



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH



JANUARY 17, 2021 – EPIPHANY 2

*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. Lon Towstego, 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: *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord* by David Evans

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *Here I am Lord* Words and Music: Daniel L. Schute

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in darkness now
My hand will save.

I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love a-lone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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 for Children, Young People and Educators

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 NRSV – David Stewart

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”

But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to

him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

All: Thanks be to God

Song: *You are Before Me, Lord* by Ian Pitt-Watson; t. Highland Cathedral

You are before me, Lord; you are behind,
and over me you have spread out your hand.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then from your Spirit where, Lord, shall I go,
and from your presence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I ascend to heaven you are there,
and still are with me if in hell I lie.

If I should take my flight into the dawn,
if I should dwell on ocean’s farthest shore,
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,
and your right hand will guard me evermore.

If I should say, “Let darkness cover me,
and I shall hide within the veil of night,”
surely the darkness is not dark to you:
the night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God, search me and know my heart:
try me, O God, my mind and spirit try;
keep me from any path that gives you pain,
and lead me in the everlasting way.

The Gospel

David S: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

David S: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 1:43-51

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." 49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon –The Rev. Lon Towstego

Song: *Still, My Soul, Be Still*

by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear
though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side. No longer dread
the fires of unexpected sorrow.

(chorus)

God, you are my God.
and I will trust in you and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit
within me to rest in you alone.

Still, my soul, be still. Do not be moved
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold on to his ways with shield of Faith
against temptation's flaming arrows. (*chorus*)

Still, my soul, be still. Do not forsake
the truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord and hope will rise
as stars appear when day is dimming. (*chorus*)

Prayers of the People – *David Stewart*

David S.: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, Let us sing as
our Saviour taught us,

The Lord's Prayer by *Gordon Light*

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives

**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 24, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

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.**

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Australia; 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; Jeremy and the congregation of St. Dunstan, Gordon Head and Bishop Lynne and the Diocese of Kootenay. 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 those preparing for the Annual General Meeting

For those ill or in need of prayer: Cathy and John, Lise, Mark, Liz, Neville, Louise, Diane S., Diane

For Those with Long-Term Needs:

Ken B, Erica, Cheryl, Margaret, Sharie, Ted, 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, Stacey

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