



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Twenty Sunday after Pentecost, October 18, 2020

"Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life."

See Philippians 2.15, 16

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 speaking people. 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 of or Celebration of

Spot available October & November



To make arrangements contact:

Anne Underhill – 250-370-5027

10:00am Service

From the Book of Alternative Services

Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert
Assistant:	The Rev'd Dyan Davison
Ministers of Welcome:	Kat McCann, John McCann
Organist:	Curt Bergen
Musicians:	The St. Mary Singers, Pedro Siqueira
Live Stream Team:	Pedro Siqueira, Barry Whiston

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

Please note that this service is live streamed and available to the public. By attending this morning you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear in that live stream.

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE & PROCESSION

Adagio from Symphony V, Charles Marie Widor

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Your love, O God, has been poured into our hearts.

We abide in you and you in us.

We will give thanks to you and call upon your name;
we will make known your deeds among the peoples.

We raise our songs of praise to you
and speak of all your marvellous works.

You alone are the Holy One,
who was and is and is to come!

CENTRING STILLNESS

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

Silence is kept.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

PSALM 99

You God, alone, are the Holy One.

God is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake and its people tremble.

Our God is great in Zion;
and high above all peoples.

Let them confess the Name which is great and awesome,
Our God is the Holy One. *R.*

"O Mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of our God, bow down in worship:
You, God, are the Holy One. *R.*

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name,
they called upon you and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud,
they kept your testimonies and the decrees that you gave them. *R.*

"O God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."
Proclaim God's greatness; worship upon the holy hill;
for God is the Holy One. *R.*

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 33. 12-23, John McCann

¹² Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." ¹³ Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this

nation is your people.’¹⁴ He said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’¹⁵ And he said to him, ‘If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here.’¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.’

¹⁷The Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.’¹⁸ Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’

¹⁹And he said, ‘I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, “The Lord”; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.²⁰ But’, he said, ‘you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.’²¹ And the Lord continued, ‘See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock;²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by;²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (504)

*Please note: for the time being, congregational singing is not permitted in order to maintain the safety of all.
Please allow the musicians in the chancel to sing on our behalf.*

Refrain

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. R

2. Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. R
3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All these are neighbours to us and you. R
4. Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves,
this is the way we should live with you. R
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. R

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ ²¹ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cantate Domino, Pitoni

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

John McCann

In our prayers, we commit ourselves to partnering with God in the mission of loving our neighbours:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In your prayers this week remember the following: those in need of healing and care, including Brantley, Brynn, Anne, Scottie, Vic, Audrey, Monty, and John. We pray our diocese of islands and inlets and for Anna Greenwood-Lee, our bishop-elect, Ansley, our diocesan administrator, Melissa, our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Pray for the parish of St. Luke, Victoria, and their clergy Daniel Fournier; and for Bishop-elect Lincoln McKoen. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson. In the Church further afield, pray for the Pray for the Episcopal Church the Most Rev'd Michael Curry - Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Pray for all who are struggling with the physical, social and economic effects of the current COVID-19 Pandemic. Give thanks for the continued success of the re-opening of the Churchmouse Books and our place of worship, and pray for the parish members and volunteers who serve our community.

CONFESSON OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence, we call to mind our 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.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (310)

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 we have made available, 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).

Please note: for the time being, congregational singing is not permitted in order to maintain the safety of all.

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory.
2. The Lord is never far away.
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand.
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory.
3. Thus, all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud your praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord and Christ alone:
to God all praise and glory.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. 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; 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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

Tempo (Thiago Nacaratu), Pedro Siqueira, guitar

Please follow the direction of the greeters as they invite rows to approach the nearest station to receive communion.

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ.

May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. ***Amen.***

COMMUNITY NOTES

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

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Amen.

POSTLUDE

***Toccata*, Georgi Mushel**

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.

Wednesday, October 21, 11:30am: Meditative Eucharist

Our short but peaceful celebration of the Eucharist returns, meeting biweekly. Entrance is through the main church doors—doors open at 11:15am. Please check in with yourself regarding your health before you come: if you feel at all unwell, please stay home and be safe. Masks are not required, but recommended. You can view our parish COVID-19 safety plan online at www.stmarysoakbay.ca/news/we-have-re-opened.

Retirement Event for Bishop Logan

Join the diocese of islands and inlets on October 23 at 7:00pm for a special video event in celebration of Bishop Logan McMenamie's ministry. With +Logan as our special live guest, we'll take everyone on a journey that will include photos, music, special messages from all over the diocese, and live-streamed presentations. The event will be viewable on the diocesan website, Vimeo, and Facebook Live, simultaneously. All you need to do is find a comfortable viewing location, pour yourself a beverage, and click the link at 7:00pm on October 23. The link to the event will be distributed the week of.

Next Sunday, October 25: The Feast of Dedication

On November 5, 1959, the present church of St Mary the Virgin was dedicated to the service of God's work in Oak Bay. On Sunday morning, October 25, we will take time to remember and give thanks for the worship and service that has taken place here over these many years. If you have any special memories you would like to share, please email Canon Craig at incumbent@stmarysoakbay.ca. We will be posting images and stories on our website in the days leading up to our celebration on Sunday.

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