

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, 2026*

“The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
To all who receive him, he gave power to become  
children of God.” *See John 1*

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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:	Pat Taylor	Organ:	Marianne Robinson
Presider:	The Reverend Dr John Macquarrie	Music:	St. Mary Singers
Preacher:	The Reverend Dyan Davison	Livestream:	Nathan Turner, Samantha Robbins
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	David Stewart		

*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

*Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (385)*

1. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!
2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy  
prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
4. These though we bring them  
in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear,  
mornings of joy give for evenings of  
tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.
5. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

## 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

Almighty God, *your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; 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

Isaiah 49. 1-7, Sherry Armstrong

Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord  
and my reward with my God."

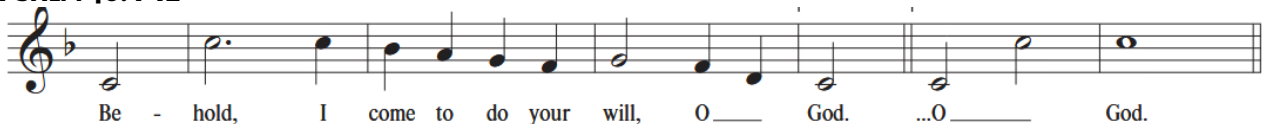
<sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says,  
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
 to bring Jacob back to him,  
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
 for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
 and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says,  
 “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
 I will give you as a light to the nations,  
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord,  
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
 the slave of rulers,  
 “Kings shall see and stand up;  
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
 because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Holy word, holy wisdom.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 40. 1-12**



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I waited in patience for you, O God;  
 you stooped to me and heard my cry.  
 You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
 you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure. R.

You put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to you, our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in you.

Happy are they who trust in God!

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. R.

Great things are they that you have done, O my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us!

there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

but they are more that I can count. R

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure

(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offerings and sin-offering you have not required,

and so I said, "Behold, I come. R.

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

'I love to do your will, O my God;

your law is deep in my heart.'"

I proclaimed your righteousness

in the great congregation;

behold, I did not restrain my lips and that,

O God, you know. R.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness

and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness

from the great congregation. R.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL HYMN**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (635)*

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| <p>1. Like the murmur of the dove's song,<br/>         like the challenge of her flight,<br/>         like the vigour of the wind's rush,<br/>         like the new flame's eager might:<br/>         come, Holy Spirit, come.</p> | <p>2. To the members of Christ's body,<br/>         to the branches of the vine,<br/>         to the church in faith assembled,<br/>         to her midst as gift and sign:<br/>         come, Holy Spirit, come.</p> |
| <p>3. With the healing of division,<br/>         with the ceaseless voice of prayer,<br/>         with the power to love and witness,<br/>         with the peace beyond compare:<br/>         come, Holy Spirit, come.</p>        |   |

*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>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

Pauline Samoszynski

*The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.*

Lord, God, you call us to serve you.

***Be our strength in all we do.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Ann, Beth, Brian, Callum, Colin, 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 Parish of Holy Trinity, North Saanich. In our province, pray for The Territory of the People and the Right Reverend Clara Plamondon, and we pray for The Anglican Church of Congo.*

**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

*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**

*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.

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

*The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3*

*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.

*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 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**

*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**

*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

*The People That in Darkness Sat (156)*

1. The people that in darkness sate  
a glorious light have seen;  
the Light has shined on them who  
long in shades of death have been.
2. To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness  
the gathering nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home
3. For thou their burden dost remove,  
and break the tyrant's rod,  
as in the day when Midian fell  
before the sword of God.
4. For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.
5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.
6. Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit one.

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## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

***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**

*Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us (564)*

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

## **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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## *"Songs of Praise"*

Celebrate **National Compliments Day** (and Robert Burns) with poems of Praise. The praise poem can be a poem of close attention, so in a way any song or poem about a subject is a praise song or poem. Check out your Odes for more praise poems, like Pablo Neruda's "Ode to my Socks"!

Come to listen and to share poems, music and tales, and make connections.

**[www.stmarysoakbay.ca/afterhours](http://www.stmarysoakbay.ca/afterhours)**

*Note: this is not a literary open mic event, but a place where readers share others' work they admire*

**Saturday**

**24 January 2026**

1:30-3:00 (or whenever)

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