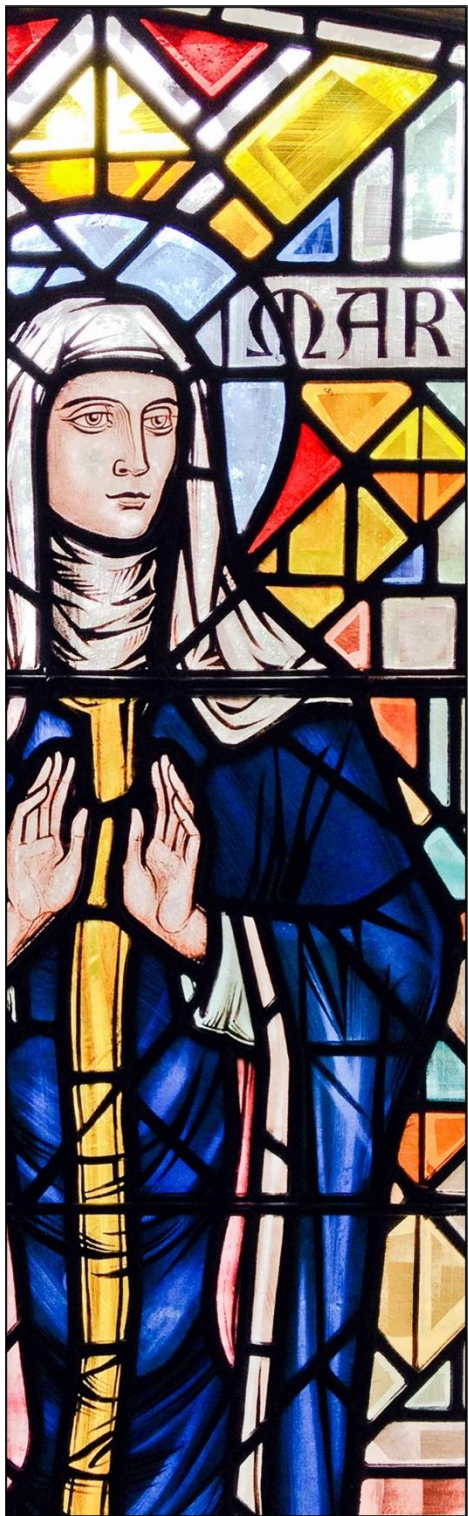




St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

The Feast of All Saints, November 1, 2026

“They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.”

Revelation 7.15

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. During the Offertory hymn the plate will be placed on the Altar where it will be blessed. 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).*

Flower Dedications

If you would like to schedule a
Celebration or Memorial Flower Arrangement
at the next opportunity, please contact
the office: admin@stmarysoakbay.ca

10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Minister of Welcome:	Chris Moeckl	Organist:	Emma Paterson
Presider & Preacher:	The Ven Craig Hiebert	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
Eucharistic Minister:	David Stewart		
	Karin Rassmussen		

Please note that this service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending in person, you are acknowledging and consent to the fact that the video images of you may appear online.

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (320)

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain: alleluia!
Cry out dominions, princedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.
2. O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises: alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.
3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
forbears in faith and prophets blest:
alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.
4. O friends, in gladness let us sing
supernal anthems echoing:
alleluia, alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

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

Almighty God, ***whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

The congregation sits

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

A Statement on the Lectionary Readings

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in scripture—particularly in John and Acts—have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Revelation 7. 9-17, Sherry Armstrong

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Holy word, holy wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34. 1-10, 22



Taste and see that God is good; hap-py are they who trust in God.

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I will bless God at all times;
my mouth will always be praising my Maker.
I will glory in the Holy One;
let the humble hear and rejoice. R.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Most High;
let us exalt God's name forever.

I sought my God, and was answered
and delivered from all my terror. R.

Look upon God and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and was heard
and saved from all my troubles. R.

Your angel, O God, encompasses those who fear you,
and will deliver them.
Taste and see that God is good;
Happy are they who trust in the Holy One. R.
Fear God, all you saints,
and you will lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.
You, God, ransom each faithful servant,
and none will be punished who trust in you. R

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 John 3. 1-3, Pauline Samoszynski

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

Lo! Round the Throne, a Glorious Band (279)

1. Lo! Round the throne, a glorious band,
The saints in countless myriads stand,
of every tongue redeemed to God,
arrayed in garments washed in blood.
Alleluia!
2. Through tribulation great, they came,
they bore the cross, despised the shame;
from all their labours now they rest,
in God's eternal glory blest.
Alleluia!

3. They see their Saviour face to face,
and sing the triumphs of God's grace;
and day and night with ceaseless praise,
to Christ their loud thanksgiving raise:
Alleluia!
4. "Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain,
through endless years to live and reign;
thou hast redeemed us by thy blood
and made us royal priest to God."
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5. 1-12

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God is with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

O Taste and See, R. Vaughan Williams

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.*

Through him all things were made.

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Pauline Samoszynski

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

*Lord of the saints,
strengthen our faith.*

In your prayers this week remember those in need of healing and care especially Cameron, Diane, Jennette, Karen, Kerry-Ann, and William. 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; pray for St Michael & All Angels, Chemainus and their clergy, Norman Knowles and Trish Vollmann Stock; pray for the Diocese of New Westminster, and Bishop John Stephens. In the Church further afield, pray for The Anglican Church in Central America. Pray for the Staff of the Canadian College of Performing Arts and for the teachers and families of the new Oak Bay Preschool.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 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).

1. Give me the wings of faith, to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.
2. Once they were mourning here below,
and wet their couch with tears:
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins, and doubts, and fears.
3. I ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.
4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast;
and following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.
5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

The Lord is 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.

The prayer continues until:

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all 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.

The prayer continues until:

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory;

The prayer continues until:

...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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

***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

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 MUSIC

By All Your Saints Still Striving (283) vs 1, 2b, 3

1. By all your saints still striving,
for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus,
for evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious,
that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendour
reflected from your throne.

2. We praise you for Saint Peter;
we praise you for Saint Paul.
They taught both Jew and Gentile
that Christ is all in all.
To cross and sword they yielded
and saw the kingdom come:
O God, your two apostles
won life through martyrdom.
3. Then let us praise the Father
and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit,
eternal Three-in-One,
till all the ransomed number
who stand before the throne,
ascribe all power and glory
and praise to God alone.

Jesus, Remember Me (634)

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom. *Repeat*

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNITY NOTES

GLORY TO GOD

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

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the earth the distant triumphant song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of Paradise blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
7. But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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