

**The Peace**

Please Stand

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

🎵 **Offertory Hymn:** CP 435 – Take My Life, and Let It Be

**Prayer over the Gifts**

**All: God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer # 1** pg. 193

🎵 **Sanctus** Holy, holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might (x2).  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the Highest (x2). Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest (x2).

🎵 **The Lord's Prayer** pg. 211 (top)  
**The Breaking of the Bread** pg. 212 #2

**The Communion** All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing at God's table  
🎵 **Communion Hymn:** CP 494 – Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

**Prayer after Communion** (please stand)

**All: Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world. In the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**Announcements & Birthday Prayer**

**We are Sent Forth**

Celebrant: Glory to God

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Christ the Son be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

🎵 **Closing Hymn:** Insert – Canticle of the Turning

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go from this place seeking Christ in all people.

**All: We go to love and serve our neighbours as ourselves.**

**St. Mary Anglican Church**  
Together in Christ, Sharing God's Love

January 29, 2023  
4th Sunday after the Epiphany



Reaching out. Welcoming in.

**Celebrant:** Rev. Kirsten Evenden  
Musician: Margaret Nelson

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Flowers arranged – Heather Utlej  
Altar Preparation – Rita Gibson  
Sidespeople – Sue Godfreyson & Marrianna Westinghouse  
Counters – Marg Denney & Maggie Millwater  
Coffee Service – Mary Stark & Anne Marie Hughes  
Readers – Evelyne Gremo & Marty Holte


## Service of Holy Eucharist

We gather today on the traditional lands of the Nanoose Bay First Nations.

**Welcome** - silence as we prepare our minds and hearts The Bell Rings

### Opening Sentence

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Matthew 5:12

 **Opening Hymn:** CP 491 – The Head That Once Was Crowned


### We Gather (please stand)

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify  
your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

 **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God  
and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of God;  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

**All: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the  
poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the  
renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
now and forever. Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word (please sit)

Micha 6:1-8 Psalm 15 (Pg. 718) 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Gradual Hymn:** (please stand) Insert – This is Holy Ground

### Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12


**Sermon** (please sit) Rev. Kirsten Evenden

Contemplative  / time to reflect

### We Affirm our Faith (please stand)

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: 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.**

 **All: Lord, listen to your people praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this  
place. Lord, listen to your people praying. Send us love, send us  
power, send us grace!**

**Prayers of the People** (please sit) Mary Holte

### Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: The coming of Christ was not, and still is not, widely welcomed in our world. Wherever there is light, there will also be darkness: acknowledging the places in our own lives where light may be masked by darkness, Let us make our confessions to God –

**All: Most holy and loving God, we admit to you and to one another,  
that in our foolishness and willfulness, too often we choose  
darkness over light. Here and now we surrender to you, our fears  
and proud opinions, our short-sightedness, our sins and apathy  
towards change and renewal. Forgive the darkness and pain we  
inflict on others and restore the light in hearts.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.