



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Season of Creation Week 1

September 6, 2026

"Let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!" Amos 5. 24

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.

Land Acknowledgement, 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. During the Offertory hymn the plate will be placed on the Altar where it will be blessed. 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).

Flower Dedications

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Celebration or Memorial Flower Arrangement
at the next opportunity, please contact
the office: admin@stmarysoakbay.ca

10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Minister of Welcome:	Mary Huxley	Pianist:	Jany Lu
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Jacqueline Stober	Clarinetist:	Alex Chernata
Eucharistic Minister:	Karen Wilson,	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
	Tony Barlow	Livestream:	Gillian Barlow

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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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (349)

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him, and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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

God of the prophets ***you shame the strong through the weakness of love and turn upside down the wisdom of the world; may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward; through Jesus Christ, the power of God. Amen.***

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

Exodus 12. 1-14, Karin Rasmussen

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This 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 neighbour 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. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This 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. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴This 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.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149



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Hallelujah!

Sing to God a new song;

sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. R.

Let them praise God's name in the dance;

let them sing praise with timbrel and harp.

For God takes pleasure in all people

and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;

let them be joyful on their beds. R.

Let the praises of God be in their throat

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples. R.

To bind their rulers in chains

and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgement decreed;

this is glory for all faithful people.

Hallelujah! R

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

The Lamb's High Banquet (214)

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>5. O all-sufficient sacrifice,
beneath thee hell defeated lies;
thy captive people are set free,
and endless life restored in thee.</p> |
| <p>3. Protected in the paschal night
from the destroying angel's might,
in triumph went the ransomed free
from Pharaoh's cruel tyranny.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |

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.

¹⁵ ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, 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 the member 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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

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.

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

Lord, in your mercy

hear us and help us.

In your prayers this week remember those in need of healing and care. 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; pray for Trinity Anglican + Lutheran, Port Alberni and their clergy; pray for the Diocese of the Yukon, and Bishop Vincent Fenga. In the Church further afield, pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. Pray for the Students of the Canadian College of Performing Arts, and for the children of the Oak Bay Preschool.

PEACE

The congregation stands

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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OFFERTORY

Come Down, O Love Divine (645)

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.
3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.
4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread. So may all creation be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Creator of all, you gave us fields of grapes whose fruit we have gathered to make into this one cup. So may all who mourn be gathered to be united at your table as one family. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Anglican Church of Southern Africa Environmental Network

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.

The prayer continues until:

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

The prayer continues until:

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues until:

Blessing and honour and glory and

power be yours 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

You Servants of the Lord (93)

1. You servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
observant of his heavenly Word,
and watchful at his gate.
2. Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
attentive stand, as in his sight, for
awesome is his name.
3. Watch; 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.
4. How happy shall we be if in his service
found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see,
and be with honor crowned!

5. Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.
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WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator God, you have accepted us as your children as we have been adopted by your Eldest Son, Jesus Christ. You have fed us with the sacred food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Send us into the world in peace, carried by your Spirit, so we might serve all we meet as holy relatives. Make us strong and brave to love and serve you with happiness and peace devoted to you through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Wintertalk Rev Brad Haupf

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

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy (631)

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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 awakened in place of despair. | 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. |

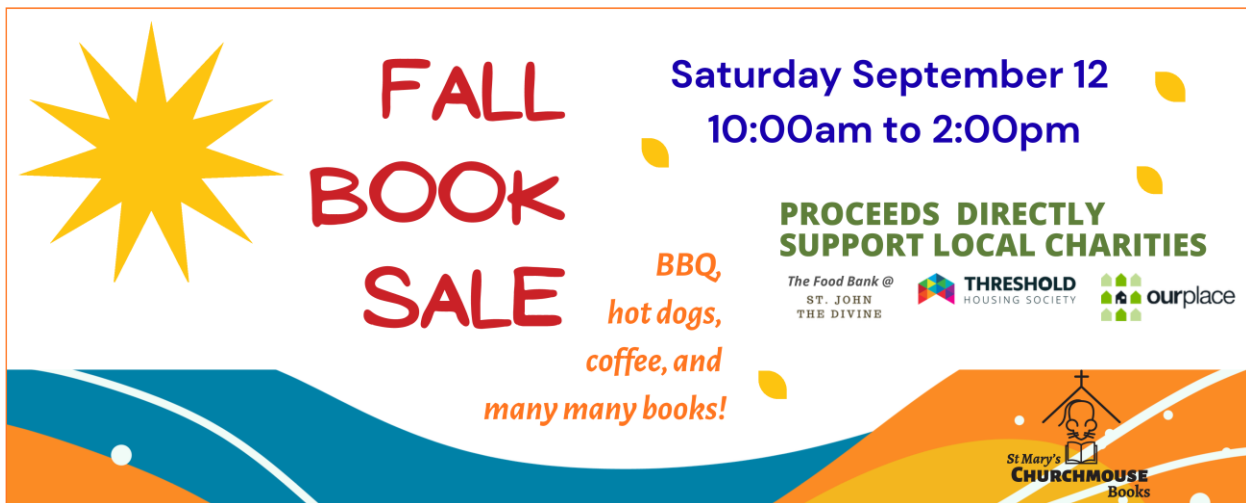
DISMISSAL

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.



A colorful poster for a Fall Book Sale. The background features a large yellow sun in the top left, several yellow leaves scattered throughout, and a stylized landscape at the bottom with blue and orange waves. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout.

FALL BOOK SALE

Saturday September 12
10:00am to 2:00pm

BBQ, hot dogs, coffee, and many many books!

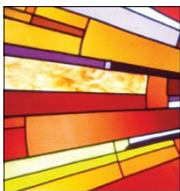
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