



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church      St. Stephen Church

*Faith - Family - Friendship*



**ANGLICAN DIOCESE**  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**A Season of Discipleship**

## Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH



St. Stephen's

St. Mary's

**MARCH 22, 2020 – LENT 4**

*We acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional  
lands of the WSÁNEĆ and Coast Salish peoples*

**Weekly Online Services will be offered.**  
**Onsite Services & Events are cancelled**  
**until further notice.**

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**THE REV. LON TOWSTEGO**  
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## MORNING PRAYER

### Iona Celtic Service

*The Rev. Lon Towstego, Presider*

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A Warm Welcome to all who are worshipping with us on-line this morning! When the service is over, grab yourself a coffee and phone one of your friends. The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

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Prelude - Sean Quicke, cello

Welcome & Announcements

Presider: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**All: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

**#354 Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Presider: We are claimed as God's own.

**All: We are called from our darkness into the light of God's day.**

Presider: The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth. O come, let us worship. In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

**All: God Was**

Presider: Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth, for the purposes of heaven,

**All: God Is**

Presider: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment,

**All: God Will Be**

Presider: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, Not condemning the world, but redeeming it, Through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit

**All: God Was, God Is, God Will Be**

**All: Glory to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Presider: Let us pray

In you, gracious God, the widowed find a carer, the orphaned find a parent the fearful find a friend in you,

And if some need to say, "Help me"  
And if some need to say, "Save me"  
And if some need to say, "Hold me"  
And if some need to say, "Forgive me"  
Then let these be said now in confidence by us.

*Moment of silence*

Prsider: O Christ, in whose heart is both welcome and warning.  
Say to us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us  
whole. And we will wait; And we will praise.

**All: Amen.**

Children's Time *The Rev. Lon Towstego*

### **The Ministry of the Word**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**#519 *The Lord's My Shepherd***

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

The Gospel: John 9:1-41

Message – The Rev. Lon Towstego

Prayers of the People – The Rev. Matt Humphrey

Prsider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, Let us sing as  
our Saviour taught us,

**All: 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.**

Prsider: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against  
others. We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we  
have failed to do. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past and  
raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

### **Offertory Hymn: *Ancient Words***

**Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart  
O Let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope,  
Give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world, where'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us home.**

*Chorus:*

*Ancient words, ever true  
Changing me, changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart*

**Holy words of our faith,  
Handed down to this age;  
Came to us through sacrifice  
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart  
O Let the ancient words impart**

*Chorus*

*After the offering is taken, all sing:*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ

**our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider: Prophetic God, strengthen and encourage us to hear those who speak your uncomfortable truths and who challenge our dearest prejudices, so that we may know and heed prophets of our age; through Jesus, the son of Joseph.

**All: Amen.**

**Blessing:**

**Commission**

For all that God can do within us,  
For all that God can do without us,

**All: Thanks be to God**

For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
For all in whom Christ lives beside us,

**All: Thanks be to God**

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
For where the Spirit wants to send us,

**All: Thanks be to God**

Listen,  
Christ has promised to be with us  
In the world as in our worship.

**All: Amen. We go to serve Him.**

**#306 Closing Hymn: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

**Dismissal**

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**THANK YOU** to Sean Quicke for your gift of music this morning.

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**POSTPONEMENT - THE ORDINATION** of Matthew Humphrey and Gail Rodger to the priesthood, and Jill Harris, Katherine Walker, and Stephanie Wood to the diaconate (deacons-in-transition) has been postponed.

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**READINGS – MARCH 29 – Lent 5**

Ezekial 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**All Events are cancelled until further notice.**

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## INTERCESSIONS

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; Justin our Archbishop; the Anglican Church of Canada - Linda our Primate; Melissa our Metropolitan; our National Indigenous Archbishop, Mark.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Logan, our Bishop; Christopher and the congregation of St. Philip, Oak Bay and Bishop Barbara, bishop-elect, Lincoln and the Territory of the People Anglican Church. For Fr. Rolf and our brothers and sisters at St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of the Assumption of the Roman Catholic Parish.

**Our Parish Ministers:** Lon, Bob, Lorry, Brett and Matt as he prepares for his Ordination.

**In our Parish:** We pray for our all of those, known and unknown, who quietly keep our grounds and gardens presentable.

**For those ill or in need of prayer:** Ken B, Betty and Derek, Lynn, Daniel, David Campbell, Erica, Bob, Brett, Cathy M., Terry H., Cheryl, Lise, Jen B., Doreen H.

**For Those with Long-Term Needs:**

Cathy, Margaret, Sharie, Ted, Ed B., Pat M.,

**For friends beyond the parish:** Jennifer, David, Don. R., June, Linda L., Kathleen, Pam, Hugh B. & his family, Carol & Keith, David & Nancy Ford, Sisters of St. John the Divine, Joan, Warwick, Rita, George, Steve, Diane, Trish Dawn, Vikki, Wendy LeMarquand, Jane & Robert, Kate Evans

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### Office Hours:

**All Staff will spend periods of time working from home.**

**Drop in visits are being discouraged during  
the mandated shut down period.**

**Please call your perspective office.**

**Leslie will be off on March 23 & 24.**