



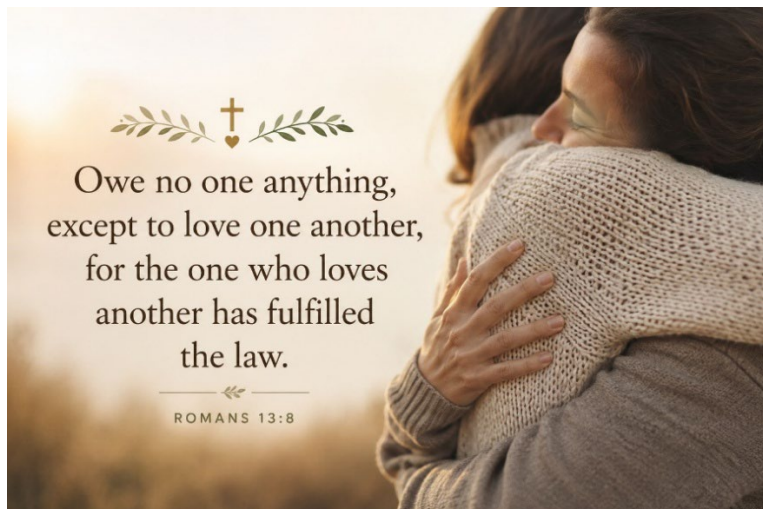
Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



Welcome To
PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH
St. Mary Church 9:00 • St. Stephen Church 11:15



September 6, 2026 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Join us as we worship the living Christ!

*We acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional lands of the
W̱SÁNEĆ and Coast Salish Peoples*

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The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent

Associated Clergy

Bishop Logan McMenamie • The Ven. Bob Baillie • The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane
The Rev. Paul Schumacher • The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, deacon



*A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.
With thanks, please mute your cell phones during the service.
The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.*

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Presiding

♪ **Prelude** – Joanne Lambert

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

♪ **Gathering Song: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*** – CP #349

The Gathering of the Community

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.**

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

♪ **Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God on High*** – CP #365

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only son,

The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.

Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Centering Stillness & Prayer of the Day

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. (*Silence*)

God of unity and truth, encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful and bring back the wayward. Gather us all together in mutual love, so that our prayer may be pleasing to you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14 – Jan Bergink • Deb Butler

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the

houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ "This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalm 149 – Nichola Wade • Sue Smith

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

² Let Israel rejoice in his maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

³ Let them praise his name in the dance;

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people **and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; **let them be joyful on their beds.**

⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat **and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations **and punishment on the peoples;**

⁸ To bind their kings in chains **and their nobles with links of iron;**

⁹ To inflict on them the judgement decreed;

this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 – Marcia McMenamie • Marian Towstego

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day,

not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

♪ **Gradual: *Jesu Jesu*** – CP #504

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20 – Ken Pedlow • Sean Lyon

God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

♪ **Alleluia**

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

♪ **Alleluia**

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

♪ **Anthem: What a Friend we Have in Jesus** (*choir*)

The Apostle’s Creed (*see pew insert*)

The Prayers of the People – Ken Pedlow • Sean Lyon

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The members of the community offer a sign of peace to one another.

♪ **Offertory: *Alleluia*** – CP #405

Prayer over the Gifts

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY EUCHARIST

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God be 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.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

♪ **Sanctus** (Land of Rest)

**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. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (*spoken; see pew insert*)

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Administration of Holy Communion

All are invited to share in the Bread or a Blessing. • Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

Please cross your arms at the rail if you would like a blessing.

♪ Communion: *There's a Quiet Understanding*

1. There's a quiet understanding, When we're gathered in the Spirit
It's a promise that He gives us, When we gather in His name
2. There's a love we feel in Jesus, There's a manna that He feeds us
It's a promise that He gives us, When we gather in His name
3. And we know when we're together, Sharing love and understanding
That our brothers and our sisters, Feel the oneness that He brings
4. Thank You, thank You, thank You, Jesus, For the way You love and feed us
For the many ways You lead us, Thank You, thank You, Lord

Prayer after Communion

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology & Blessing

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**

♪ Sending Song: *The Trees of the Field* – CP #662 (*sing twice*)

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

♪ Postlude – Joanne Lambert

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 The altar flowers are given by the **Altar Guild** and dedicated to past members.

Thank you to all who are assisting today:

St. Mary: ♪ Joanne Lambert, Jan Bergink, Nichola Wade, Marian Towstego,
Ken Pedlow, Carl Schwazer, Susan Pullan, Heather Geddes

St. Stephen: ♪ Joanne Lambert, Deb Butler, Sue Smith, Marian Towstego,
Sean Lyon

SCRIPTURES & READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Numbers 21: 4-9 – Maricia McMenamie (SM) • Sharryl Peace (SS)

Psalms 98: 1-6 – Greg Robinson (SM) • Greg Robinson (SS)

1 Corinthians 1:18-24 – Nancy Choat (SM) • Lynda Clifford (SS)

John 3:13-17 – Lynn Schumacher (SM) • Richard Routledge (SS)

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY – Bible study will be resuming this **Wednesday, September 9th**, 10:45, following the Wednesday Eucharist service at St Mary, 10:00.

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE – Services will be at **6:00pm** on **September 18, October 16, & November 20, 2026**, at St Elizabeth Catholic Church – Sidney BC. Mark your calendar!

CURSILLO MOVEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT – The Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of BC is coming to an end with a final celebration on **Sunday, Sept 20/26**, at St Philip Anglican Church, 1797 Cedar Rd, Nanaimo. Doors open at 1:30 pm, Celebration at 2 pm, Free buffet dinner served at 4:30 pm. Bring memories and memorabilia to share at the open mic storytelling. Fiesta dress encouraged, along with your nametag and Cursillo cross. **RSVP by September 9th to bradshawcursillo@gmail.com** for catering numbers & to share photos.

HOLLY FAIR – SAVE THE DATE! – The Holly Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 14, 9:30-1:00** - mark your calendars! Your homemade jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, and other canned goods are always greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please speak with **Lynn F** or **Marcia**.

ST. MARY OUTREACH – In your offering envelope package you will find special monthly outreach envelopes. For those who do not have offering envelopes, you may bring your outreach offering in a plain envelope, marked “Outreach for Month of ____” with your name and address.

September	Saanich Peninsula Hospital – Donations provide funding toward the Spiritual Health Practitioner (formerly Chaplaincy) program at the hospital.
October	Rector’s Discretionary Fund – This is a dedicated fund under the Rector’s control and discretion which provides (but is not limited to) financial assistance to members of the parish and the wider community.

ST. STEPHEN OUTREACH

September	Alongside Hope (<i>formerly PWRDF</i>) – We support the Anglican Church of Canada’s agency for sustainable development, relief, refugees, and global justice.
October	Justice Van Society – Mobile outreach services providing food, clothing, supplies, and care directly to the unhoused people of Victoria.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. We pray for Archbishop Sarah Mullally; the Anglican Church of Canada and Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate; John Stephens, Metropolitan of The Province of B.C and Yukon We also pray for Archbishop Chris and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop, and for Trinity Anglican + Lutheran, Port Alberni.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Christ Church Gabriola Island, and The Rev. Mona Smart. We pray for the folk of the Island, and for the Parish's outreach outside the walls of the church building.

Our Parish Clergy: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Paul and Gil, Seminarian Melanie, and postulants Gary & Richard

In our Parish: We pray for Brian Wood, Greg & Christine Robinson, David and Sandra Scarth.

For those ill or in need of prayer: David Scarth, Bob Buchanan

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Lynn S., Brett.

For friends beyond the parish: Rudi D., Alysha, Cassidy.

In the greater community: Back to School: We pray for students, teachers, educational assistants, administrators, and school staff as they begin a new year of learning and growth. May our schools be places of curiosity, belonging, safety, and community.

Globally: Global Health: We pray for communities facing disease outbreaks and for all without reliable access to healthcare, clean water, and sanitation. We pray for healthcare workers serving in underserved regions, and for those providing mental health support in the wake of conflict and disaster. We pray for vaccination and public health initiatives, and for greater cooperation and equitable access to the care and resources that allow communities to thrive.

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