



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2026

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” *1 Peter 2.9*

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

From the Book of Alternative Services

Minister of Welcome:	Scott Mackenzie	Organist:	Oriel Chapman
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Jacqueline Stober	Guest Soloist:	Bud Roach, DMA
Eucharistic Minister:	Tony Barlow, David Stewart	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
		Livestream:	Nathan Turner & Samantha Robbin

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun (8)

1. Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.
2. Redeem thy misspent time that's past,
and live this day as if thy last;
improve thy talent with due care;
for the great day thyself prepare.
3. Let all thy converse be sincere,
thy conscience as the noonday clear;
think how all-seeing God thy ways
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.
4. Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
and with the angels bear thy part,
who all night long unwearied sing
glory to the eternal King.

CENTRING STILLNESS

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Welcoming God, ***make us apostles of your generous love, so that we might offer hospitality that challenges the world with your gift of eternal life, made known in Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. Amen.***

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) 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

Genesis 22. 1-14, Jean Topham

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’

²He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.’ ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.’ ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ ⁸Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’

¹²He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 13

How long, O Lord?

Will you forget ¹me for ever?

How long will you hide your ¹face from me?

***How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day¹ after day?***

How long shall my enemy triumph¹ over me?

Look upon me and answer me, O ¹Lord my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I ¹sleep in death;

***lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed o-¹ver this one,"
and my foes rejoice that ¹I have fallen.***

But I put my trust ¹in your mercy;
my heart is joyful because of your ¹saving help.

***I will sing to the Lord who has dealt¹ with me richly;
I will praise the name of the ¹Lord Most High.***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Romans 6. 12-23, Gillian Fosdick

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy (631)

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is a awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10. 40-42

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.

Jesus said, ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a

prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM (*soloist*)

Panis Angelicus, César Franck

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

Gillian Fosdick

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Amen,

may the Lord do it.

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 St Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak and their clergy; pray for the Diocese of Yukon, and Bishop Vincent Fenga. In the Church further afield, pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. Pray for the Faculty of the Canadian College of Performing Arts, and for the families 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

Take My Life, and Let It Be (435)

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and purposeful for thee.
3. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
4. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
5. Take my love: my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic 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.

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 say,

(726)

*Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord
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 he 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

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

Strengthen for Service, Lord (87)

1. Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamour never waken.
2. Lord, may the tongues which "Holy" sang
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.
3. The feet that tread thy holy courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy body fed
with thy new life replenish.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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

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.

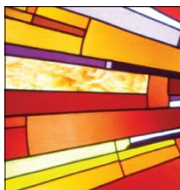
DISMISSAL

Go in 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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