

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*Transfiguration Sunday, February 15, 2026*

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

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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

Minister of Welcome:	Pat Taylor	Organ:	Oriel Chapman
Presider:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison	Music:	St. Mary Singers
Preacher:	The Venerable Craig Hiebert	Livestream:	William Turner, Samantha Robbins
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Jackie Hiebert		

*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

*Praise, My Soul (381)*

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our forebears in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.
4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the high eternal one.
5. Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise us with the God of grace.

## 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 Father, ***whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.***

Church of England, *Common Worship* (2000)

*The congregation sits.*

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## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 24. 12-18, Sherry Armstrong

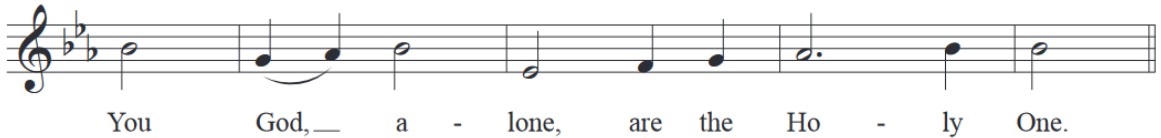
<sup>12</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

***Thanks be to God.***

## PSALM 99



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God is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake and its people tremble.

Our God is great in Zion;  
and high above all peoples.

Let them confess the Name which is great and awesome,  
Our God is the Holy One. R

“O Mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of our God, bow down in worship:  
You, God, are the Holy One. R

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name,  
they called upon you and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud,  
they kept your testimonies and the decrees that you gave them. R

“O God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

Proclaim God’s greatness; worship upon the holy hill;  
for God is the Holy One. R

## READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

2 Peter 1. 16-21, Gillian Fosdick

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in

your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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**

Matthew 17. 1-9

*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>1</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone

like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of Christ

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SERMON

### ANTHEM

*O Light of Light*, Richard Shephard

### 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.*

Good and gracious God,  
*grant us a glimpse of your glory.*

*In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Billy, Brianna, Chelsea, Colin, Frances, Joan, Muriel and Tara. 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 Pender & Saturna Islands. In our province, pray for the clergy and people of Territory of the People, and we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.*

**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

*At the Name of Jesus (375)*

1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
2. Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
3. Name him, Christians, name him,  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.
4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.
5. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through  
Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 1*

*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 them,  
and with all your saints who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices 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 we proclaim our hope.

***Dying you destroyed our death,***

***rising you restored our life.***

***Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

*The prayer continues until:*

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is 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**

*As We Gather at Your Table (61)*

1. As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.
2. Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us,  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

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## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, so that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, 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**

*Praise to the Holiest in the Height (372)*

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.
2. O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.
3. O generous love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;
4. and that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence, and his very self,  
and essence all-divine;

5. who in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his followers, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

6. Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise,  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.

### 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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**Sun. Feb 15**    **Jazz Evensong**, 4:00pm featuring The Maureen Washington Quartet

**Wed. Feb 18**    **Ash Wednesday Services, with the imposition of ashes**

11:00am Meditative Eucharist in the Chapel

7:00pm Eucharist in the Chapel

### Wednesdays starting Feb 18: Lent Noon Concert Series

Details on the website and Facebook,  
with posters for distribution available at the back of the church.

**Sat. Feb 21**    **After Hours Coffeehouse**

1:30pm "Reading from our Roots"

**Sun. Feb 22**    **Annual General Meeting**

12:00 noon after a light lunch. Annual Reports are available at the back of the church.

**Starting Feb 25/ 26: Book Study, *Living the Questions***

Wed 7:00pm or Thurs 10:00am

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