

St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

“Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.” *Philippians 2. 8–9*

Welcome

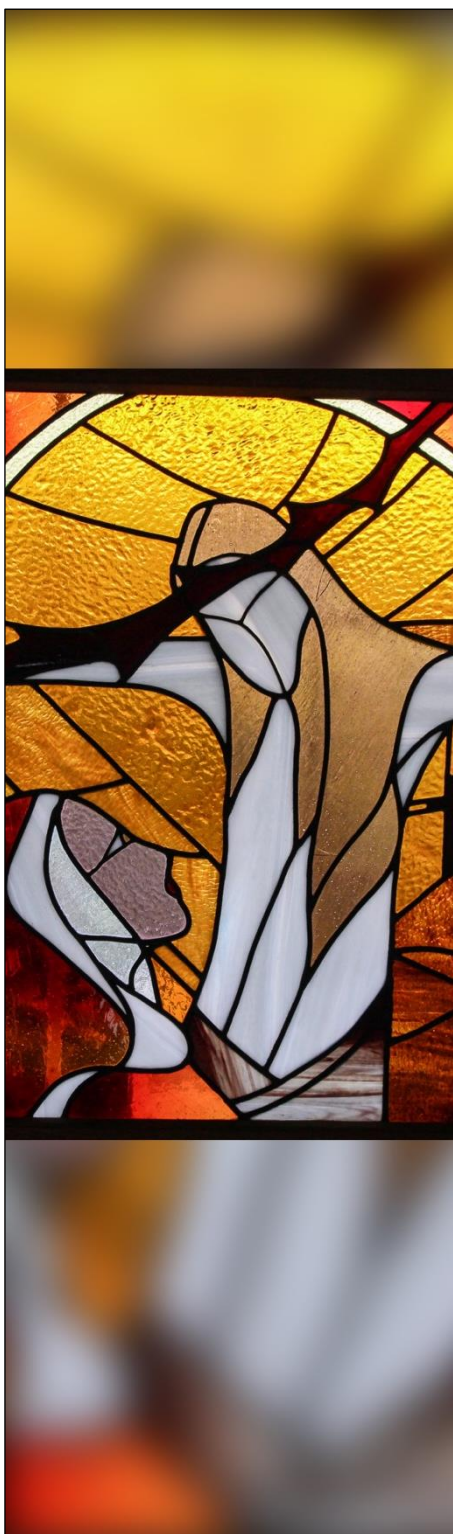
The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin is a member of the Diocese of British Columbia and the Anglican Church of Canada.

We are inclusive and welcoming communities of faith: the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.

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.

A Statement on the Lectionary Readings

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.



11:00am Service

Minister of Welcome:	Mary Huxley	Organist:	Marianne Robinson
Presider & Preacher:	The Ven Craig Hiebert	Musicians:	St Mary's Singers
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Tony Barlow David Stewart	Livestream:	Gillian Barlow

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

The Clergy and Choir enter in silence

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to their own way,
And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death,
Even death on a cross.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, ***we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.***

RESPONSE

Kyrie (Bridget)

The congregation responds to the cantor:

Kyrie eleison. ***Kyrie eleison.***

Christe eleison. ***Christe eleison.***

Kyrie eleison. ***Kyrie eleison.***

Greek. 'Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.'

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the

cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE STORY OF OUR FAITH

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 52.13–53.12, Gillian Fosdick

¹³ See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up
and shall be very high.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were astonished at him

—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

¹⁵ so he shall startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

53 ¹Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² For he grew up before him like a young plant

and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

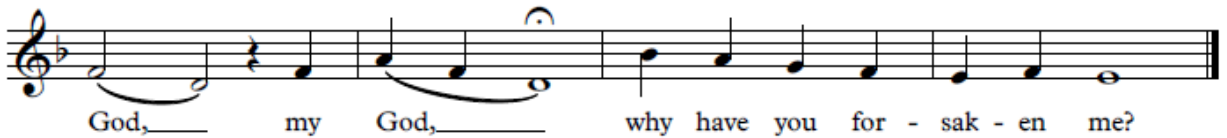
¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out himself to death
and was numbered with the transgressors,
yet he bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22



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My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
by night as well, but I find no rest. **R**

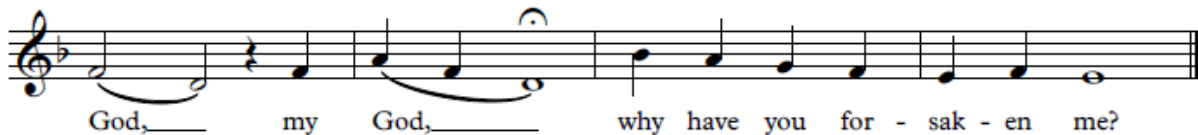
Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our forebears put their trust in you;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame. **R**

But as for me, I am a worm and worthless, scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
"You trusted in God; let God deliver you,
rescue you, and show delight in you." **R**

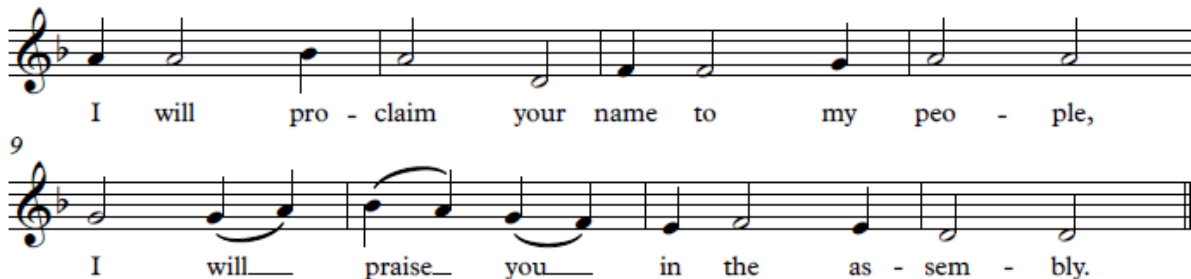
Yet you, O God, are the one who took me from the womb,
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. **R**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
They open wide their jaws at me, like a ravening and a roaring lion. **R**

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave. **R**



God, my God, why have you for - sak - en me?
Packs of dogs close in on me,
and gangs of evildoers circle around me;
they pierce my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them;
they cast lots for my clothing. **R**
Be not far away, O God;
you are my strength; hasten to help me.
Save me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth,
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls. **R**



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Give praise, you that fear God;
stand in awe, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
For you, O God, do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is your face
hidden from them;
but when they cry to you, you hear them. **R**

My praise is of you in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you:
"May your heart live for ever!" **R**

O God, all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.
For sovereignty belongs to you, O God; you rule over the nations.
To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before you. **R**

My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that you have done. **R**

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 4. 14–16, 5. 7–9, David Stewart

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need....

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Chant response (Taizé):

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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The Prayer in the Garden

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Jesus Before the High Priest / Peter Denies Jesus

Jesus Before Pilate / Jesus Sentenced to Death

The Crucifixion of Jesus

The Death of Jesus

The Burial of Jesus

ANTHEM

Were You There? Bob Chilcott

Choir and clergy move to the pews

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

The Presider bids us pray...

The congregation sits, kneels or stands for prayer.

Bidding 1. Prayers for the Church...

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, **by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Bidding 2. Prayers for all creation...

Silence

Bountiful Creator, **you open your hand to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Guide us to live generously upon this earth, resisting the temptations of consumerism and waste, and grant that we, remembering the account we must one day give, may labor for the healing of the whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Bidding 3. Prayers for the nations and those in authority...

Silence

Most gracious God, ***in whose will is our peace: turn our hearts, and the hearts of all, to yourself; that by the power your Spirit, the peace which is rooted in justice may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Prayers for all who suffer..

Silence

Compassionate and ever merciful God, ***the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer; hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble, and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief, and refreshment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Prayers for all people of faith...

Silence...

Holy God, ***the source and ground of all being: guide people of every faith to affirm your wisdom within and beyond their traditions, unite people of many faiths in bonds of love and mutual respect, that together we may hasten the coming of a holy peace. Amen.***

Prayers for those who are struggling...

Silence...

Merciful God, ***you care for all the peoples of the earth: expand our compassion and strengthen our resolve that, by your promised Holy Spirit, we may meet violence, persecution, contempt, and scorn with great love. Amen.***

Prayers for a holy life...

Silence...

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
***look favourably on your whole Church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery.
By the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation.
Let the whole world see and know
that things which were cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and that all things are being brought to their perfection***

*by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*


THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The Cross is processed In silence...

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF JESUS

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world.
Come let us worship.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "ho - ly im - mor-tal one, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

O my people, O my Church, What have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Testify
against me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt, and delivered you by the waters of
baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Saviour.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna. I brought you through
tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have
prepared a cross for your Saviour.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and
fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me
vinegar to drink, and pierced with a spear the side of your Saviour.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgement hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I gave you a royal sceptre, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name, and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counsellor. I pray that all may be as one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Silence. In the silence, all who wish to do so are invited to approach—or to remain seated—and to make their own personal act of devotion to the cross of Christ and what it signifies for each and for all.

The Veneration of the Cross concludes with the following prayer:

We adore you, O Christ,

and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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

if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Surrounded (198)

1. O sacred head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn;
O royal head so wounded,
reviled, and put to scorn,
death's shadows rise before you,
the glow of life decays,
yet angel hosts adore you
and tremble as they gaze!
2. Your youthfulness and vigour
are spent, your strength is gone,
and in your tortured figure
I see death drawing on:
what agony of dying,
what love, to sinners free!
My Lord, all grace supplying,
O turn your face on me!
3. Your sinless soul's oppression
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but yours the deadly pain:
I bow my head, my Saviour,
for I deserve your place;
O grant to me your favour,
and heal me by your grace.
4. What language shall I borrow
to thank you, dearest friend,
for this your dying sorrow,
your mercy without end?
Lord, make me yours forever:
your servant let me be,
and may I never, never
betray your love for me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

***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 kept after the Lord's Prayer

CLOSING PRAYER

Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.

May their faith grow stronger and their eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The clergy, choir and congregation leave in silence

EASTER WEEKEND AT ST MARY'S

In person and online. See www.stmarysoakbay.ca/easter for details and links.

Saturday 4 Apr 8:00 pm **The Great Vigil of Easter** at St Mary's, in the Garden and Church

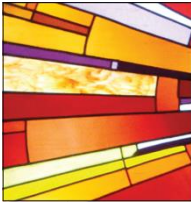
Sunday 5 Apr 7:00 am **Early Easter Worship** with Oak Bay United @ Willows Beach
(hot cross buns and coffee back at St Mary's afterwards)

10:00am **Easter Day Eucharist**

THE FLOWERING CROSS!

This Easter Sunday we will see the return of the 'flowering cross'—
a tradition in many churches and one that we had begun before COVID.

On Easter Sunday morning, *please consider bringing along a blossom or several* from your own garden, if you have one, or from a bouquet you might have in your home. *Come early for the 10am service*, and bring your flowers to the front, where Jackie Hiebert will be busily arranging all our floral offerings on the wooden cross, as signs of the joyful Life we have in the risen Christ.



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