



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

June 21, 2026

“The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.” *Psalm 19:1*

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

If you would like to schedule a **Memorial Flower Arrangement** at the next opportunity, please contact Anne Underhill, aunderhill@stmarysoakbay.ca

10:00am Service

Minister of Welcome:	Chris Moeckl	Organist:	Marianne Robinson
Presider & Preacher:	The Ven. Eric Partridge	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
Eucharistic Minister:	David Stewart	Streamer:	Amanda Bolt
	Karen Wilson		

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN *Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works (407)*

1. Many and great, O God, are your works,
maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your Word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.
2. Grant unto us communion with you,
O star-abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life in you.

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

Creator God, *from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.*

You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen

Collect for the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer, Anglican Church of Canada

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

Isaiah 40. 25-31, Sherry Armstrong

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
‘My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God’?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19



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The heavens declare your glory, O God,
and the firmament shows your handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another. **R.**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world. **R.**

In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **R.**

The law of God is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of our God is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of our God are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of God is clear
and gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of God is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of our God are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward. **R.**

How can I tell how often I offend?
cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O God, my strength and my redeemer. **R.**

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Philippians 4. 4-9, Pauline Samoszynski

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL HYMN

Before the World Began (621)

1. Before the world began,
one Word was there;
grounded in God he was,
rooted in care;
by him all things were made,
in him was love displayed,
through him God spoke, and said,
“I AM FOR YOU.”
2. Life found in him its source,
death found its end;
light found in him its course,
darkness its friend.
For neither death nor doubt
nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout,
“I AM FOR YOU.”
3. The Word was in the world
which from him came;
unrecognised he was,
unknown by name;
one with all humankind,
with the unloved aligned,
convincing sight and mind,
“I AM FOR YOU.”
4. All who received the Word
by God were blessed;
sisters and brothers, they
of earth’s fond guest.
So did the Word of grace
proclaim in time and space
and with a human face,
“I AM FOR YOU.”

GOSPEL

John 1. 1-18

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.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to

all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,
¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.")

¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas, Ola Gjelo

Latin:

*Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

Translation:

*Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity ; God will dwell with you.*

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

Pauline Samoszynski

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

Lord, bless your people
and give us life for evermore.

In your prayers this week remember those in need of healing and care, including; Isla. 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; for the Parish of Central Saanich and their clergy; pray for the Diocese of the Yukon, and Bishop Vincent Fenga. In the Church further afield, pray for the Church of South India (United). Pray for the Board of the Canadian College of Performing Arts, and for the teachers of the Oak Bay Preschool.

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

Just as I Am (615)

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, poor, wretched blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am – thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down –
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator,
you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation.
Feed us with the Bread of Life,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Liturgy of the Islands, Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Holy and eternal One,

in whom we live and move and have our being.

You are our origin and our fulfillment;

we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal.

From the ocean of your primal love, you fashioned the marvel of creation, and beauty of human life.

From this land of towering forests and mist laden coastlines, you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation, calling us to care for everything given and received.

Glory to you, source of all life.

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets learned their dependence on your provision.

Salmon and deer, song and ceremony,
dance and painted cedar
hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

Glory to you, source of all life.

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world
to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself, and make all things new in him.

Now, gathered from many places, and
joining with the saints of every time and place,
we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise.

Repeat each line after the cantor:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and 'might,
Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glo'ry.***

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

***Hosanna in the highest,'
hosanna in the high'est. 3x***

St Bride Setting, The Iona Community

Blessed are you, most holy One:
For on the night before he died
Jesus took bread, gave you thanks,
broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said:
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you,
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup,
gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
“Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

which is given for you,
do this in remembrance of me.”

“Behold, I am with you to the end of the age.”

Therefore, God of all creation,
we lift this Bread of Life,
and this Cup of Salvation.

Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us,
that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread,
and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

Glory to you, source of all life.

In the fullness of time
reconcile all things in Christ,
and bring us to that heavenly table,
where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.
Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you,
Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity,
One God, now and forever. ***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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

***We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.***

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (63)

Congregational refrain:

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust me and you will not thirst.*

Cantor or choir

1. I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father. R
2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven. R
3. Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day. R
4. Any one who eat this bread,
will live forever. R
5. If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life. R

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Great Creator,
you have fed us with bread from heaven.
Continue to renew us in your truth,
to give light to our minds strength to our bodies,
and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **Amen.**

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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

God My Hope on You Is Founded (529)

1. God, my hope on you is founded;
you my faith and trust renew:
through all change and chance you guide me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
you alone
call my heart to be your own.
2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
3. Daily does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
God's desire for us delights us,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Here at hand,
love takes a stand,
joy awaits God's sure command.
4. God's great goodness lasts forever,
deepest wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attending,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from God's store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ the Son.
Christ, you call
one and all;
those who follow shall not fall.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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