



# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025*

"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own  
and my own know me." *John 10.14*

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## Welcome

*We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.*

*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.*

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## 10:00am Service

*From the Book of Alternative Services*

Minister of Welcome:	Mary Lawrence	Organist:	Neil Cardew-Fanning
Presider & Preacher:	The Ven Craig Hiebert	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Karen Wilson		

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*In the service order, words set in **bold italic type** are said by the congregation.*

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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

### PRELUDE

*Meditation on 'Brother James's Air' ('The Lord's my shepherd'), Harold Darke*

### EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

***He is risen indeed. Alleluia! 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!***

### WELCOME

### HYMN

*Splendour and Honour (364)*

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| 1. Splendour and honour, majesty and power,<br>are yours, O Lord God, fount of every<br>blessing,<br>for by our bidding was the whole creation<br>called into being. | 2. Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our<br>redemption.<br>by whose self-offering we made God's people:<br>a priestly kingdom, from all tongues and<br>nations,<br>called to God's service. |
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3. To the Almighty, throned in heavenly splendour,  
and to the Saviour, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
now and forever.

#### **ACCLAMATION**

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

*Silence is kept.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God of peace, *who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The congregation sits.*

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## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 9. 36-43, Bob Gill

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

### PSALM 23

*The Lord is my Shepherd (519)*

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| 1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:<br>he makes me down to lie<br>in pastures green; he leadeth me<br>the quiet waters by. | 2. My soul he doth restore again,<br>and me to walk doth make<br>within the paths of righteousness,<br>even for his won name's sake. |
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3. Yea, though I walk through death's  
dark vale.  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

### **READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Revelation 7. 9-17, Sherry Armstrong

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat,

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **GOSPEL HYMN**

*Lead us, Heavenly Father (564)*

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o’er the world’s tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o’er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

### **GOSPEL**

John 10. 22-30

*Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:*

God is with you.

***And also with you.***

The Good News of Jesus according to John

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of Christ  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **SERMON**

### **ANTHEM**

*The Lord is My Shepherd*, Howard Goodall

### **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**

Bob Gill

*The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.*

Faithful Shepherd, lead us from darkness to light,  
***from death to life eternal.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Aslan, Carrie, Debbie, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Gary, Ken, Lucia, Marg, Myles, Pat, Robb, Samantha, and Sherry. In our diocese of islands and inlets pray for Anna, our Bishop, John, our Metropolitan, Chris, our National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and Anne, our Acting Primate; for the parish of St George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay, and their clergy Christine Conkin. In our province, pray for The Diocese of the Yukon and The Right Reverend Lesley Wheeler-Dame. In our Anglican Church of Canada pray for The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, pray for Bishop Ali Tote, and the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod. In the Moravian*

Church, pray for The Rt. Rev. Douglas Kleintop, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province. In the Church further afield, pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. Pray for the Staff at the Canadian College of Performing Arts, and for the Families of Oak Bay Preschool.

**A Note About Our Prayer Ministry:** If you wish to request prayers for yourself or for someone else, please send the information to the office: [admin@stmarysoakbay.ca](mailto:admin@stmarysoakbay.ca). Requests received by end of day Wednesdays will be included in the leaflet for the following Sunday and for three weeks following. Prayers will also be included by the members of the Angel Wings Prayer Team. A new request may be made if you wish specific prayers to be continued. We require only a first name, but it is helpful if an area of need is included, eg, in need of prayer; sickness; awaiting surgery; recovering from surgery; ongoing treatment; death; grieving.

## PEACE

*The congregation stands*

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.*

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## THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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## OFFERTORY

*The King of Love my Shepherd Is (520)*

1. The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort sill,  
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever!



## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### 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*

God is 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.***

*The prayer continues until:*

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 732*

***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.***

*The prayer continues until:*

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
***we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;***

*The prayer continues until:*

...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

*All are invited to receive Communion.*

*The sacrament will be offered in both kinds (bread and the common cup) but 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.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are also welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. This is signified by folding your hands across your chest as you approach the presider.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless (85)*

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
your chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,  
with water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone,  
but by your word of grace,  
in strength of which we travel on  
to our abiding place.

3. Be known to us in breaking bread,  
but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
your table in our heart.

4. Lord, sup with us in love divine;  
your body and your blood,  
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,  
be our immortal food.

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## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **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**

*Saviour, like a shepherd lead us*

1. Saviour, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

2. Early let us seek thy favour,  
early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Saviour,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

***Thanks be to God.***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### **POSTLUDE**

*Andante pastorale, Felix Mendelssohn*

*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.*



## West Coast Chamber Music *Glorious Quintets*

Featuring:

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Angela Cavedas, Peter Weinkam, *violin*

Roger Mangas, *viola*

Amy Laing, *cello*



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