

## St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Remembrance Sunday, November 9, 2025

"Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen*." See Revelation 1.5, 6

## 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 truthtelling, 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*.

#### 10:00am Service

Minister of Welcome: Mary Lawrence

Organist: The Venerable Craig Hiebert Musicians. Marianne Robinson St Mary Singers

Preacher:

Presider.

The Reverend Dyan Davison

Gillian Barlow Livestream:

Lay Eucharistic Minister:

Karen Wilson

Tony Barlow

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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**

#### WELCOME

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

- 1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2. under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone. and our defence is sure.
- 3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame. from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

#### 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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past (528)

- 4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
- 5. Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

#### **CENTRING STILLNESS**

Silence is kept.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; 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.

#### THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

#### READING FROM THE HERREW SCRIPTURES

Wisdom of Solomon 3. 1-9, Gillian Fosdick

<sup>1</sup>The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

<sup>2</sup> In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster <sup>3</sup> and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace.

<sup>4</sup> For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

<sup>5</sup> Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

<sup>6</sup>like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

<sup>7</sup>In the time of their visitation they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble.

<sup>8</sup>They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

<sup>9</sup>Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 116, 1-8

I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication,

who has listened to me whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent;

I was brought very low, and the Lord helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

For you, O Lord, have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

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**

1 Peter 1. 3-9, Jackie Hiebert

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL HYMN**

- Give Me the Wings of Faith (286)
  3. I ask them whence their victory came:
- Give me the wings of faith, to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.
- they, with united breath, ascribe their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.
- 2. Once they were mourning here below, and wet their couch with tears: they wrestled hard, as we do now, with sins, and doubts, and fears.
- 4. They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast; and following their incarnate God, possess the promised rest.
- 5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise for his own pattern given; while the long cloud of witnesses show the same path to heaven.

**GOSPEL** John 11. 21-27

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>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### **SERMON**

#### ANTHEM

Da Pacem Domine, Arvo Pärt

Commissioned for a peace concert in Barcelona on 1 July 2004. Pärt began the composition two days after the 2004 Madrid train bombings, in memory of the victims. In Spain, it has been performed annually to commemorate the victims. The text is a 6th or 7th-century hymn based on biblical verses 2 Kings 20. 19, 2 Chronicles 20. 12,15 and Psalm 72. 6-7.

Da pacem, Domine, in diebus nostris

Quia non est alius Qui pugnet pro nobis

Nisi tu Deus noster.

Grant peace, Lord, in our time;

for there is none else who would fight for us if not you, our God.

#### **AFFIRMING OUR FAITH**

The Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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.

May God give peace,

## God, give peace.

In your prayers this week remember those in need of healing and care, including Ann, Callum, Colin, Dorothy, Elizabeth F, Gary, Jeff, Ken, Liz, Lyn, Sam, and Seamus. Give thanks for the lives of those who have died. Pray for those who mourn. 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. Philip, Oak Bay, and their clergy Allen Doerksen. Pray for the Principal, faculty, students, and staff of the Vancouver School of Theology. In our province, pray for The Territory of the People and Bishop Clara Plamondon. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, pray for The Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College. Pray for the people and ministries of the Moravian Church as they remember the Festival of Christ the

Chief Elder. In the Church further afield, pray for The Church of the Province of West Indies. Pray for those who have died in war and for renewed commitment to work for peace.

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: <a href="mailto:admin@stmarysoakbay.ca">admin@stmarysoakbay.ca</a>. 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 AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Presider reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness

Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you,
pardon you
and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.

#### Amen

#### 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.

#### THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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#### **OFFERTORY**

- Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm restrains the restless wave, who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed bounds to keep: we cry, O God of majesty, for those in peril on the sea.
- 2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at your word, who walked across the surging deep and in the storm lay calm in sleep:

  we cry, O Lord of Galilee,
  for those in peril on the sea.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (567)

- 3. Creator Spirit, by whose breath were fashioned sea and sky and earth; who made the stormy chaos cease and gave us life and light and peace:

  we cry, O Spirit strong and free, for those in peril on the sea.
- 4. O Trinity of love and power,
  preserve their lives in danger's hour;
  from rock and tempest, flood and flame,
  protect them by your holy name,
  and to your glory let there be
  glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious and righteous Lord, we are united in the love of Jesus Christ. Accept all we offer you this day, and bring us, with all your faithful people who have gone before us, into his eternal glory; who is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3

#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

The prayer continues until:

sung: 735

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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI Sung 747

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

#### **THE COMMUNION**

Please follow the direction of the greeters as they invite rows to receive communion. 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**

O Healing River (578)

 O healing river, send down your waters, send down your waters upon this land.
 O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand. 2. This land is parching, this land is burning, No seed is growing in the barren ground. O healing river, send down your waters. O healing river, send your waters down.

3. Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish, let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.

O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies.

#### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this eucharist, bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. **Amen.** 

#### COMMUNITY NOTES

#### AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121.1.2

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

## FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-1918

John F. Arbuckle William H. Allison	Ronald Grahame Ralph V. Gordon	John T. Marshall Clifford Meritt
Stanley W. Ahiers	Frank Herbert	Philip Nation
Sidney Andros	James Huggett	William Norman
Charles Baxter	Webster H.F. Harris	H.T.S. Paul
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Irwin Browne
Joseph Cormick
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Charles Fleming
Roderick R. H. Finlayson

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Alexander W. Innes
George F. Jull
J. Herrick McGregor
Alec Milligan
Robert Meredith
Colin Milburn
George Milligan

Stanley Penwell
Arthur Rochfort
Frank R. L. deSalis
Arthur C. Sucking
Bennett Thompson
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TalbotWheatley
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## SECOND WORLD WAR

Jan Ackland
Maurice Beedham
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Ian McDonald Sutherland Brown
William Brown
John Burd
Geoffrey Byatt
Brian Withers Carmichael
Patricia Cooney
George Henry Corbett
H. Reginald Coventry
Robert Coventry
Devereukw de Bretigny

Brian Dean Freeman
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Arthur Harness
Desmond Hind
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Frank McMullen

Leighton Manning
Robert S. May
Richard Meredith
Peter Palin
Roy Pattinson
Charles Peasland
Stephen Rose
Kenneth Scharff
John L. Sills
Charles M.B. Symens
Selby F. Taylor
Stanley Thorn
Ray Walls
Graham Verley

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

Violet Field

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

### We will remember them.

<sup>\*</sup>The bell marks the beginning and end of two minutes of silence

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### **GLORY TO GOD**

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 O Day of Peace (573)

1. O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune, Jeremiah Clarke

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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