



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

St Francis of Assisi & Season of Creation 5

October 4, 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).*



**The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of**

**George W & Daphne Baldwin and
William & Elsie Syson,**

parents and grandparents of Elizabeth Baldwin

10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Minister of Welcome:	Chris Moeckl	Organist:	Emma Peterson
Presider & Preacher:	The Ven Craig Hiebert	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
Eucharistic Minister:	David Stewart	Livestream:	Amanda Bolt

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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 Things Bright and Beautiful (415)

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

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| 1. Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. R | 3. The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall. R |
| 2. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one. R | 4. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. R |

GREETING

Blessed be the God of all creation.

And blessed be God's holy Name forever.

Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

Praise and exalt our Creator forever.

Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

Praise and exalt our Creator forever.

Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

Praise and exalt our Creator forever.

Bless your Creator, all children of God.

With all of creation, we praise your name.

CENTRING STILLNESS

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, Almighty God,

after the example of your holy servant Francis,

to do what you would have us do,

and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love,

enlightened by your truth,

and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit,

we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you, O God most High;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For All the Saints

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.

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148. 7-14

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

***fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;***

mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

***wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;***

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

***young men and young women,
old and young together.***

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendour is over earth and heaven.

***The Lord has raised up strength for this people
and praise for all loyal servants,***

***the children of Israel,
a people who are near to the Lord.***

Hallelujah!

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.

1. Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11. 25-30

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.

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;
²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you
will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

A New Commandment, Andy Silver

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

Bob Gill

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

God, hear us.

O God, graciously hear us.

Prayers of the People – based on the Canticle of the Sun, by Rick Morley

*In your prayers this week remember those in need of healing and care, especially Kerry-Ann, Cameron and William. 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 St John the Baptist, Duncan and their clergy; pray for the Diocese of Kootenay, and Bishop Lynn
McNaughton. In the Church further afield, pray for The Anglican Episcopal church of Brazil. Pray for the Staff of the Canadian
College of Performing Arts, and for the parents 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

For safety, the Collection Plate has been placed at the back of the church for use as you arrive. It will be moved to the front of the church during the Offertory hymn and placed in a location where you may place your gifts as you come to receive Communion.

Please also consider one of the other means of giving that do not require our volunteers and staff to handle cash and cheques: electronic donations on our website via CanadaHelps, or bi-weekly or monthly direct debit donations via our diocesan Electronic Collection Plate (details are available in a brochure at the entrance, or on the website: www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate).

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (354)

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.
2. Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving God,
join our offering to the sacrifice of your only Son, that our service may be stamped with his
humility and bear the image of his obedience;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For All the Saints

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3
with preface of a Saint*

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:

sung: 735

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest***

The prayer continues until:

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Therefore, Father, according to his command,
***we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;***

The prayer continues until:

The prayer continues until:

...by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for 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.

Church of England, Common Worship

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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (585)

1. Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all goodness,
who gave to your servant Francis
a will to be the servant of all,
grant us in our service of your gospel
to hold back nothing of ourselves for ourselves, that Christ may receive the whole of our lives
into the habitations of light and glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For All the Saints

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

For the Healing of the Nations (576)

1. For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us, Father, into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice,
may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

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.

Oak Bay Municipality Elections:

The next **Meet-the-candidates** takes place on ~

Oct. 6 from 7 to 9 pm, at Oak Bay United Church, 1355 Mitchell St

Oct. 8 from 7pm at Oak Bay High School Theatre

Upcoming this month:

Oct 4 – 3pm St Mary's present – **Autumn Songs** – Le Lu & Friends

Oct 18 – 4pm **Jazz Evensong**- featuring Elaine Lakeman Quartet

Oct 24 – 1:30pm **After Hours Coffee House** 'Haunting'



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