



# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

***The Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2026***

*“A voice came from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3.17*

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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.*

**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](http://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](mailto:aunderhill@stmarysoakbay.ca).

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## 10:00am Service

*From the Book of Alternative Services*

Minister of Welcome:	Chris Moeckl	Organ:	Oriel Chapman
Presider & Preacher:	The Venerable Craig Hiebert	Music:	St. Mary Singers
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	John McCann		

*Please note that this service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending in person, you are acknowledging and consent to the fact that the video images of you may appear online.*

*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

*Joy to the World (154)*

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive the King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:  
let us glad songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hill and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as our sin is found,  
far as our sin is found,  
far as, far as our sin is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love  
and wonders, and wonders of his love.

### 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

O God the creator of all,  
*at his baptism you proclaimed Jesus your beloved  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.*  
*Make us faithful to our calling to be your daughters and sons,  
and empower us with your Spirit,  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.*

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

*The congregation sits.*

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## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 42. 1-9, Gillian Fosdick

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

***Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.***

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

***The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.***

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,  
***and makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.***

The voice of the Lord  
splits the flames of fire;

*the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"

*The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.*

The Lord shall give strength to this people;  
the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

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**

Acts 10. 34-43, David Stewart

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

## GOSPEL HYMN

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.
2. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

## GOSPEL

*Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:*

God is with you.

***And also with you.***

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of Christ

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

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed (101)*

3. Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.
4. O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-best.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever:  
that name to us is Love.

Matthew 3. 13-17

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SERMON

### ANTHEM

*In Dulci Jubilo*, Michael Praetorius

### 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, as we dwell in you,*

***may we know that you dwell in us.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Ann, Beth, Brian, Callum, Dorothy, Frances, Gina, Ken, Nancy, Rex, Richard, Rita, Rod, Samantha, Scott, 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 the Congregation of Christ Church, Gabriola and their clergy The Rev. Suzanna Bates. The Diocese of New Westminster and Archbishop John Stephens.*

**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.

## **CONFSSION 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.*

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## **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

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## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

1. On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

*On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry (103)*

2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within.  
Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thy hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## 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:*

Therefore with angels and archangels  
we raise our voices in joyful praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3*

**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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*sung: 735*

*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**

***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**

***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.***

*sung 747*

## 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

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
2. Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.

*Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire (637)*

3. Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace;  
keep far from foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.
4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but one:  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song:  
praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **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

1. Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.
2. Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed, "I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do." Then from heaven a double sign-- dove-like Spirit, voice divine-- hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."
3. Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding-guest and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine; further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed, bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.
4. Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest, where both voice and vision waned until Christ alone remained: glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

*Sing of God Made Manifest (162)*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

## 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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