

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Second Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2022

*“Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” John 20.29*

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.*

The sacrament will be offered in both kinds (bread and the common cup). Regarding the cup: since there has been no indication that COVID-19 has spread via swallowing, it is our view that properly-distributed wine from the silver chalice poses no additional risk to safety. That said, please feel free to receive the bread only, and 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 John Macquarrie
Ministers of Welcome:	Chris Moeckl
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Musicians:	St Mary Singers

Because the service includes congregational singing, which continues to be a higher-risk activity, we thank you for maintaining everyone's safety by wearing your mask during the worship service 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

Prelude on Miles Lane, Healey Willan

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us praise our God

***who has given us life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.***

Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

O God, you have claimed us as your own

and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ACCLAMATION

The night has now passed and the day lies open before us. Let us greet the beginning of a new week in Christ and acknowledge, with thanksgiving, the circle of life.

O risen Christ:
*the image of the invisible God,
firstborn of all creation,
in whom all things hold together:
we welcome the radiance of your holy Presence.*

O risen Christ:
*in whom we live and move and have our being:
we affirm the wonder of creation
and a world of humbling needs;
we welcome your Word
to reveal paths of faith, hope and love.*

O risen Christ:
*through whom the deep mystery of God
is revealed and made known:
we welcome the fresh winds of your Spirit
to awaken us to your summons.*

O risen Christ:
*we stand as a people of the north
and of these western isles.
We commit ourselves once again to you,
and call out our praise to you,
our Creator and Sustainer.*

Let the earth rejoice.
Let the multitude of the isles be glad.
*Let the earth sing out its praise.
Rejoice together. Again I say rejoice.*

CENTRING STILLNESS

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, *the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The congregation sits

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 5. 27-32, Mary Huxley

²⁷When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118. 14-29

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

***There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:***

"The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!
the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

***I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.***

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord;
those who are righteous may enter.”

***I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me
and has become my salvation.***

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

***This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.***

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

***Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!
Lord, send us now success.***

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

***God is the Lord and has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.***

“You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

***Give thanks to the Lord who is good;
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.***

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.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Revelation 1. 4-8, Mary Huxley

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (322)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
2. Hail him, the heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, life divine,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
3. Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose burning path you trod,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
5. Let every tongue and every tribe,
delivered from the fall,
to Christ all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
6. O that, with heaven's sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall,
lift high the universal song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

GOSPEL

John 20. 19-31

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.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Rises, trad. Arr. Simon Lindley

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Mary Huxley

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

In hope and joy, let us pray to the risen Lord:

Jesus, come among us

in your risen power.

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. In our diocese of islands and inlets we pray for Anna, our Bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. The parish of St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay and their clergy Christine Conkin & Don Walls. 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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. 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

The presence and power of the risen Lord fill you with all joy and peace.

In peace of the Lord be always with you, alleluia,

And also with you, alleluia

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

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (388)

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.
2. See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age?
3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering –
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.
4. Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show:
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3
with the Preface for Easter*

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;
we give you thanks and praise
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.
By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

(735)

***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

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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. ***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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (384)

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1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend
thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord,
who, when tempests their warfare are
waging,
who, when the elements madly
around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.
5. Praise to the Lord,
who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who when the godless do triumph,
all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.
6. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

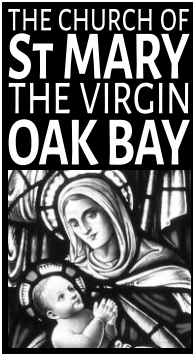
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Carillon du Westminster, Louis Vierne

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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