



# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

*The Second Sunday in Lent – March 1, 2026*

“The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” *John 3.14–15*

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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.*

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## Flower Dedications

*At St Mary's it is our tradition to refrain from displaying memorial flowers during Lent and Advent. If you would like to schedule a memorial arrangement at the next opportunity, contact Anne Underhill, 250-370-5027*

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## 10:00am Service

Minister of Welcome:	Mary Huxley	Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Tony Barlow
Preacher:	The Rt Rev'd Anna Greenwood-Lee		Jackie Hiebert
Presider:	The Ven Craig Hiebert	Organ:	Oriel Chapman
Assisting:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison	Music:	St. Mary Singers
		Livestream:	Gillian Barlow

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*In the service order, words set in **bold italic type** are said by the congregation.*

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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Épitaphe, No.4 of 24 Pièces en Style Libre, Louis Vierne*

### PROCESSION

*The congregation stands as the Choir & Clergy enter in silence.*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Note: Especially during Lent, but also at other times of the year, we say or sing the prayer 'Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy'—or in its most ancient Greek form, 'Kyrie eleison' (pronounced **key-ree-ay el-lay-ee-zon**). This prayer is a recurring theme in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, which expresses our confidence in a merciful and transforming God.*

Eternal Spirit, Living God, you know the secrets of our hearts.

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*

Ky - ri - e: **ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.**

We recognize our brokenness.

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*

Chri - ste: **Chri - ste e - lei - i - son.**

We trust in your merciful love.

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*



Ky - ri - e: ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

### CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.*

### TRISAGION

(707)

*Repeated three times.*



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,  
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

*The Bishop reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness*

### CENTRING STILLNESS

*Silence is kept.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Holy God, *whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking: transform the night-time of our fear into a welcoming womb for us and all the world; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew.*

**Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt

*The congregation sits.*

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## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

### READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 12. 1-4a, Sherry Armstrong

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

*Thanks be to God.*

### PSALM 121



The Most Ho - ly One watch - es o - ver you.

Music by George Black, © 2000 Anglican Book Centre

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from God,  
the maker of heaven and earth. R.

Who will not let your foot be moved  
who watches over you and will not fall asleep.  
Behold, God keeps watch over Israel  
and will not slumber nor sleep; R.

God watches over you;  
a shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night. R.

Our God shall preserve you from all evil;  
and shall keep you safe.

God shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. R.

## GOSPEL HYMN

*Giver of the Perfect Gift (180)*

1. Giver of the perfect gift,  
only hope of human race,  
hear the prayer our hearts uplift  
trembling at thy throne of grace.
2. Though the accusing voice within  
speaks of many a wrong to thee,  
thou canst cleanse from every sin,  
thou canst set the conscience free.
3. Who can save us, Lord, but thou?  
Let thy mercy show thy power.  
Lo, we plead thy promise now,  
now, in this accepted hour.
4. Oh! may these our Lenten days,  
blest by thee, with thee be passed,  
that with purer, nobler praise  
we may keep thy feast at last.
5. God the holy Trinity,  
grant the mercy we implore;  
God the One, all praise to thee  
through the ages evermore.

## GOSPEL

John 3. 1-17

*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>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him,

‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’  
<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’<sup>11</sup> ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.  
<sup>16</sup>‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.  
<sup>17</sup>‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of Christ

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **SERMON**

### **ANTHEM**

*If Ye Love Me*, Thomas Tallis

### **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**

Bob Gill

*The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.*

Our help comes from the Lord,  
***the maker of heaven and earth.***

*In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Colin, Frances, and Joan. 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 St John the Divine, Victoria and their clergy Alastair Singh-McCollum. In our province, pray for Bishop Lynn McNaughton and the Diocese of Kootenay; and in the Anglican Communion The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. We pray also for the Students of the Canadian College of Performing Arts, and for the parents & students of the Oak Bay Preschool.*

**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.*

## **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

*The God of Abraham Praise (347)*

1. The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.
2. The great I AM has sworn;  
I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.  
I shall behold God's face;  
I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.
3. The goodly land I see  
with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
4. Triumphant hosts on high  
give thanks eternally  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "great Trinity!"  
Hail Abraham's God and ours!  
One mighty hymn we raise:  
all power and majesty be yours and endless praise!

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Book of Alternative Services, Prayer 5*

*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.***

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

(730)

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

*Cantor:* Holy, holy, holy Lord

(726)

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.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of

your love to bring new life to all your people.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

***Glory to you for ever and 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 this bread,

***Communion in Christ's body once broken.***

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

***If we have died with him, we shall live with him;***

***if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.***

The gifts of God, for the People of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

## AGNUS DEI

Orthodox Chant

The musical notation for the Agnus Dei is presented in two systems. Each system consists of two staves of music. The first staff of each system is marked 'Cantor' and the second is marked 'All'. The lyrics are written below the staves.

*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way  
the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

*All*

*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way  
the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*All*

## 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 HYMNS

*Jesus, the joy of loving hearts (70)*

1. Jesus, the joy of loving hearts,  
true source of life, our lives sustain;  
from the best bliss that earth imparts,  
we turn unfilled to you again.
2. Your truth unchanged has never stood;  
you rescue those who on you call:  
to those yet seeking, you are good;  
to those who find you, all in all.
3. We taste of you, the living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still.  
We drink from you, the fountainhead;  
our thirsty souls from you we fill.
4. Our restless spirits long for you,  
however may our lot be cast,  
glad when your gracious smile view,  
blessed when our faith can hold you fast.
5. Jesus, forever with us stay:  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away;  
spread through the world your holy light.

*Nada te turbe (568)*

*Spanish:*

*Nada te turbe, nada te espante:  
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.  
Nada te trube, nada te espante:  
Solo Dios basta.*

*Translation:*

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.*

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

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; 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**

*O Jesus, I have promised (438)*

1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend,  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end!  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.
4. O let me see thy footmarks  
and in them plant mine own:  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in the peace of Christ.

*Thanks be to God.*

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Méditation, No.7 of 24 Pièces en Style Libre, Louis Vierne*

*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.*

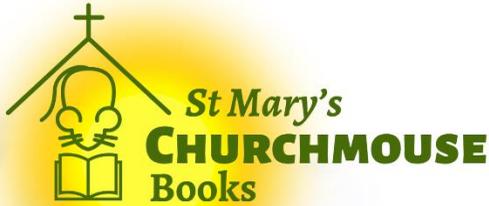
**Wednesdays: Lent Noon Concert Series** [Next: Mittwoch String Trio]

**Book Study, Living the Questions:** Wed 7:00pm or Thurs 10:00am

**Sat Mar 7 10-2pm Spring Book Sale**

**Sun. Mar 15 4pm Jazz Evensong**

**Sat. Mar 21 1:30pm After Hours Coffee House**



# SPRING BOOK SALE

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**Hot dogs, mushroom burgers,  
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**10:00am to 2:00pm**

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