



# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 5, 2025

### Season of Creation 5

“The word of the Lord abides for ever. That word is the good news which was preached to you.” 1 Peter 1.25

## 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

### *Liturgy for the Season of Creation*

Minister of Welcome:	Mary Lawrence	Server:	Nathan Turner
Presider & Preacher:	The Venerable Craig Hiebert	Organ:	Marianne Robinson
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	David Stewart	Music:	St. Mary Singers
	Christina Watkins	Livestream:	William Turner & Samantha Robbins

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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**

*Tuba Tune, C S Lang*

### **WELCOME**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun (8)*

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.
2. Redeem thy misspent time that's past,  
and live this day as if thy last;  
improve thy talent with due care;  
for the great day thyself prepare.
3. Let all thy converse be sincere,  
thy conscience as the noonday clear;  
think how all-seeing God thy ways  
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.
4. Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,  
and with the angels bear thy part,  
who all night long unwearied sing  
glory to the eternal King.

## **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**

God, *you weep with those who are oppressed, with those who are uprooted from their homeland and with those who are without shelter or security. Grant that your faithful love may reach out through us, so that your healing mercy may rise like the dawn. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

Revised Common Lectionary Prayer (2002) alt.

*The congregation sits.*

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## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

### **READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Habakkuk 1. 1-4, 2. 1-4, Gillian Fosdick

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

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<sup>1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **PSALM 37. 1-9**



Trust in God and do good, set-tle down and be at peace.

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Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.  
Put your trust in God and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.  
Take delight in God, who will give you your heart's desire. R.  
Commit your way to God and put your trust in the Holy One,  
and God will surely bring it to pass.

God will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday. R.

Be still before the Most High and wait patiently for God.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land. R

**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS**

2 Timothy 1. 1-14, David Stewart

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you

have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (585)*

1. Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.

## GOSPEL

Luke 17. 5-10

*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>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table?' <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?' <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?"

<sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of Christ

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

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SERMON

### ANTHEM

*O Lord, Increase Our Faith*, Henry Loosemore

### 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**

Gillian Fosdick

*The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.*

Lord, we come to you.

***You alone can make us whole.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Callam, Colin, Jeff, Linda, Lindy, and Sam. 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. Peter, Comox and their clergy. In our province, pray for clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod. In the Church further afield, pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania. Remember missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people and their families, and pray for an end to gender-based violence.*

**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.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

***God of compassion, have mercy upon us.***

***Heal our relationship with all creation.***

***Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect  
of the creatures who share the earth with us.***

***We are truly sorry and we humbly repent  
for what we have done to harm them,  
and for what we have not done to help them.***

***Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may care for one another and for all creatures,  
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.***

*The presider pronounces assurance of God's forgiveness:*

God the Creator brings you new life,  
forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness

and live your life  
in the Spirit of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The congregation stands*

The peace of Christ 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**

*My Song is Love Unknown (184)*

1. My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me;  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?
2. He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
but all made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know:  
but O my friend,  
my friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!

3. Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King;  
then "Crucify!"  
is all their breath,  
and for his death  
they thirst and cry.
4. Why, what has my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.
5. They rise and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.
6. Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Bless these gifts and our lives, O God, that we may share ourselves and our belongings with those in need. Lift up our voices with those of all creation that sing out in praise for your grace and love. **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Scottish Liturgy 1982, Season of Creation*

*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.**

*The prayer continues until:*

...together with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

*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:*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end.

**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**

Christ meets us at this table.

Today, salvation comes to this community.

***As bread is broken, and wine shared,  
we are thankful.***

These are 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

*Strengthen for Service, Lord (87)*

1. Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands  
that holy things have taken;  
let ears that now have heard thy songs  
to clamour never waken.
2. Lord, may the tongues which “Holy” sang  
keep free from all deceiving;  
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,  
thy blessed hope perceiving.
3. The feet that tread thy holy courts  
from light do thou not banish;  
the bodies by thy body fed  
with thy new life replenish.

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## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. **Amen.**

Postcommunion prayer 3 from *Lenni Lenape Algonkian Iroquoian Council, Diocese of Huron (Huron LAIC)*, 2001, as published in “Worship in the Vision of New Agape – A Collection of Resources” (Anglican Church of Canada, 2004), 44.

### 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

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one,  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.
2. All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One-in-Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.
3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.
4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.
5. Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three, and ever one,  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

## **DISMISSAL**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

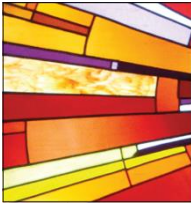
***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

"Let All Things Their Creator Bless": Liturgy for Use During the Season of Creationtide, Diocese of Guilford, pp. 38-39

## **POSTLUDE**

*Grand jeu avec le Tonnerre*, Michel Corrette

*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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