

Refresher of our COVID protocols

Please do not sing during the hymns, we love to hear your voices but right now it is not a safe thing for us to be doing. We don't want to remove the words or squash the music choices, however we cannot be singing at all.

No personal announcements should be made, if possible let Bob/Leslie know early in the week so they can be included in the bulletin sheet given out. As Lon has explained this is mainly due to not having multiple people using the microphones, and not having people moving around, it is one of the protocols we must follow.

Please do not remain in the worship space/hall after the service chatting. It is better to go outside with proper physical distancing, where the conversations are safer.

Please try to follow the arrows when moving around, the spaces have been provided so that you keep others safe.

Possibly one of the most important things is to email and let us know if you plan to attend. St. Stephen has only reached a maximum once, and we do not want to turn people away. However, this could happen. We do have a couple of ways around this but prefer not to be in this situation at the door on Sunday at 8:55 or 10:55, I am sure you understand. By now you have seen how the seating is arranged and why the number of people inside can fluctuate depending on the number of people in a family group? A couple of people have told us that they will be at church every week and will call if they ARE NOT coming and this is helpful too. We do appreciate your help with this!!

9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
Book of Common Prayer (Spoken)
The Rev. Matt Humphrey, Presider

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.
The congregation says the items in **bold** typeface.
The lyrics to the songs are printed for information only.
Please remember there is no congregational singing permitted.

Prelude

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *Great God, Your Love has Called us Here*

Words: Brian Wren; Music: Dimitri Bortniansky (1825)

Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,

though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind,
your call to hear, your love to find.

Great god, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Great god, in Christ you set us free,
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Presider: Almighty God,

ALL: unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Summary of the Law

Presider: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presider: God be with you;

People: And with thy spirit.

Presider: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day: Your love, O God, is boundless. We who were strangers have been made your children; we who were defenceless have been brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your

mercy, so that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

Prayer for Children, Young People & Educators

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 NRSV – Nick Hunter

34 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (BAS) – Together with Joy Hunter

1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * “Go back, O child of earth.”

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendour to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Reader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson: 1Thessalonians 2:1-8 NRSV – Joy Hunter

2 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle^[b] among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song: *Speak O Lord - Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

Speak O Lord, as we come to You
to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise,
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds:
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Gospel is introduced “The Holy Gospel is written... : “
The congregation responds: **“Glory be to thee, O Lord.”**

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-45 NRSV – *The Rev. Matt Humphrey*

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Question about David’s Son

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit^[b] calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The congregation responds: **“Praise be to thee, O Christ.”**

Sermon - The Rev. Lon Towstego

Song: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* - African/American Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me
I want Jesus to walk with me
all along my pilgrim journey
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2. In my trials, Lord, walk with me

3. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me

The Nicene Creed (*said*)

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And on the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets, And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen

Offertory - *Instrumental Music*

Prayer over the Gifts: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People – *Joy Hunter*

Presider: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

ALL: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Presider: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Presider: What comfortable words did our Saviour Christ say unto all that truly turn to him?

ALL: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (St. Matthew 11. 28)

Presider: What else did he say?

ALL: God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (St. John 3. 16)

Presider: What did Saint Paul say?

ALL: This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1.15)

Presider: And what did Saint John saith?

ALL: If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. (1 St John 2.1-2)

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Presider: God be with you;

People: And with thy spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Then shall the Priest turn to the Lord's Table, and say:

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son

Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

People: And with thy spirit.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Administration of Holy Communion

All are invited to share in the Bread or a Blessing

Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

Please cross your arms at the rail if you would like a blessing.

Instrumental Music during Communion

Presider: Let us pray.

ALL: (said)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen

Presider: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

ALL: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.

And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen

All: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Lit. Asst.: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

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BIBLE STUDY - Wednesdays, beginning at 10:45 a.m., Rev. Lon and Greg Robinson will continue presenting 'The New Testament You Never Knew: Exploring the Context, Purpose and Meaning of the Story of God'. An 8-part video series with N T Wright and Michael Bird. All are welcome to join us at St. Mary's Hall where we will practice appropriate social distancing

Readings for November 1, 2020 – All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10. 22; 1 John 2:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Office Hours:

All Staff may spend some time working from home.
Please call or email your respective office for information
or to make an appointment.

Drop in visits are still being discouraged.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church in Wales; Justin our Archbishop; Linda our Primate and Melissa our Metropolitan, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Mark MacDonald and the Anglican Church of Canada.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop-elect, Ansley, the Diocesan Administrator; MJ and the congregation of St. Peter, Quamichan and Bishop David and the Diocese of Caledonia. For the Priest and people of the Roman Catholic Saanich Peninsula Parish. We also pray for neighbours of the Central Saanich United Church who will hold their worship service and AGM at St. Mary today.

Our Parish Ministers: Lon, Matt, Brett, Bob, Lorry, Logan.

In our Parish: We pray for all who are helping the Parish to stay safe and well.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Cathy and John, Cheryl, Lise, Brett, Mark, Henry

For Those with Long-Term Needs:

Ken B, Erica, Margaret, Sharie, Ted, Ed B., Pat M., Doreen H., Brenda

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Pam, Hugh B. & his family, Kate, Scott, Steve and John, Grace, Marie S., Marian K., Isaiah, Robin, Lee H.

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THANK YOU to everyone for bringing their offerings and to those who continue to take the time to drop off or mail in your offerings. Your dedication to your church is heartwarming.

If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish, you may send a cheque (made payable to either St. Mary's Church or payable to St. Stephen's Church) and mail it to the respective address below.

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