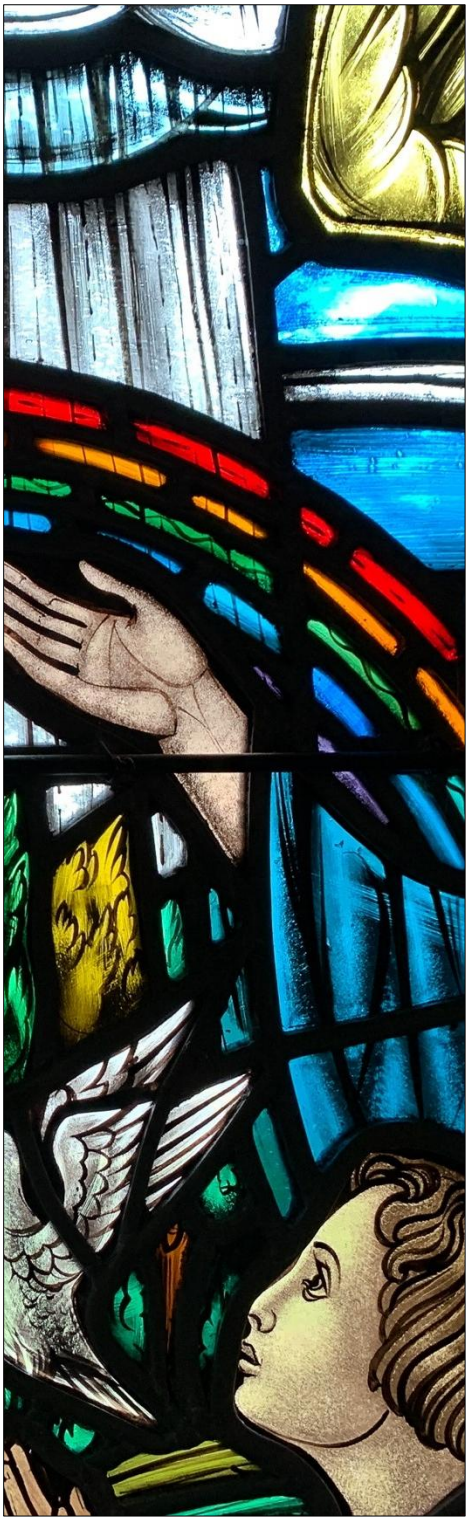

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Remembrance Sunday, November 8, 2026

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." *John 11. 25, 26*

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.

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 Kathleen (Kat) McCann

10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Minister of Welcome:	Mary Lawrence	Organist:	Janet Yonge
Presider:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
Preacher:	The Ven Craig Hiebert		
Eucharistic Minister:	Christina Watkins		

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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 *A Prayer for Peace,* Tom Birchwood

Welcome

Hymn *O Day of Peace (573)*

1. O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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

Father of all, ***we pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

The congregation sits

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

The First Reading

The Wisdom of Solomon 3. 1-9, Bob Gill

[1]But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
[2] In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster
[3] and their going from us to be their destruction, but they are at peace.
[4] For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.
[5] Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
[6] like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.
[7] In the time of their visitation they will shine forth
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
[8] They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
[9] Those who trust in him will understand truth,

and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Holy word, holy wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116. 1-8

I love the Lord
who has heard the voice of my supplication,

who has listened to me
whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and the Lord helped me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has treated you well.

For you, O Lord, have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

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 1 Peter 1. 3-9, Christina Watkins

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a
new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead 4 and into
an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who
are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in
the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various
trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though

perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8] Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, [9] for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Gospel Hymn *From the Falter of Breath (489)*

1. From the falter of breath,
through the silence of death,
to the wonder that's breaking beyond,
God has woven a way,
unapparent by day,
for all those of whom heaven is found.

2. From frustration and pain,
through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised,
there known,
Christ has gone where we fear
and has vowed to be near
on the journey we make on our own.

3. From the dimming of light,
through the darkness of night,
to the glory of goodness above,
God the Spirit is sent
to ensure heaven's intent
is embraced and completed in love.

4. From today till we die,
through all questioning why,
to the place from which time and tide flow,
angels tread on our dreams,
and magnificent themes
of heaven's promise are echoed below.

Gospel John 6. 37-40

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God is with you.
And also with you.

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

Jesus said to the disciples, [37] "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, [38] for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. [39] And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. [40] This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

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

Responding to the Word

Sermon

Anthem *Never Weather-Beaten Sail,* Thomas Campion

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.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your prayers this week remember those in need of healing and care especially Cameron, Diane, Jennette, Karen, Kerry-Ann, 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 Michael & All Angels, Chemainus and their clergy; pray for the Diocese of New Westminster, and Bishop John Stephens. In the Church further afield, pray for The Anglican Church in Central America. Pray for the Staff of the Canadian College of Performing Arts and for the teachers and families of the Oak Bay Preschool.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

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Offertory *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.

Prayer over the gifts

Gracious and righteous Lord, we are united in the love of Jesus Christ. Accept all we offer you this day, and bring us, with all your faithful people who have gone before us, into his eternal glory; who is Lord, now and forever. ***Amen***.

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:

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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:

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

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

Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing (282)

1. Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.

2. One family, we live in him,
one church above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

3. One army of the living God,
to his command we bow;
part of his host have crossed the flood
and part are crossing now.

4. But all unite in Christ their head,
and love to sing his praise:
Lord of the living and the dead,
direct our earthly ways!

5. So we shall join our friends above
who have obtained the prize;
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.

We Are Sent into the World

Prayer after Communion

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this Eucharist, bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home, We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. ***Amen***.

An Act of Remembrance

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121.1,2

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

FIRST WORLD WAR

1914-1918

John F. Arbuckle
William H. Allison
Stanley W. Ahiers
Sidney Andros
Charles Baxter
Archie Bunting
John S. Barter
Irwin Browne
Joseph Cormick
John Clark
Herbert Clark
Basil Frampton
Charles Fleming
Roderick R. H. Finlayson
Ronald Grahame
Ralph V. Gordon
Frank Herbert
James Huggett
Webster H.F. Harris
Robert Horton
Arthur Jackson
Alexander W. Innes
George F. Jull
J. Herrick McGregor
Alec Milligan
Robert Meredith
Colin Milburn
George Milligan
John T. Marshall
Clifford Meritt
Philip Nation
William Norman
H.T.S. Paul
Leslie Procter
Stanley Penwell
Arthur Rochfort
Frank R. L. deSalis
Arthur C. Sucking
Bennett Thompson
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TalbotWheatley
Harry C. Woods

SECOND WORLD WAR

1939-1945

Jan Ackland
Maurice Beedham
Louis Kresse Brown
Ian McDonald Sutherland Brown
William Brown
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Patricia Cooney
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Robert Coventry
Devereukw de Bretigny
Violet Field
Brian Dean Freeman
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Desmond Hind
Robert Horsfield
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John L. Sills
Charles M.B. Symens
Selby F. Taylor
Stanley Thorn
Ray Walls
Graham Verley

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

** The bell marks the beginning and end of two minutes of silence*

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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

We Cannot Measure How You Heal (292)

1. We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

2. The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hope to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

3. So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *A Memorial Piece,* Hubert Parry

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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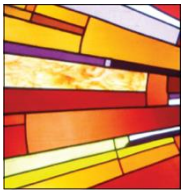

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