



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Remembrance Sunday, November 14, 2021

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

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 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.

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 Book of Alternative Services

Presider:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison
Preacher:	The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert
Ministers of Welcome:	Kat McCann, John McCann
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Musicians:	The St. Mary Singers, Pamela 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

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

Adagio from Sonate KV 332, W.A. Mozart

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus:
you, too, were tired when day was done;
you met your friends at evening time.

Come, Lord Jesus

Come, Lord Jesus:
you, too, enjoyed when nights drew on;
you told your tales at close of day.

Come, Lord Jesus

Come, Lord Jesus:
you kindled faith when lamps were low;
you opened scriptures, broke the bread
and shed your light as darkness fell

Come, Lord Jesus. Meet us here.

CENTRING STILLNESS

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

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 forever. Amen.*

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 1. 3-9, Joyce Mackie

³Blessed 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, ⁴and 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 honour 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

Goodness is Stronger than Evil, J Bell, D Tutu

Text: Desmond Tutu, b.1931, ©; adapt. by John L. Bell, b.1949

Tune: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, Irregular; John L. Bell, b.1949, © 1996,

Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness,
life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours,
Victory is ours through God who loves us.
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Victory is ours through God who loves us.

GOSPEL

John 11. 17-27

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God

will give you whatever you ask of him.’ ²³ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’
²⁴ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’
²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ²⁷ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu, J. Fauré

Latin:

*Pie Jesu, Domine,
dona eis requiem.
Dona, dona,
dona eis requiem,
sempiternam requiem.*

Translation:

*Merciful Jesus, Lord,
Grant unto them rest.
Grant them, grant them,
Grant unto them rest,
Eternal rest.*

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.

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including Colin, Brynn, Dorothy, Kat, Mary, Peter, Carrie, and Sandy. We pray for our diocese of islands and inlets and for Anna, our bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Pray for the parish of St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus and their clergy Michael Wimmer. Territory of the People Anglican Church and their Steering Committee. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. 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. Pray for the ongoing work of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for all his children.

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (567)

Text: William Whiting (1825-1878), rev. Hymns for Today's Church,
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1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm restrains the restless wave,
who bids the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed bounds to keep:
we cry, O God of majesty,
for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at your word,
who walked across the surging deep
and in the storm lay calm in sleep:
we cry, O Lord of Galilee,
for those in peril on the sea.
3. Creator Spirit, by whose breath
were fashioned sea and sky and earth;
who made the stormy chaos cease
and gave us life and light and peace:
we cry, O Spirit strong and free,
for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power,
preserve their lives in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, flood and flame,
protect them by your holy name,
and to your glory let there be
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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 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 through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of your promise you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, 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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; 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

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

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

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.

*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.

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

For the Healing of the Nations (576)

Text: Fred Kaan (1929-), alt. © 1968 Hope publishing Co.

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.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

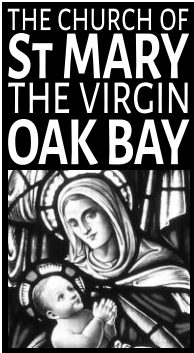
May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Adagietto rom Symphony V, Gustav Mahler

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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