

The Peace Please Stand
Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
All: And also with you.

🎵 **Offertory Hymn:** CP 508 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Prayer over the Gifts
All: Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask these in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 610 – Before I Take the Body of My Lord

Prayer after Communion (please stand)
All: Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfillment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

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:** CP 601 – God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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

February 12, 2023
6th Sunday after the Epiphany



Reaching out. Welcoming in.

Celebrant: Rev. Kirsten Evenden
Musician: Margaret Nelson

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Flowers arranged – Shirley Bays
Altar Preparation – Marrianna Westinghouse
Sidespeople – Marg Denney & Jean Russell
Counters – Maggie Millwater & Malcolm Kean
Coffee Service – Linda Henton & Marrianna Westinghouse
Readers – Shirley Bays & Mary 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

Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple.

Opening Hymn: Insert – This is the Day

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: Almighty and ever living God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word (please sit)

Deuteronomy 30: 15-30 Psalm 119:1-8 (pg. 868) 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gradual Hymn: (please stand) CP 647– Spirit of the Living God

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:21-37

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.