

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 3, 2022

"All I care for is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection." See Philippians 3.10

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.

10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Presider: The Rev'd Dyan Davison

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert

Ministers of Welcome: Mary Huxley

Organist: Curt Bergen

Musicians: St. Mary Singers, Mackenzie Langdon

Thank you for maintaining everyone's safety by wearing your mask while indoors and remembering to keep a respectful distance from others.

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, J Brahms

INTRODUCTORY RESPONSES

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord, and you will sustain us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Give us the joy of your saving help again and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.

Blessed are you, O Holy One, the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God. *Blessed be God for ever*.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

In penitence and faith, let us 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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Creator God,

you prepare a new way in the wilderness and water the desert.

Help us to recognize your hand working miracles beyond our imagining. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all, and its presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43. 16-21, Jackie Hiebert

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

- ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
- ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
- I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
- ²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.

to give drink to my chosen people,

the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

Mackenzie Langdon



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Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us.

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

GOSPEL HYMN

sheaves. R

- When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

GOSPEL

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to John. *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (386)

Descant: David R. Riley (1947-) ©

- 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

John 12. 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

I Will Bow, Frederick Chatfield

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.

Jackie Hiebert

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

Lord, we come before you.

Change us and we shall be changed.

In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Dorothy, Jean, Judy, Kat, Maria, Mary C, Monty, Nora and Vic. Pray for those who have died, especially our friend and sister Edna Lake, and for their families and all who mourn. In our diocese of islands and inlets we pray for Anna, our Bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. The parish of. St. Mary, Nanoose Bay and their clergy Alan Naylor. Territory of the People Anglican Church and the Steering Committee. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). 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. Pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for an end to the conflict, for peace to prevail and lives and liberty safeguarded.

PEACE

The congregation stands

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

The peace of the Lord 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

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.
 the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
 With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory.

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (310)

2. The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory.

- 3. Thus, all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud your praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.

 Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body bear your part: to God all praise and glory.
- 4. Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!

 Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ alone: to God all praise and glory.

PRAYER OVER THE CIFTS

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARISTCommon Worship: Times and Seasons, The Church of England
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, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to give you praise:

(726)

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,

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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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

Lift High the Cross (602)

Text: stanzas1-5 Shirley Erena Murray, alt. Music: Sydney Nicholson.

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Refrain: **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim** till all the world adore his sacred name!

- 1. Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout! If we are silent, even stones cry out. R
- 2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife: teach us compassion for each human life. R
- 3. Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme: let peace be our passport, peace a living dream. R
- 4. Great is the cost of walking on this road, to follow and suffer with the Son of God. R
- 5. World to be born and children yet to be, come, take up this song into eternity. R

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Kyrie Gott Heiliger Geist BWV 671, J. S. Bach

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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