



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Feast of the Resurrection

Easter Day, April 5, 2026

“Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.” *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

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).*

10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Minister of Welcome: Karen Wilson, Organist: Janet Yonge
Pat Taylor Musicians: St. Mary Singers
Presider & Preacher: The Ven Craig Hiebert Livestream: Gillian Barlow
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.*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

INTROIT

This joyful Eastertide, arr. Philip Ledger

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us praise our God

who has given us life and hope

by raising Jesus from the dead.

Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

O God, you have claimed us as your own

and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (203)

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love, alleluia!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, alleluia!
Praise the Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

ACCLAMATION

O risen Christ:

*the image of the invisible God,
firstborn of all creation,
in whom all things hold together:
we welcome the radiance of your holy Presence.*

O risen Christ:

*in whom we live and move and have our being:
we affirm the wonder of creation
and a world of humbling needs;
we welcome your Word
to reveal paths of faith, hope and love.*

O risen Christ:

*through whom the deep mystery of God
is revealed and made known:
we welcome the fresh winds of your Spirit
to awaken us to your summons.*

O risen Christ:

*we stand as a people of the north
and of these western isles.
We commit ourselves once again to you,
and call out our praise to you,
our Creator and Sustainer.*

Let the earth rejoice.

Let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Let the earth sing out its praise.

Rejoice together. Again I say rejoice.

CENTRING STILLNESS

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of glory, ***by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death: fill your church with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned and the way of life stands before us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour. Amen.***

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

The congregation sits

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

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.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31. 1-6, Jackie Hiebert

¹At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel,
and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

6 For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.”

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118. 1-2, 14-24



This is the day our God made, let us re-joice and be glad



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Music by George Black, ©2000 Anglican Book Centre

Give thanks to God who is good;
whose mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
“God’s mercy endures for ever.” R



This is the day our God made, let us re-joice and be glad



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

God is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Most High has triumphed!
the right hand of the Most High is exalted!
the right hand of the Mighty One has triumphed!” *R*

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of God.
God has punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death. *R*

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.
“This is the gate of the Holy One;
those who are righteous may enter.” *R*

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. *R*

This is God’s doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day our God has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. *R*

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 10. 34–43, Gillian Fosdick

³⁴Cornelius, a centurion in the military force in Palestine, and already a believer in God, has had a vision. As a result, he has invited Peter to visit him and his household. It was against Jewish law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile, but Peter comes anyway, with “some believers from Joppa”.

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to

appear, 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. 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. 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

Jesus Is Risen from the Grave (232)

1. Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
Jesus is risen from the grave,
alleluia.
2. Jesus was seen by Mary
3. Peter will soon be smiling
4. Thomas will stop his doubting . . .
5. Jesus will meet his people . . .
6. Jesus is here in bread and wine . . .
7. Jesus will live forever . . .

GOSPEL

Matthew 28. 1-10

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.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been

raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Now the green blade riseth

words: John MacLeod Campbell Crum; music: French trad., arr. Simon Lindley

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. + We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Sean Steele

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know the power of Christ's resurrection.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

May those who suffer pain and anguish find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

May we be united in Christ's undying love with all who have passed through the gates of death.

Redeemer of Israel,

hear our prayer.

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, so that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep and our faith as true.

Amen.

PEACE

The congregation stands

The peace of the lord be always with you. Alleluia!

And also with you. Alleluia!

Remaining in our places, we share signs of Peace with those around us.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord is Risen Again (217)

1. Christ the Lord is risen again;
Christ has broken every chain.
Hear the angel voices cry,
singing evermore on high: alleluia!
2. He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our paschal lamb today;
we too sing for joy, and say: alleluia!
3. He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry: alleluia!
4. He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
through the universe it rings
that the lamb is King of kings: alleluia!
5. Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven: alleluia!
6. Christ, our paschal lamb indeed,
all your ransomed people feed!
Take our sins and guilt away:
let us sing by night and day: alleluia!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3
with the Preface for Easter

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

God 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, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of 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, 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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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 held

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.

1. The Lamb's high banquet called to share,
arrayed in garments white and fair,
the Red Sea past, we long to sing
to Jesus our triumphant king.
2. Upon the altar of the cross,
his body hath redeemed our loss;
and, tasting of his precious blood,
our life is hid with him in God.
3. Protected in the paschal night
from the destroying angel's might,
in triumph went the ransomed free
from Pharaoh's cruel tyranny.
4. Now Christ our passover is slain,
the Lamb of God without a stain;
his flesh, the true unleavened bread,
is freely offered in our stead.
5. O all-sufficient sacrifice,
beneath thee hell defeated lies;
thy captive people are set free,
and endless life restored in thee.
6. We hymn thee rising from the grave,
from death returning, strong to save;
thine own right hand the tyrant chains,
and paradise for us regains.
7. All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

COMMUNITY NOTES

GLORY TO GOD

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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (206)

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia!
earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia!
sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!
fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
following our exalted head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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