



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

“Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day
your Lord is coming.” *Matthew 24.42, 44*

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.

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 available means of giving regularly: electronic donations on our website via CanadaHelps, or monthly direct debit donations via the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance program - details are available in a brochure at the entrance, or on the website: www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate).*

If you would like to schedule a **Memorial Flower Arrangement** at the next opportunity, please contact Anne Underhill, aunderhill@stmarysoakbay.ca.

10:00am Service

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayers of the Anglican Church of Canada

Minister of Welcome:	Mary Lawrence	Organist:	Neil Cardew-Fanning
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Dr John Macquarrie	Music:	St. Mary Singers
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Tony Barlow Karen Wilson		

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE

Tiento [Kyrie Fons bonitatis], Jean Langlais

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Glorious things of Thee are spoken (388)

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.
2. See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age?
3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering –
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.
4. Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show:
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

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

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father, ***by faith Abraham set out from his home to seek the land of your promise. May we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

The congregation sits.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 1. 1, 10-20, Bob Gill

¹The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls
or of lambs or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more!

¹³Bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates; they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil;

¹⁷learn to do good;
seek justice; rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?

If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?

¹⁹If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land,

²⁰but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50. 1-8, 23-24



The hea - vens will test - i-fy that God our God is just.

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The God of gods, the Holy One, has spoken;
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God is revealed in glory. R.

Our God will come and will not keep silence,
will come with a devouring flame and a mighty tempest round about.
God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people. R.

"Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
Let the heavens declare the rightness of God's cause;
who is the judge of all. R.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.
I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me. R.

Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;
but to those who keep in my way, will I show the salvation of God." R

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16, Sherry Armstrong

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a

time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me (430)

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| 1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me? | 3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me? |
| 2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me? | 4. Will you the love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me? |

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

GOSPEL

Luke 12. 32-40

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God is with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

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

Bob Gill

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

Lord, we put our trust in you.

You are our hope and salvation.

In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Colin, Daphne, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Gary, Gina, Linda, James, Ken, Liz, Myles, Ralph, Rex, Samantha, Seamus, and Sherry. In our diocese of islands and inlets pray for Anna, our Bishop, John, our Metropolitan, Chris, our National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and Shane, our Primate, and for our church of St. Mary the Virgin in Oak Bay and our clergy Craig, Dyan and John. In our province, pray for The Diocese of Caledonia and The Right Reverend David Lehmann. In our Anglican Church of Canada pray for The Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, pray for The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories and in The Moravian Church Remembering August 13 in 1727, this was the day when the young community in Herrnhut, Germany, nearly torn apart by internal theological conflict, was bonded together by the power of the Holy Spirit. Some call it our Moravian "Pentecost.". In the Church further afield, pray for the Anglican church of Rwanda. Pray for victims of wildfires across North America, and for emergency and aid workers. Pray for those in regions in conflict: especially Ukraine and Russia, Palestine, Israel, and Iran.

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. 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.

And also with you.

Remaining in our places, we share signs of Peace with those around us.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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OFFERTORY

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy (631)

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Liturgy of the Islands, Eucharistic Prayer A

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

God is here

The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until:

Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

Repeat each line after the cantor:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,'

God of power and 'might,

Heaven and earth are full,'

are full of your glo'ry.

Blessed is the one who comes'

in the name of the 'Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,'

hosanna in the high'est. 3x

St Bride Setting, The Iona Community

The prayer continues until:

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

Come Source of life.

Come, transforming Word.

Come, Creator Spirit.

The prayer continues until:

Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.

AGNUS DEI

St Bride Setting, Iona Community

Repeat each phrase after the cantor:

1. & 2. Lamb of God you 'take away the sin of the world, / have mercy 'on us.

*3. Lamb of God you 'take away the sin of the world, / grant us your 'peace, / grant us your 'peace,
/ grant us your 'peace.*

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

Wait for the Lord (94)

*Refrain: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!*

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 *You Servants of the Lord (93)*

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| 1. You servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
observant of his heavenly Word,
and watchful at his gate. | 3. Watch; 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear. |
| 2. Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
attentive stand, as in his sight, for
awesome is his name. | 4. How happy shall we be if in his service
found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see,
and be with honor crowned! |
| 5. Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band. | |

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro comodo, Frank Bridge

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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