



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost,

November 16, 2025

“Look up and raise your heads, because
your redemption is drawing near.” *Luke 21-28*

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:	Pat Taylor	Organ:	Oriel Chapman
Presider:	The Reverend Dr John Macquarrie	Music:	St. Mary Singers
Preacher:	The Reverend Dyan Davison	Livestream:	William Turner & Samantha Robbins
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	John McCann David Stewart		

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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

Andante Tranquillo, Percy Whitlock

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (5)

1. Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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, *who is faithful when all the foundations crumble: in the time of crisis, as holy places fall and nations stumble, give us the conviction to bear witness to your love, whatever the cost; through Jesus Christ, your Word and Wisdom. Amen.*

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

The congregation sits.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 65. 17-28, Bob Gill

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

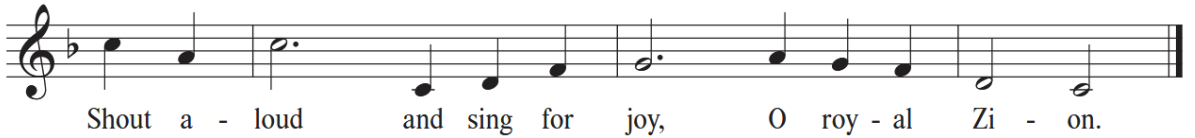
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Isaiah 12



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You will say on that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away, and you comforted me. R.

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.” R.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say on that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted. R.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” R.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13, Christina Watkins

⁶Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you.

⁹This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord

Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (505)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

GOSPEL

Luke 21. 5-19

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.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Blest are the pure in heart, Walford Davies

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

Pauline Samoszynski

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

The Lord is our strength.

He alone is our salvation.

In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Ann, Callum, Colin, Dorothy, Elizabeth F, Gary, Jeff, Ken, Liz, Lyn, Sam, and Seamus. 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 UVic Multifaith Centre and Shawnigan Lake School and their Anglican chaplains Reba Yeo and Ruth Danzer. In our province, pray for Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame and the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Yukon. In our Anglican Church of Canada pray for the members of the Council of General Synod. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, pray for the National Church Council, and in the Moravian Church pray for the Board of Elders of the Canadian District.

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Sing Praise to God (424)

1. Sing praise to God on mountain tops
and in earth's lowest places,
from blue lagoon to polar waste,
from ocean to oasis.
No random rock produced this world,
but God's own will and wonder.
Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing
and clouds concur with thunder.
2. Sing praise to God where grasses grow
and flowers display their beauty,
where nature weaves her myriad web
through love as much as duty.
The seasons in their cycle speak
of earth's complete provision.
Let nothing mock inherent good
nor treat it with derision.

3. Sing praise to God where fishes swim
and birds fly in formation,
where animals of every kind
diversify creation.
All life that finds its home on earth
is meant to be respected.
Let nothing threaten, for base ends,
what God through grace perfected.
4. Sing praise to God where humankind
its majesty embraces,
where different races, creeds and tongues
distinguish different faces.
God's image in each child of earth
shall never pale or perish.
So treat with love each human soul
and thus God's goodness cherish.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until:

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory, singing:

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 of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The prayer continues until:

... And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The prayer continues until:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for 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

“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.

These are 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

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

Bless the Lord, My Soul (360)

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the

world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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

For the Healing of the Nations (576)

1. For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us, Father, into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice,
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B Minor, Eugène Gigout

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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STRING THEORY

Ever popular MITTWOCH TRIO returns for a classical journey through the spheres

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REFLECTIONS OF SOUND

Bennett Chiu, violin; Jany Lu, violin and Alex Chernata, clarinet present pieces by traditional and contemporary composers.

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JOYFUL NOISE

Pianist and singer Tony Booker plays Bach and Brahms and sings traditional Spanish, Russian and German favourites.

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