

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 10, 2022

"The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life." See John 6.63, 68

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 properlydistributed 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.

Flower Dedications

In Memory of or Celebration to make arrangements contact:

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10:00am Service

Presider: The Rev'd Dyan Davison

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert

Ministers of Welcome: Karen Wilson

Organist: Amiel Elfert

Singer: Mackenzie Langdon

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 Retrospection, Florence Price

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

Compassionate God,
whose love demands our all:
reveal to us our wounds
and give us grace to know our neighbour
who tends us with foreign hands;
through Jesus Christ, the merciful one. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Colossians 1. 1-14, Joyce Mackie

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother.

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82

God stands in the council of heaven and gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favour to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love (504)

Text: Tom Colvin (1925-) alt. Music: Melody Ghanaian trad.; adapt. Tom Colvin (1925-); arr. Jane Marshall (1924-). Text and melody © 1969, arr. © Hope Publishing Co

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.

- Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. R
- Neighbours are rich and poor, varied in colour and race, neighbours are near and far away. R
- These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.
 All these are neighbours to us and you. R

- 4. Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you. R
- 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. R

GOSPEL Luke 10. 25-37

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.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another, Michael Sitton

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith, 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

Joyce Mackie

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

We pray for God to fill us with the Spirit:

Lord of compassion and love,

deliver us from all evil.

In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Allison, Brad, Brynn, Carrie, Dorothy, Genoveve, Jean, Judy J, Kat, Maria, Mary, Monty, Nora, Pat R, Patricia, Robert, Sandra, Vic, Willi. In our diocese of islands and inlets we pray for Anna, our Bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. The parish of St. Philip, Cedar and their clergy Deborah Rivet. Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda. 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 especially for the work of the ReconciliaCTION Oak Bay network, remembering particularly the Oak Bay Heritage Foundation. Pray for the people of Ukraine, for an end to the conflict. Pray for the victims of gun violence, in the many places that have experienced this in the past weeks.

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

He has rescued us from the powers of darkness and brought us into the glory of his kingdom; in him we have redemption and peace.

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

- Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
- 2. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 3. Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
- 4. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 5. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
- 6. 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

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

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name 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

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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

Let There Be Light (572)

Text: Francis Wheeler Davis (1936-?) © .

Music: Robert J.B. Fleming(1921-1976).(c) Margaret Fleming

- Let there be light, let there be understanding, let all the nations gather, let them be face to face;
- open our lips, open our minds to ponder, open the door of concord opening into grace;
- perish the sword, perish the angry judgment, perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain;
- 4. hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs, hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be thy name;

- 5. thy kingdom come, thy spirit turn to language, thy people speak together, thy spirit never fade;
- 6. let there be light,
 open our hearts to wonder,
 perish the way of terror,
 hallow the world God made.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in F minor (BWV 534), 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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