

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ November 21, 2021

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!" Mark 11.9, 10

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: Mary Huxley, Pat Taylor

Organist: Curt Bergen

Musicians: The St. Mary Singers, Bob Gill

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, Healy Willan

WELCOME

Acclamation

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

'Who is this King of glory?'

'The Lord of hosts, the Lord is the King of glory.'

CENTRING STILLNESS

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

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

You who are, who were, who are to come, before whose judgement all that is not love fades away: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts, so that we may hear a different voice and belong to you in truth; through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

PSALM 93 Bob Gill



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Refrain: Our God shall reign for ever and ever.

O God, you reign in glory; you are robed in majesty; you are robed, you are girded with strength. **R.**

You have made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting. **R.**

The waters have lifted up, O God, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is our God who dwells on high. **R.**

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O God, for ever and for evermore. **R**.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 1. 4b-8, Elizabeth Bergen

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

At the Name of Jesus (375)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). © Oxford University Press.

- At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
- 2. Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.
- 3. Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.
- 4. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.
- 5. Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

GOSPEL John 18. 33-37

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.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Yours, O Lord is the Greatness, Martin How

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

Elizabeth Bergen

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

Lord, your kingdom come in us, as it is in heaven.

In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Derek, Colin, Brynn, Dorothy, Kat, Mary, Carrie, and Sandy. Our diocese of islands and inlets and for Anna, our bishop, Lynn, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. The parish of Christ Church, Alert Bay, and their clergy William Hubbard. 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 Church of Bangladesh. Pray for all those whose lives have been disrupted by recent flooding and storm damage. Pray for the continued work of all health care workers. Pray for the ongoing work of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

—cf Matthew 4.17

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

Grace to you and peace from God, from him who is, who was and who is to come.

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

King of Glory, King of Peace (345)

- I will love thee;
 and that love may never cease,
 I will move thee.
 Thou hast granted my request,
 thou hast heard me;
 thou didst note my working breast,
 thou hast spared me.
- 2. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.

 Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.
- 3. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

 Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee: even eternity's too short to extol thee.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Book of Alternative Services, Eucharistic Prayer 3

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; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people 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

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

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

HVMN

 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one, holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. Christ is Made the sure Foundation (300)

Desc. Barry Rose (1934-)

 All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One-in-Three adoring in glad hymns eternally. 3. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy servants as they pray; and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

- 4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain, what they gain from thee forever with the blessèd to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.
- 5. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three, and ever one, one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in d minor, BWV 538, J.S. Bach

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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