

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

"The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives." *Luke* 4.18

Welcome

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 speaking people. 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.

VISITORS *Welcome!* We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.

COMMUNION All are invited to receive communion. For your safety, only the bread will be shared. 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.



FLOWER DEDICATIONS *in Memory or Celebration*

To make arrangements contact: Anne Underhill – **250-370-5027**

10:00am Service

From the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Islands

Presider & Preacher:The Rev'd Canon Craig HiebertOrganist:Curt BergenGreeter:Chris Moeckl, Karen WilsonMusicians:Alexa Ste Marie, Regina RiosLive Stream Managers:Pedro Siqueira, Barry WhistonNote: in the service order, words set in bold italic type are said by the congregation.

For the time being, congregational singing is not permitted in order to maintain the safety of all. Please allow the soloist in the chancel to sing on our behalf.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

GREETING

Prelude & Procession

Liebster Jesu Wir Sind Hier, J.S. Bach

Acclamation

In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral territories of the Lekwungen speaking peoples,

the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

In this time and place We are not alone

For we meet in the presence of the living God.

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In this time and place We are not alone For the Risen Jesus stands in our midst **The Risen Jesus stands in our midst**.

In this time and place We are not alone For the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us. **The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.** In this time and place We are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven, In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one. **In this time and place heaven and earth are one.**

In this time and place Together, one people in Jesus Christ. *In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

CENTRING STILLNESS

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of the prophets, in every age you send the word of truth, familiar yet new. Let us not be counted among those who lack faith, but give us vision to see Christ in our midst and to welcome your saving word. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

¹Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. ² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. ⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

⁹ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

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

2 Samuel 5. 1-5, 9-10, John McCann

PSALM 48

Refrain: Our great God deserves great praise in the city of God.

Great is our God, and highly to be praised; | in the city of our God is the holy hill. | Beautiful and lofty, the hoy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, | the very centre of the world and the city of the Holy One of Israel. R.

God is in the citadels of Zion, | and is known to be the sure refuge of Jerusalem. | Behold, the rulers of the earth assembled | and marched forward together. R.

They looked and were astounded; | they retreated and fled in terror. | Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth, | like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them. R.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the God of hosts, | in the city of the Holy One; | God has established it for ever. | We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, | in the midst of your temple. | Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the world's end; | your right hand is full of justice. R.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, | because of your judgments. | Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it; | count the number of its towers. R.

Consider well its bulwarks; examine its strongholds; | thatyou maytell those who come after. | You, God, are our God for ever and ever; | you will be our guide for evermore. R

Gospel Hymn

 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry. Lord, You Give the Great Commission (433) Text Jeffery Rowthorn, Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor © 1978 Hope Publishing Co.

> Lord, you call us to your service:
> "In my name baptize and teach."
> That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervour, draw us closer in community;
> with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

- Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let your priests, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society; with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
- 5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
 "I am with you to the end."
 Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
 with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Mark 6. 1-13

GOSPEL

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God be with you. *And also with you.*

The Good News of Jesus according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

After the Gospel, the reader says:

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

Responding to the Word

Sermon

ANTHEM

Prayer of Hildegard of Bingen, Barbara Wallace © St. James Press

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

In confidence and expectation, let us bring our concerns before God:

Lord, have mercy,

have mercy on us.

John McCann

In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including Robby, Terry, Ian, Sandy, Alexandra, Brynn, Dorothy, Mary, Rachel, Monty, Catherine, James, Brad and Sue; our diocese of islands and inlets and Anna, our bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate; the parishes of St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville and Church of the Good Shepherd, Lasqueti Island and their clergy Andrew Twiddy and Christine Muise; the diocese of Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann; the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Pray for all of us in our communities as we seek to reverse decades of systemic discrimination. Pray for the continued work of vaccination clinics and all health care workers, and for businesses and individuals beginning the economic recovery from the year of the pandemic.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence, we call to mind our sin.

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 Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Remaining in our places, we share physically-distant 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 HYMN

- 1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth. baptising as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!
- 2. Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Go to the World (598) Text Sylvia G. Dunstan © 1991, G.I.A Publications, Inc.

- 3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!
- 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia!

Alleluia!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Liturgy of the Islands, Prayer B

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

Holy and eternal One, in whom we live and move and have our being. You are our origin and our fulfillment; we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love, you fashioned the marvel of creation,

and beauty of human life.

From this land of towering forests and mist laden coastlines, you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation, calling us to care for everything given and received.

Glory to you, source of all life

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets learned their dependence on your provision, salmon and deer, song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

Glory to you, source of all life

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself, and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, and joining with the saints of every time and place, we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise.

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, most holy One: For on the night before he died Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me."

"Behold, I am with you to the end of the age".

Therefore, God of all creation, we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

Glory to you, source of all life

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew. Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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 after the Lord's Prayer

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

Please follow the direction of the greeters as they invite rows to receive communion. Please maintain a single flow: approach via the main aisle and return via the side aisles. If you do not wish to receive communion, but someone else in your aisle wishes to pass by you, please exit your pew temporarily to allow them to pass at a safe distance. You are also welcome to approach the presider for a blessing only—this is traditionally indicated simply by crossing your hands over your chest as you approach.

One of the ministers will bring the Bread out into the garden to serve those worshipping outside.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, so that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

COMMUNITY NOTES

AFFIRMATION

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

Ηγμν

 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode. On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayest smile at all thy foes. Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (388) Text: John Newton, alt

 See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint, when such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age? Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering – showing that the Lord is near. Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day; daily on the manna feeding which God gives them when they pray.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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

4. Saviour, if of Zion's city

I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show:
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

Sortie, Denis Bedard.



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