



# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 31, 2025**

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.” *Matthew 11.29*

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

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## 10:00am Service

### *Supplementary Eucharistic Prayers of the Anglican Church of Canada*

Minister of Welcome:	Scott MacKenzie	Piano:	Nancy Curry
Presider & Preacher:	The Venerable Craig Hiebert	Music:	St. Mary Singers
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Tony Barlow	Livestream:	Gillian Barlow

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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

### WELCOME

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All Praise to Thee (387)*

1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:  
*Alleluia, Alleluia!*
2. Thou camest to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: R
3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary: R
4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow: R
5. Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God the Father be by all adored: R

## 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

Author and Giver of all good things, ***graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The congregation sits.*

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## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 2. 4-13, Christina Watkins

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me

that they went far from me

and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

<sup>6</sup> They did not say, "Where is the Lord,

who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,

in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness,

in a land that no one passes through,

where no one lives?"

<sup>7</sup> I brought you into a plentiful land

to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land

and made my heritage an abomination.

<sup>8</sup>The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"

Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal  
and went after things that do not profit.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore once more I accuse you,  
says the Lord,

and I accuse your children's children.

<sup>10</sup>Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look;  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

<sup>11</sup>Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

<sup>12</sup>Be appalled, O heavens, at this;  
be shocked; be utterly desolate,  
says the Lord,

<sup>13</sup>for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **PSALM 81. 1, 10-16**

Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

*I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,  
‘Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.’*

And yet my people did not hear my voice,  
and Israel would not obey me.

*So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,  
to follow their own devices.*

Oh, that my people would listen to me!  
That Israel would walk in my ways!

*I should soon subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.*

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before me,  
and their punishment would last for ever.

*But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat  
and satisfy them with honey from the rock.”*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

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

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16, Jackie Hiebert

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **GOSPEL HYMN**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (504)*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.*

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| 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,<br>silently washes their feet,<br>master who acts as a slave to them. R      | 3. These are the ones we should serve,<br>these are the ones we should love.<br>All these are neighbours to us and you. R |
| 2. Neighbours are rich and poor,<br>varied in colour and race,<br>neighbours are near and far away. R              | 4. Loving puts us on our knees,<br>serving as though we are slaves,<br>this is the way we should live with you. R         |
| 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,<br>silently washing their feet,<br>this is the way we should live with you. R |   |

### **GOSPEL**

Luke 14. 1, 7-14

*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.***

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of Christ

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SERMON

#### AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Apostles' 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

Jackie Hiebert

*The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.*

Lord, as you call us,  
***make us worthy of our calling.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Colin, Dorothy, Gary, Gina, James, Ken, Myles, 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 Shane, our Primate, and for the church of St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus and their clergy. In our province, pray for The Territory of the People – the Right Reverend Clara Plamondon. In our Anglican Church of Canada pray for The Bishop, clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, pray for Bishop Kathy Martin, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod. In the Church further afield, pray for The Church of South India (United). 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](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.  
***And also with you.***

*We share signs of Peace with those around us.*

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## THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Come Down, O Love Divine (645)*

1. Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 5*

*The congregation remains standing, as they are able*

The Lord 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.***

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

(726)

*Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord*

*God of power and might,*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord***

***God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

***Glory to you for ever and ever. 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

Creator of all,  
you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

*So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.*

The gifts of God, for the People of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

## AGNUS DEI

Orthodox Chant

The musical notation for the Agnus Dei chant is presented in four staves. The first two staves are for the Cantor, and the last two are for the All. The Cantor parts are marked with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves end with a double bar line and repeat dots. The last two staves end with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way  
the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

*All*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way  
the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Arr. by Michael Silhavy ©2006, WLP

## 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

*I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life (56)*

1. I am the bread, the bread of life;  
who comes to me will never hunger.  
I am the bread, the bread of heaven;  
who feeds on me will never die.  
And as you eat, remember me  
my body broken on the tree:  
my life was given to set you free,  
and I'm alive for evermore.
  2. I am the vine, the living vine:  
apart from me you can do nothing.  
I am the vine, the real vine;  
abide in me and I in you.  
And as you drink, remember me  
my blood was shed upon the tree:  
my life was given to set you free,  
and I'm alive for evermore.
  3. So eat this bread, and drink this wine,  
and as you do, receive this life of mine.  
All that I am, I give to you,  
that you may live for evermore.
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## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### COMMUNITY NOTES

#### DOXOLOGY

*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

*My Hope on You Is Founded, vs 1-4 (529)*

1. God, my hope on you is founded;  
you my faith and trust renew:  
through all change and chance you guide  
me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
you alone  
call my heart to be your own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown, betray our trust;  
though with care and toil we build them,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
But your power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.
3. Daily does the almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
God's desire for us delights us,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Here at hand,  
love takes a stand,  
joy awaits God's sure command.
4. God's great goodness lasts forever,  
deepest wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attending,  
beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore  
from God's store  
newborn worlds rise and adore.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## POSTLUDE

*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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