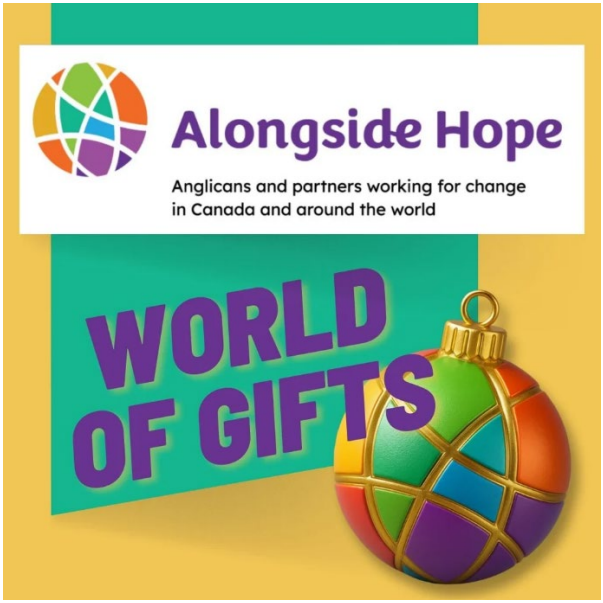
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Welcome To
PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH
St. Mary Church 10:00



November 15, 2026 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Join us as we worship the living Christ!

We acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional lands of the WSÁNEĆ 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.*

♫ **Prelude:** *Goodness of God* – Joanne Lambert, Greg Robinson, Mike Philip

1. I love You Lord, for Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: **'Cause all my life you have been faithful**
and all my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able;
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

2. I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
In darkest nights You are close like no other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend,
And I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus x2*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

♫ **Gathering Song:** *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise (CP #393)*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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: Peruvian Gloria** *(congregation sing* **bold** *words)*

1. Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!
   Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

Refrain: To God be glory for ever. **To God be glory for ever.**
Alleluia, amen, **Alleluia, amen.** (*3x*)
Alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen.

2. … glory to Christ Jesus! ***Refrain***

3. … glory to the Spirit! ***Refrain***

Centering Stillness & Prayer of the Day
Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *(Silence)*
O God, from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed: give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7 – Marcia McMenamie

4 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. **2** So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. **3** Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.
4 At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. **5** She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. **6** She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. **7** I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "

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

Psalm 123 – Nichola Wade

1 To you I lift up my eyes, **to you enthroned in the heavens.**
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God, **until he show us his mercy.**

[3] Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
[4] Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 – Don Campbell

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they
say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon
them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep
as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep
at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong
to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and
for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for
us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with
him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed
you are doing.

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♫ **Gradual:** ***Hymn of Promise***

In the bulb, there is a flower,
In the seed, an apple tree
In cocoons, a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free

In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence
Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me

From the past will come the future
What it holds, a mystery
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

In our end is our beginning
In our time, infinity
In our doubt, there is believing
In our life, eternity

In our death, a resurrection
At the last, a victory
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 – Lynn Schumacher
God be with you. **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

♫ **Alleluia**

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two,
to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At
once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with
them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the
two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one
talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled
accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me
five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him,
'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received
the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a
harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not
scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here
you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where
I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have
an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will
be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of Christ.

♫ **Alleluia**

Guest Speaker – Will Postma (Executive Director – Alongside Hope)

♫ **Anthem**: **When the Poor Ones**

1. When the poor ones who have nothing are still giving,
When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share
When the wounded offer others strength and healing;

Refrain **: We see God here by our side, walking our way.** (*Repeat*)

2. When the passion gives the suffering consolation,
When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost,
When we choose love, when there's hatred all around us; (*Refrain*)

3. When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness,
When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth,
When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble; (*Refrain*)

4. When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings,
When the nations work to change war into peace,
When the stranger is accepted as our neighbour; (*Refrain*)

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

The Prayers of the People – Bishop Logan McMenamie

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:** ***Here I am Lord***

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them; They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone; Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them? Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts
Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Lord 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.
Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise, because, in the mystery you disclose to us, you reveal your glory as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. Therefore, with all the company of heaven, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

♫ **Sanctus & Benedictus (Kingsfold)**

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

♫ **The Lord's Prayer -** *(sung; see pew insert)*

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.**

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:** ***If I Did Not Sing*** **(Vera Philip)**

I feel you all around me and that leaves me no choice;
Oh Lord, I will praise you with my heart and my voice.

For if I did not sing, the very stones
would praise the Almighty and eternal one. (*repeat)*

♫*Stay in Peace Today* – **(Greg Robinson, Music by Sister Mary Hope Billing; Yoko Ihara; Aubert (Bert) Grifin; Rev. Lon Towstego)**

You have come, filled with fear,
spurned by those in power.
Bring your tears, bring your love,
Christ will make you whole.
Be in peace, go in peace, stay in peace today.
Be in peace, go in peace, stay in peace today. *(repeat)*

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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:** ***Shine, Jesus, Shine*** **(CP #460)**

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.

Refrain: **Shine on me, shine on me!**
Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, And let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me try me consume all my darkness. ***Refrain***

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. ***Refrain***

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

♫ **Postlude:** ***God is Good*** – Joanne Lambert, Greg Robinson, Mike Philip

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Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parish hall.

💐 The altar flowers at St. Mary are given by **Ruth Coldwell** to the glory of God and in memory of all her loved ones.

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Thank you to all who are assisting today:

♫Joanne Lambert, Greg Robinson, Mike Philip,
Readers: Marcia McMenamie, Nichola Wade, Don Campbell, Lynn Schumacher, Bishop Logan McMenamie, *Guest*: Will Postma, *Assistants*: David Cooper, Irene Feir, Judi Clark, Heather Geddes, 🔔Matty Stuart, 🕯️ Lynn Fallan

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The women of the parish are invited to meet for coffee or tea, some goodies, and great conversations. This month we are meeting at **St Stephen Boardroom, Friday November 27, at 10:00 am.**



The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, November 28 at 9:30** at **St. Stephen Hall**. Speaker will be Rev. Gil Shoesmith. RSVP to Lon ltowstego@bc.anglican.ca / 250-208-9949, or verbally to Ken Pedlow.

PARISH 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.

For November: Outreach at St. Mary: **Rainbow Kitchen.**
Outreach at St. Stephen: **Christmas Hampers.**

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INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the **Iglesia Anglicana de Chile**. 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 the churches of St. Columba, Port Hardy, and St. John, Port Alice

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the people of the **Parish of St. Mary Magdalene**, The Rev. Blair Haggart and the people of the parish and neighborhood. Be with them as they engage the folk on the Island and around it.

Our Parish Clergy: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Paul and Gil.

In our Parish: We pray for Melanie Bolster, Patricia Bonham, and Don Campbell.

For those ill or in need of prayer: David Scarth, Bob Buchanan, Cathy Swinscoe, Roche M., Rev. Gil Shoesmith, Leslie P., Karen C.

For those with long-term needs: Lynn S., Brett., Jane, Paul, and Natalie.

For friends beyond the parish: Seminarian Melanie, and postulants Gary & Richard, Rudi D., Alysha, Cassidy, Lynda T. Roger M., Courtney.

In the greater community: Housing, Poverty & Food Security: We pray for those experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, and for those working to provide safe housing, compassionate care, and lasting solutions. We pray for families struggling with the rising cost of living, and for those facing difficult financial decisions. We pray for food banks and those experiencing food insecurity.

Globally: The Church Worldwide: We pray for the Church throughout the world, especially for Christians facing persecution and for churches and Anglican dioceses serving communities affected by conflict, poverty, or hardship. We pray for mission partners and for those who minister in difficult circumstances. We give thanks for ecumenical partnerships that bring Christians together across traditions, and pray that the Church may be a faithful witness to peace, justice, reconciliation, and hope.

SCRIPTURES & READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 – Irene Feir (SM) • Ron Sewell (SS)

Psalm 100 – Carol Watkins (SM) • Deb Butler (SS)

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 – Barb Baillie (SM) • Sue Smith (SS)

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 – Ken Pedlow (SM) • Sean Lyon (SS)