

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Harvest Thanksgiving, October 11, 2026

"Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy."
Psalm 126. 6

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

If you would like to schedule a
Celebration *or* ***Memorial Flower Arrangement***
at the next opportunity, please contact
the office: admin@stmarysoakbay.ca

10:00am Service

From the Season of Creation

Minister of Welcome:	Mary Lawrence	Organist:	Janet Yonge
Presider & Preacher:	The Ven Craig Hiebert	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
Eucharistic Minister:	Christina Watkins		

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 *We Gather Together,* Franklin Ritter

Welcome

Hymn *We Plough the Fields and Scatter (258)*

1. We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.

2. He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. *R*

3. We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts. *R*

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

Gracious One, ***you satisfy the need of every living creature.***
Fill us with gratitude for the abundance
of the earth and for the bonds of love and care
that unite all creation into one family.
May our thanks be the soil in which dreams of justice
grow and thrive; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. 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

Deuteronomy 8. 7-18, Mary Huxley

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with
springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley,
of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land where you
may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron
and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your
God for the good land that he has given you.

[11] Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments,
his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. [12] When you have eaten
your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, [13] and when your herds and flocks have
multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, [14] then
do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of
Egypt, out of the house of slavery, [15] who led you through the great and terrible wilderness,
an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from
flint rock, [16] and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to
humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. [17] Do not say to yourself, 'My
power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' [18] But remember the Lord
your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant
that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Holy word, holy wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer
shall all flesh come.

Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot out our transgressions.

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

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 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15, Sean Steele

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows
bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your
mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able
to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of
everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

[10] He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for
sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. [11] You will be enriched in every way
for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; [12] for the
rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with
many thanksgivings to God. [13] Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your
obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with
them and with all others, [14] while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing
grace of God that he has given you. [15] Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

Gospel Hymn *Sing Praise to God (424)*

1. Sing praise to God on mountain tops
and in earth's lowest places,
from blue lagoon to polar waste,
from ocean to oasis.
No random rock produced this world,
but God's own will and wonder.
Thus hills rejoice and valleys sing
and clouds concur with thunder.

2. Sing praise to God where grasses grow
and flowers display their beauty,
where nature weaves her myriad web
through love as much as duty.
The seasons in their cycle speak
of earth's complete provision.
Let nothing mock inherent good
nor treat it with derision.

3. Sing praise to God where fishes swim
and birds fly in formation,
where animals of every kind
diversify creation.
All life that finds its home on earth
is meant to be respected.
Let nothing threaten, for base ends,
what God through grace perfected.

4. Sing praise to God where humankind
its majesty embraces,
where different races, creeds and tongues
distinguish different faces.
God's image in each child of earth
shall never pale or perish.
So treat with love each human soul
and thus God's goodness cherish.

Gospel Luke 17. 11-19

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God is with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called
out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' 14 When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and
show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them,
when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He
prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus
asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them
found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' 19 Then he said to him, 'Get up
and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

Responding to the Word

Sermon

Anthem *Blessed are the Pure in Heart,* H. Walford Davies

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

Sean Steele

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

Lord of the harvest,

in your mercy hear us.

In your prayers this week remember those in need of healing and care, especially Kerry-Ann, Cameron, Jennette 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. Columba, Tofino and their clergy; pray for the Diocese of Kootenay, and Bishop Lynn McNaughton. In the Church further afield, pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi. Pray for the Students of the Canadian College of Performing Arts, and for the parents and teachers of the Oak Bay Preschool.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

Silence

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

Common Worship, The Church of England

The Presider reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness

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, Ye Thankful People, Come (262)

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer over the gifts

God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, so that we might for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Liturgy of the Islands, Eucharistic Prayer A

The congregation remains standing, as they are able.

God is here
The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until:

Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith
and with your beloved creation we sing:

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:

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

Come Source of life.
Come, transforming Word.
Come, Creator Spirit.

The prayer continues until:

Glory and honour to you Triune God,
dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity,
now, and in all ages.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

The hunger of the world is satisfied in this bread.
May we feed this bread to all who hunger.

The thirst of humanity is quenched in this wine.
May we satisfy this yearning in us and others.

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

Will You Come and Follow Me (430)

1. Will you come and follow me
   if I but call your name?
   Will you go where you don't know
   and never be the same?
   Will you let my love be shown,
   will you let my name be known,
   will you let my life be grown
   in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
   if I but call your name?
   Will you care for cruel and kind
   and never be the same?
   Will you risk the hostile stare
   should your life attract or scare?
   Will you let me answer prayer
   in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
   if I but call your name?
   Will you set the prisoners free
   and never be the same?
   Will you kiss the leper clean
   and do such as this unseen,
   and admit to what I mean
   in you and you in me?

4. Will you the love the "you" you hide
   if I but call your name?
   Will you quell the fear inside
   and never be the same?
   Will you use the faith you've found
   to reshape the world around,
   through my sight and touch and sound
   in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
   when you but call my name.
   Let me turn and follow you
   and never be the same.
   In your company I'll go
   where your love and footsteps show.
   Thus I'll move and live and grow
   in you and you in me.

We Are Sent into the World

Prayer after Communion

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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

Now Thank We All Our God (399)

1. Now thank we all our God,
with our hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

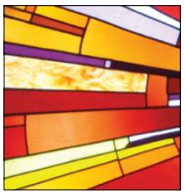
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Bring Your Thanks to God, Paul Taylor

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.


Jaz
EVENSONG
Sunday
October 18
4:00pm
a unique blend of exceptional jazz
rooted in Anglican meditation and prayer
Featuring the Elaine Lakeman Quartet
www.stmarysoakbay.ca/jazz-evensong
The Churchmouse
After Hours Coffeehouse
A warm neighbourhood gathering!
HAUNTINGS
Come and share a favourite song, poem, or short tale of 3-5 minutes written by someone other than yourself. Or just come to listen and enjoy!
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