



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 19, 2025

“The word of God is living and active; it sifts the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” *Hebrews 4.12*

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.

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.

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 available means of giving regularly: electronic donations on our website via CanadaHelps, or monthly direct debit donations via the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance program - details are available in a brochure at the entrance, or on the website: www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate).

If you would like to schedule a **Memorial Flower Arrangement** at the next opportunity, please contact Anne Underhill, aunderhill@stmarysoakbay.ca.

10:00am Service

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayers of the Anglican Church of Canada

Minister of Welcome:	Pat Taylor	Server:	Nathan Turner
Presider & Preacher:	The Venerable Craig Hiebert	Organ:	Oriel Chapman
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	David Stewart	Music:	St. Mary Singers
	Karen Wilson	Livestream:	William Turner & Samantha Robbins

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE *‘Dialogue sur Les Grands Jeux’, from Nicolas De Grigny's Premier Livre d'Orgue*

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Living God Be Praised (348)

1. The living God be praised!
Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
for aye the same;
the one eternal God
ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought
God's timeless years!
2. Without a form is God,
nor can we comprehend
the measure of God's love for us
without an end.
For God is Lord of all.
creation speaks God's praise;
the human race and all that lives
God's will obeys.

3. God's Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will;
in prophet's word God spoke of old
and speaketh still.
Established is God's law
and changeless it shall stand,
inscribed upon the human heart
in every land.
4. Eternal life hath God
implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay
while ages roll.
The living one be praised!
Give honor to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be,
for aye the same.

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

CENTRING STILLNESS

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of the dispossessed, ***you teach us to hunger for justice even when the weak are shut out and the powerful turn over in their beds: in the heat of our anger and the bitterness of our complaints, give us courage to protest, the persistence to pray and the heart to love; through Jesus Christ, the true judge. Amen.***

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

The congregation sits.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31. 27-34, Sherry Armstrong

²⁷The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119. 97-104



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Oh, how I love your law!

all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me. R.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders,
because I observe your commandments. R.

I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments,
because you yourself have taught me. R.

How sweet are your words to my taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way. R

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

2 Timothy 3. 14 – 4. 5, Christina Watkins

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice (575)

1. Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the worker's claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron power,
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour
2. For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colours with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language:
we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in other's dreams,
our love in hand of neighbour:
our home land brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way – the path untried;
your truth – the heart of stranger;
your life – the Crucified.

GOSPEL

Luke 18. 1-8

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God is with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

O Taste and See, Ralph Vaughan Williams

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

Christina Watkins

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

Lord, show us your way.

Teach us your path.

In your prayers this week remember the following: Those in need of healing and care, including Callum, Colin, Elizabeth F, Jeff, Linda, Lindy, and Sam. In our diocese of islands and inlets pray for Anna, our Bishop, John, our Metropolitan, Chris, our National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and Shane, our Primate, and for the church of St. Philip, Cedar, and their clergy. In our Province, pray for Bishop Lynne McNaughton and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kootenay. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Vancouver Island Region of the British Columbia Synod. The people and ministries of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America. In the Church further afield, pray for the Episcopal Church of the USA.

A Note About Our Prayer Ministry: If you wish to request prayers for yourself or for someone else, please send the information to the office: admin@stmarysoakbay.ca. Requests received by end of day Wednesdays will be included in the leaflet for the following Sunday and for three weeks following. Prayers will also be included by the members of the Angel Wings Prayer Team. A new request may be made if you wish specific prayers to be continued. We require only a first name, but it is helpful if an area of need is included, eg, in need of prayer; sickness; awaiting surgery; recovering from surgery; ongoing treatment; death; grieving.

CONFESSION OF 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.

We share signs of Peace with those around us.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (505)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
3. Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, so that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until:

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory, singing:

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 of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues until:

... And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

sung 747

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

*Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.*

THE COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Communion.

The sacrament will be offered in both kinds (bread and the common cup) but 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.

If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are also welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. This is signified by folding your hands across your chest as you approach the presider.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us (561)

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| 1. Lord, your word shall guide us
and with truth provide us:
teach us to receive it
and with joy believe it. | 4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted? |
| 2. When our foes are near us,
then your word shall cheer us –
word of consolation,
message of salvation. | 5. Word of mercy, giving
courage to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying. |
| 3. When the storms distress us
and dark clouds oppress us,
then your word protects us
and its light directs us. | 6. O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you –
evermore be near you! |

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

DOXOLOGY

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (384)

1. Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord,
who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly
around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.
5. Praise to the Lord,
who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who when the godless do triumph,
all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.
6. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

'Boléro de Concert in G minor' by Lefébure-Wély.

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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When the Veil Thins

share poems, writings and song that explore
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October 25**

1:30-3:00

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