



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church

St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH



JANUARY 10, 2021 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*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.

Weekly Online Services will also be offered
at ParishCS.ca

The Rev. Lon Towstego, Incumbent
The Rev. Matt Humphrey, Assistant Curate
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Honorary Assistant

MORNING PRAYER

Iona Celtic Service

The Rev. Matt Humphrey, Presiding

A Warm Welcome to all who are worshipping with us on-line this morning, especially visitors! When the service is over, grab yourself a coffee and phone one of your friends.

Prelude: *Shall We Gather at the River*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *Wind Upon the Waters*

- Words and Music: Marty Haugen

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep,
rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep,
breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heavens, water from the earth,
gift so wholly given, source of every birth,
joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand,
prairie, field, and meadow shaped by Love's own hand,
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder;
flame that pierces night.
Burst the dark asunder;
fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies.
Make an end to hatred's cries.
Be the blazing sun of justice
in our lives.

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
grace your sons and daughters, new-born by your hand.
Come, O Spirit, and renew all the life that comes from you,
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

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

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.

Presider: 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. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day: Eternal Father, **who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Children, Young People and Educators

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading – Genesis 1:1-5 NRSV – Ken Pedlow

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 2 the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

All: Thanks be to God

A setting of Psalm 29 – *Sung by Cathy Quicke*

text, Michael Morgan; tune, Ebenezer

All on earth and all in heaven
raise to God a song on high;
strength unmeasured, love unbounded,
God alone we glorify.

At God's voice the clouds assemble,
thunder roars and torrents fall;
earth shall quake before God's presence,
mountains tremble at God's call.

Trees shall bow in awe and wonder,
bend their branches to the ground;
from God's lips one word in anger wreaks
destruction all around.

But the word that sets in motion such travails
can make them cease;
that same voice which tumult beckons
in a gentler voice speaks peace.

Second Reading – Acts 19:1-7 NRSV – Ken Pedlow

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2 He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” 4 Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of

repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— 7 altogether there were about twelve of them.

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The Gospel

Rev. Matt: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Rev. Matt: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:4-11

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with^[e] the Holy Spirit.” 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Message –The Rev. Matt Humphrey

Song: Down Galilee’s Roadways

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan; Music: Johann Steurlein; Harm. Healey Willan

Down Galilee’s slow roadways, a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.

He went down to the waters with soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river, he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky was open to show the Spirit’s form.

The holy dove descended; he heard a glorious voice:

“You are my own beloved --- my child, my heart, my choice.”

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard:
“You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord.”

Prayers of the People – Ken Pedlow

Presider: 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.**

Presider: 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

Let us pray: 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.

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.

Blessing

Dismissal:

L. A.: Go into the world that God so loves.

All: We go bearing the light of Christ.

Postlude

READINGS FOR JANUARY 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;

1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Office Hours:

Clergy and staff will spend most time working from home.

**Please call or email your respective office for information
or to make an appointment.**

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INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; Linda our Primate and the Anglican Church of Canada and Melissa our Metropolitan, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Mark.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop-elect, Ansley, the Diocesan Administrator; Andrew and Christine and the congregations of Ss. Anne & Edmund, Parksville & Church of the Good Shepherd, Lasqueti Island and Bishop David and the Diocese of Caledonia. For the Priest and people of the Roman Catholic Saanich Peninsula Parish.

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

In our Parish: We pray that we all remind kind, calm and safe!

For those ill or in need of prayer: Cathy and John, Cheryl, Lise, Mark, Audrey Q., Gladys, Tony & Margaret, Liz, Neville, Louise, Diane S., Diane

For Those with Long-Term Needs:

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

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Pam, Kate, Scott, Steve & John, Grace, Marie S., Marian K., Isaiah, Peggy, Chuck & Emily, Dimas & Violeta, Barb & Rick, Kelley, Shelia & Candice, Geoffrey & Olivia

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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