

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Feast of the Resurrection

Easter Day, April 9, 2023

“Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.” *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

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.



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Eric & Marilyn Wainwright and Norah MacMahon*



10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Minister of Welcome:	Pat Taylor, Karen Wilson	Musicians:	Bob Gill, Sue Gill, Stephanie Geehan,
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert		Kat McCann, John McCann, David Stewart,
Assistant:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison		Elizabeth Sly, Adrian Sly, Rachel Bergen,
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Sean Steele		Judy Macquarrie, Michelle Naidu, Elizabeth Fehr,
Server:	Nathan Turner		Braydon Lord, Mary Shiffer, Craig Hiebert
Organist:	Curt Bergen	Live Stream:	William Turner, Samantha Robbins
Readers:	Jackie Hiebert, Sean Steele, Gillian Fosdick		

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

PRELUDE

Awake my heart with Gladness, arr. Paul Manz

INTROIT

This Joyful Eastertide, trad. Arr. Charles Wood

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! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (203)

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love, alleluia!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, alleluia!
Praise the Son and Holy Ghost, 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

Lord of life and power, *through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive with you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

The congregation sits

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31. 1-6, Jackie Hiebert

At that time, says the Lord,
I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,
³ the Lord appeared to him from far away.
 I have loved you with an everlasting love;
 therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
 O virgin Israel!
 Again you shall take your tambourines,
 and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
 on the mountains of Samaria;
 the planters shall plant,
 and shall enjoy the fruit.
⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
 in the hill country of Ephraim:
 'Come, let us go up to Zion,
 to the Lord our God.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118. 1-2, 14-24

Bob Gill



This is the day our God made, let us re-joice and be glad



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Music by George Black, ©2000 Anglican Book Centre

Give thanks to God who is good;
 whose mercy endures for ever.
 Let Israel now proclaim,
 "God's mercy endures for ever." **R**

God 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 right hand of the Most High has triumphed!
the right hand of the Most High is exalted!
the right hand of the Mighty One has triumphed!" **R**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of God.
God has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death. **R**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.
"This is the gate of the Holy One;
those who are righteous may enter." **R**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

This is God's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day our God has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 10. 34-43, Sean Steele

Cornelius, a centurion in the military force in Palestine, and already a believer in God, has had a vision. As a result, he has invited Peter to visit him and his household. It was against Jewish law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile, but Peter comes anyway, with "some believers from Joppa".

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John

announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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GOSPEL HYMN

Jesus Is Risen from the Grave (232)

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1. Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
 alleluia.
2. Jesus was seen by Mary
3. Peter will soon be smiling
4. Thomas will stop his doubting . . .
5. Jesus will meet his people . . .
6. Jesus is here in bread and wine . . .
7. Jesus will live forever . . .

GOSPEL

Matthew 28. 1-10

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God is with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Hallelujah, G.F. Handel

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

Gillian Fosdick

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of Christ's resurrection.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, so that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true.

Amen.

PEACE

The congregation stands

The Prince of Peace has conquered death and given us the victory.

The peace of the lord be always with you. Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia!

Remaining in our places, we share 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

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made (373)

1. This is the day the Lord hath made,
its hours to God are known;
let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad.
and praise surround the throne.
2. Today Christ rose and left the dead,
and Satan's empire fell;
today the saints his triumph spread,
and all his wonders tell.
3. Hosanna to the anointed King,
to David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
salvation from thy throne.
4. Hosanna in the highest strains
the church on earth can raise;
the highest heavens in which he reigns
shall give him nobler praise.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the 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.

sung

***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.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, G.F Handle

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. ***Amen***

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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (206)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!
sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
following our exalted head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphonie V, Charles Marie Widor

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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