



St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

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Featuring The Stella White Quartet

Welcome!

The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin is a member of the Diocese of Islands and Inlets 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.

*Evensong, or Evening Prayer, evolved out of two ancient services of prayer at the end of the day—*vespers* (early evening) and *compline* (nighttime). It is an opportunity to put the events of the past day into perspective, to ground one's body, mind and spirit in preparation for the restorative night of sleep, when in our dreaming, our subconscious will continue the creative work of making sense of our experiences.*

Jazz seems to fit this creative transition well, being, as Ken Burns says, "a profound intersection of freedom and creativity". We hope that this series will speak to you as a unique and moving experience of making sense of your day.

*(The Ven) Craig Hiebert
Incumbent, St Mary's*

Your generous donations make the ongoing Jazz Evensong series possible, allowing us to compensate our musicians fairly and supporting musical beauty in Victoria.

Each Evensong costs between \$500-\$650.

And don't forget, half of your charitable donations returns to you as an income tax credit:

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(envelopes are available at the entry).**

Donations may also be made via Square—see the greeter at the door.

NOTE: Some of the prayers in this service include the people as well as the leader.

*Lines in **bold italic** are spoken by the congregation.*

INTROIT

You're My Everything – Harry Warren

OPENING POEM

“Instructions for Having a Soul” by Joe Fasano

WELCOME

INTRODUCTORY RESPONSES

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE EVENING HYMN (*a poem*)

***Light of the world in grace and beauty,
mirror of God's eternal face,
transparent flame of love's free duty,
you bring salvation to our race.***

***Now, as we see the lights of evening,
we raise our voice in hymns of praise;
worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night, Lamp of our days.***

*Version of the ancient Greek hymn *phos hilaron*, ‘O gladsome light’, by Thomas Josh*

MUSIC

You Stepped Out of a Dream - Nacio Herb Brown/Gus Kahn
East of the Sun - Brooks Bowman

THE PSALM

Psalm 34. 1–14

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² ***I will glory in the Lord;***
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt the name of God together.
- ⁴ ***I sought the Lord, who answered me***
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- ⁵ Look upon God and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ ***I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me***
and saved me from all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God
and will deliver them.
- ⁸ ***Taste and see that the Lord is good;***
happy are they who trust in God!
- ⁹ Fear the Lord, you holy ones of God,
for those who fear God lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ ***The young lions lack and suffer hunger,***
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- ¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- ¹² ***Who among you loves life***
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil-speaking
and your lips from lying words.

***¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.***

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSON

Luke 11. 14-28

¹⁴ Now Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed.

¹⁵ But some of them said, 'He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.' ¹⁶ Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house.

¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. ²² But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴ 'When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but not finding any, it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." ²⁵ When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.'

²⁷ While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!'

²⁸ But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

From “Embers: one Ojibway’s Meditations” by Richard Wagamese

MUSIC

The Song is You - Jerome Kern/Oscar Hammerstein II

Save Your Love For Me - Buddy Johnson

Don’t Be On The Outside - George Kelly/Mayme Watts/Sid Wyche

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Tirechan’s (pr. Ti-rec-han’s) Creed, 7th century

Our God is the God of all humans,

the God of heaven and earth,

the God of seas and rivers,

the God of sun and moon,

the God of all heavenly bodies,

the God of the lofty mountains,

the God of the lowly valleys.

God is above all the heavens;

and beneath the heavens.

Heaven and earth and sea,

and everything in them,

such God has as an abode.

God inspires all things

gives life to all things,

stands above all things,

and stands beneath all things.

God enlightens the light of the sun,

strengthens the light of the night and the stars,

makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea,

and places the stars in the service of the greater lights.

And there is the Son who is co-eternal with God,

and similar in all respects,

neither is the Son younger nor older;

and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.

And the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. Amen.

from The Patrician Texts of the Book of Armagh AD 670

PRAYERS FOR THE END OF DAY

Save your people, O Hope of the poor,
and bless your inheritance.

Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day, we bless you.

We praise your name for ever.

Keep us this night from all sin.

Have mercy on us, have mercy.

We long for your salvation:

grant us understanding, so that we may live.

Show us your love and mercy,

for we put our trust in you.

In you is our hope;

let us not be confounded at the last.

From Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 397 alt.

[silence is held for private prayer]

COLLECT

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

From Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2005), 124.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray after the manner our Saviour taught us:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

*Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.*

New Zealand Prayer Book

MUSIC

The Way You Look Tonight - Jerome Kern/Dorothy Fields
Route 66 - Bobby Troup

CLOSING REMARKS AND DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

I Thought About You - Jimmy Van Heusen/Johnny Mercer

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presider:	The Rev'd Jacqueline Stober	Curator:	Kim Greenwood
Readers:	Gillian & Tony Barlow, Karin Rasmussen	Musicians:	Stella White, <i>vocals</i> Rumi Johnson, <i>piano</i>
Greeter:	Karen Wilson		Josh Warren, <i>bass</i> Miles Fuller, <i>drums</i>

ABOUT THE MUSICIANS

Stella White is an 18 year old Downbeat Award Winning vocalist currently pursuing her Bachelor of Jazz Performance at Schulich School of Music McGill University. She is a versatile and interactive jazz/soul/RnB vocalist. Stella is an active member of the Victoria and Montreal music scene and has led her own band many times at many venues like Hermann's Jazz Club, Upstairs Jazz Club, and Victoria International Jazz Festival, among others. She studies under legends at McGill such as Camille Thurman, Renee Lee, and Ira Coleman. She has also spent time singing with the West Coast

Soul Collective, a high energy funk and soul group of young up and coming musicians, and her straight ahead bands in Victoria include well established local musicians. Stella is passionate about authenticity and connecting with others through music. She offers soulful takes on many classic jazz standards and newer tunes written by modern jazz artists. She aims to bring new life to the classic music she plays and to engage her audience with her love for performing. Stella can be found performing regularly in Victoria and Montreal!

Rumi Johnson is a pianist, composer, and arranger from Chicago, Illinois. He is currently studying at McGill University's Schulich School of Music under internationally acclaimed pianist Jean-Michel Pilc. Drawing inspiration from across the jazz tradition, his primary influences are Oscar Peterson, Erroll Garner, and Ahmad Jamal. Rumi can be found regularly performing at various venues in Chicago and Montreal.

Rooted in the jazz tradition but drawing influences from all over the map, **Josh Warren** is an award-winning Canadian bassist, composer, and arranger originally hailing from Victoria, BC. Since moving to Toronto to study with Canada's finest, he's shared the stage and recorded with a plethora of Grammy-nominated and JUNO award-winning musicians (including Ingrid Jensen, Jeremy Ledbetter, Rich Brown, Allison Au, and Joaquin Nunez) and performed all across the country, playing at iconic venues and major festivals from coast to coast. Now based in Toronto, Josh is working towards the release of his debut album "The Path" (engineered and mixed by JUNO award-winner Patric McGroarty) - out everywhere on August 22nd!

Miles Fuller is a drummer, improviser and composer from Victoria BC, located on the unceded territory of the Lekwungen People. An experienced performer, he appears regularly as both side-man and leader in venues across Canada. Miles' playing is greatly informed by the jazz and improvised music tradition, and he holds a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance from the University of Toronto.

Thank you for being part of another amazing season!
The next Jazz Evensong @ St Mary's will be Sunday, September 20,
featuring
The Ryan Oliver Quartet

Keep tabs on upcoming Jazz Evensong details at www.stmarysoakbay.ca/jazz-evensong



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