



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church,

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

“The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.” *Deuteronomy 30.14*

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:

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10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Greeters:	Pat Taylor, Anne Underhill
Musicians:	Pamela Whiston,
Live Stream Managers:	Barry Whiston

*Note: in the service order, words set in **bold italic type** are said by the congregation.*

*Congregational singing is now permitted while wearing a mask indoors,
with or without outdoors this is in order to maintain the safety of all.*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

Nun freut euch BWV 734, J.S. Bach

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.

INVITATORY PSALM

Psalm 95.1-7

Come, sing to the Holy One!

Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!

Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!

Raise our voices in joyful hymns!

Truly the Holy One is a great God, supreme above all gods,
in whose hands are the ends of the earth and the heights of all the mountains.

***The sea belongs to God who made it,
whose hands formed the dry land.***

Come, worship and bow down;
kneel in the presence of our Creator.

Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,
*whose people we are,
all in God's pasture.*

CENTRING STILLNESS

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

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of the prophets, *whose word cuts through the webs of power and holds the tyrant to account: be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule, who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake; help us to stand and speak with them and witness to your kingdom now; through Jesus Christ, the name above all others. Amen.*

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Ephesians 1. 3-14, Sean Steele

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85. 8-13

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

***Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.***

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

***Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.***

Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

***Righteousness shall go before you,
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.***

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.

GOSPEL HYMN

Praise, My Soul (381)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.
2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.
3. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.
4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia,
praise the high eternal one.

5. Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise us with the God of grace.

GOSPEL

Mark 6. 14-29

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.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.'

¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.'¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.'

²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.'²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.'²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her

mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

After the Gospel, the reader says:

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place, J. Brahms,
Pamela Whiston, piano, Curt Bergen, organ

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

Sean Steele

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

Show us your mercy, O Lord, ***and grant us your salvation.***

In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including Robby, Terry, Ian, Sandy, Brynn, Dorothy, Mary, Rachel, Monty, Catherine, Brad and Sue; our diocese of islands and inlets and Anna, our bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate; the parishes of St. Peter & St. Paul, Esquimalt and their clergy Gail Rodger & SuSan Jensen, the diocese of Kootenay and Archbishop Lynne McNaughton; the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Pray for all of us in our communities as we seek to reverse decades of systemic discrimination. Pray for those who lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods in the fires in BC. 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. Pray for the ongoing work of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.

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 the Lord 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. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us (564)

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 5

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

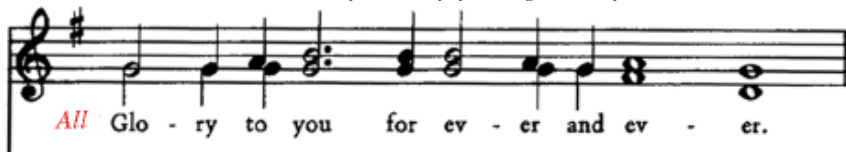
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.



You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,

***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.***

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

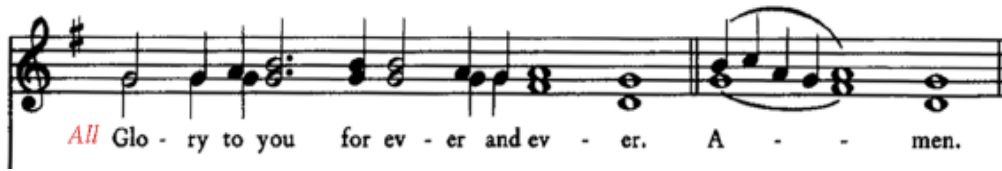
Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

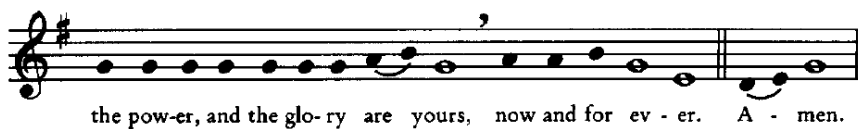
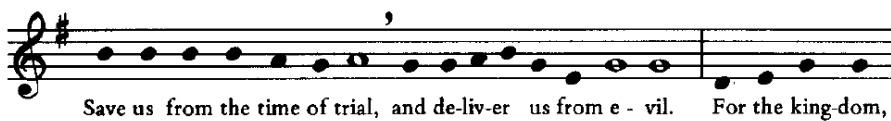
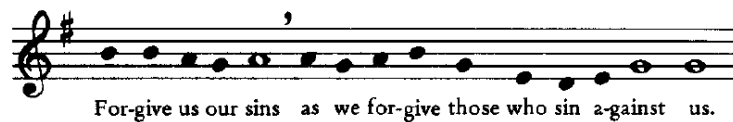
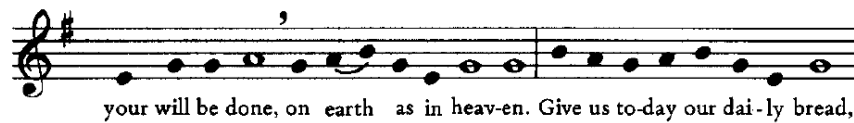
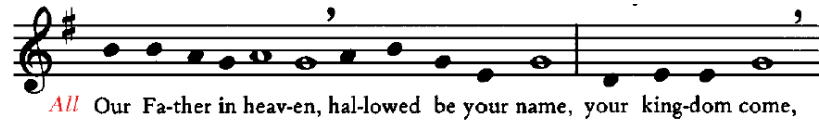
We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

sung: BAS 918

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



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

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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

HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King (379)

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

5. Rejoice in glorious hope;
 Jesus, the judge, shall come
 and take his servants up
 to their eternal home.
 We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
 the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

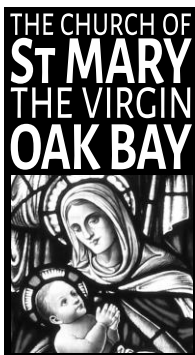
DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565, J.S. Bach



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