hymns of holy love and praise  
for the saint and prophet born  
to be herald of the morn.
2. Like the morning star he rose,  
thine appearing to disclose;  
like an ensign lifted high,  
He declared thy kingdom nigh.
3. Filled with grace and sanctity  
from his blest nativity,  
he, the new Elias, came  
bearing zeal's most sacred flame.

*Lamb of God, to Thee we Raise (270)*

4. Kinsman of the King divine,  
greatest of the prophets' line,  
blest forerunner of the Lord,  
who his praises can record?
5. Mighty preacher, by whose word  
souls to penitence were stirred  
those who long in sin had strayed  
then the call divine obeyed.
6. Make us, Lord, like him to be  
fearless witnesses for thee;  
faithful unto death be found,  
and at last by thee be crowned.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit, for us to see Jesus interceding for us; may we be willing to share his baptism, ready to share his cup and strengthened to serve him for ever. **Amen.**

*Church of England, Times and Seasons.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*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.***

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3*



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

***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*

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

***God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.***

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

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

## 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

*There's a Voice in the Wilderness (106)*

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1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places,  
where the Lord our God may go!
2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings,  
ascend to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people  
the coming of their King.  
The works of pride all perish,  
like flowers they shall decay;  
the power and pomp of nations  
shall pass like a dream away.
3. But the word, O God, is faithful,  
your arm, O Lord, is strong;  
you stand in the midst of nations,  
and you will right the wrong.  
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,  
and fold the lambs to your breast;  
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,  
and give to the weary rest.
4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places,  
where the Lord our God may go!

## DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

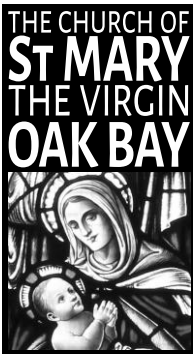
*Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

*Gloria/Finale from Fifteen Pieces, Marcel Dupré*

*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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