

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ

November 22, 2026

"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

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:	Mary Lawrence	Organist:	Janet Yonge
Presider:	The Ven Craig Hiebert	Musicians:	St. Mary Singers
Preacher:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison		

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 *The Holy Love of God,* James Southbridge

Welcome

Hymn *Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee (425)*

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

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

Silence is kept.

Collect of the Day

Destitute king,
one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned:
may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety
but in serving you in the last and the least;
through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

The congregation sits

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24, Sean Steele

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of
Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with
good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.
16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and
the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak

animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

Holy word, holy wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord,
all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness
and come into the divine presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;
the One made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
go into these courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

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 New Testament Letters Ephesians 1. 15-23, Christina Watkins

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that

is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (520)*

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort sill,
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

Gospel Matthew 25. 31-46

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.

Jesus said to his disciples, [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I

was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Responding to the Word

Sermon

Anthem *King of Glory, King of Peace,* J.S. Bach, arr. W.H. Harris

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

The congregation stands, sits, or kneels.

Lord, we seek to do your will.

Your kingdom come in us as it is in heaven.

In your prayers this week remember those in need of healing and care especially Cameron, Daphne, Diane, Jean, Karen, Kerry-Ann, Pat, Wendy 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 the parish of St Philip, Cedar, and their clergy, Leslie Flynn; pray for the Diocese of Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann. In the Church further afield, pray for the Church of England, and Archbishops Sarah Mullally (Canterbury) and Stephen Cottrell (York). Pray for the students of the Canadian College of Performing Arts and the teachers of the Oak Bay Preschool.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Silence is kept.

O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Church of England, *Times and Seasons*

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).

Offertory *All People That on Earth Do Dwell (349)*

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him, and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4. For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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 5*

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.

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.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

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 (726)
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 he 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.
Glory to you for ever and ever. 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

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

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless (85)

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

2. We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.

3. Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.

4. Lord, sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,
be our immortal food.

Jesus, Remember Me (634)

1. 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

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (383)

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
   doth its successive journeys run;
   his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
   till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue
   dwell on his love with sweetest song,
   and infant voices shall proclaim
   their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
   the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
   the weary find eternal rest,
   and all who suffer want are blest.
4. Let every creature rise and bring
   peculiar honours to our King,
   angels descend with songs again,
   and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

United in Faith, Franklin Ritter

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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Notes of Joy

Wednesdays
12-1pm

25 NOV — STELUTZA
Join STELUTZA for lively European folk dances, interspersed with a bit of Irish as well as distinctive original tunes.

02 DEC — ELENA ANTONTCEVA
Acclaimed Russian born Canadian cellist playing traditional classical arrangements to contemporary pop

09 DEC — ONE WHEEL
Seasoned musicians whose rich harmonies and acoustic interplay bring a warm, soulful and joyful sound.

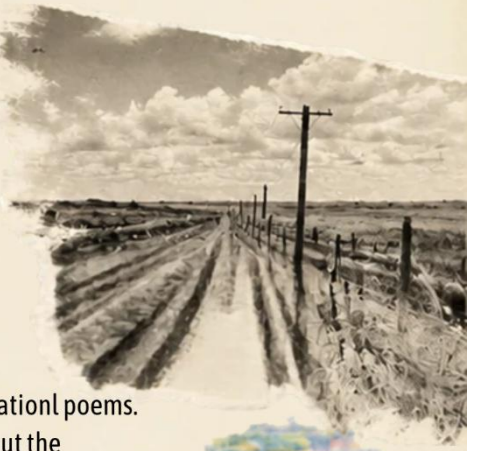
16 DEC — MITTWOCH
Ever popular MITTWOCH TRIO returns for a classical journey through the spheres

23 DEC — OWEN CHOW
Join hometown boy Owen Chow as he returns for a lively program of jazzy seasonal favourites.

Admission by donation, all proceeds to Victoria Hospice Society

The Churchmouse
After Hours **Coffeehouse**
A warm neighbourhood gathering!

Inspired Words



Celebrate National Photography Day with inspirationl poems. Please bring poems about art and invention, about the practice of poetry—Ars Poetica—or poems inspired by art, painting or photography (ekphrastic).

Come to listen and to share poems, music and tales, and make connections.

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Saturday
28 November 2026

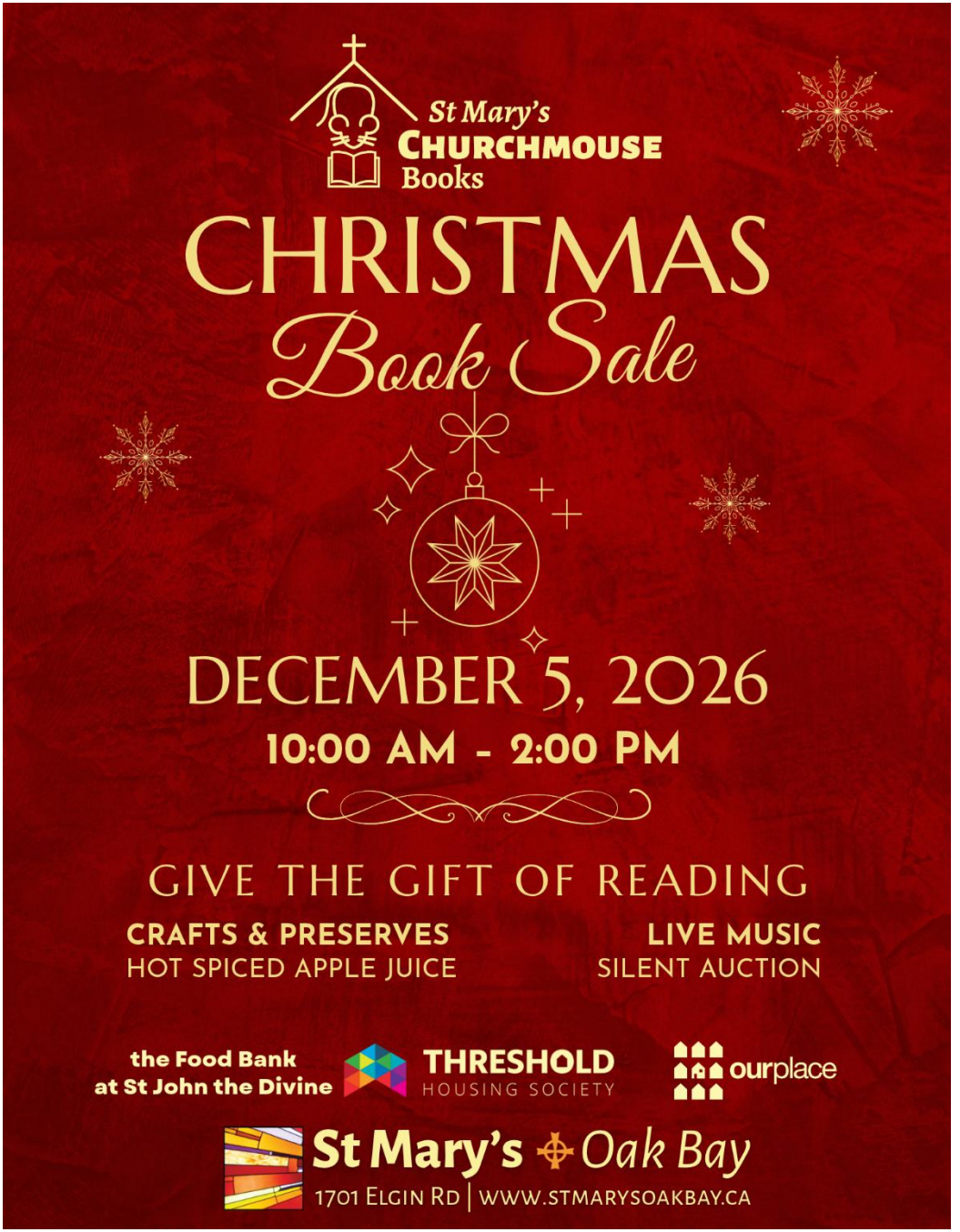
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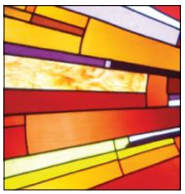
Note: this is not a literary open mic event, but a place where readers share others' work they admire

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