



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship

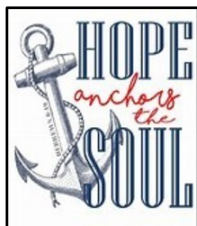


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Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH



MARCH 7, 2021 – LENT 3



Join us as we worship the living Christ!

Our guiding theme: “Hope, our anchor!”

“We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,”

**Weekly Online Services will be offered
at ParishCS.ca**

Onsite Services & Events are cancelled until further notice.

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

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

MORNING PRAYER
Book of Alternative Services
The Rev. Lon Towstego, Presider

A Warm Welcome to all who are worshipping with us on-line this morning! The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude: ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Prayer for our young people

Gathering Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

(CP#354) Words: Robert Robinson (1735- 1790) Tune: Nettleton

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.

Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand 'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand 'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander--Lord, I feel it--
prone to leave the God I love:
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Presider: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Presider: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one, Have mercy upon us.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading – Exodus 20:1-17 NRSV – *Ken Pedlow*

Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 BAS – *Ken Pedlow*

I The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

Gradual: *Ancient Words* by Lynn DeShazo

**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; give us hope
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. (*chorus*)**

The Gospel

Rev. Lon: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Rev. Lon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 2:13-22

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon –The Rev. Lon Towstego

Song: *Restore, O Lord, the Honour of Your Name*

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**Restore, O Lord, The honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That all may see And come with reverent fear
To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.
Restore, O Lord, In all the earth Your fame,
And in our time revive**

**The church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.**

**Bend us, O Lord, Where we are hard and cold,
In Your refiner's fire
Come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes And evil crouches near,
Still our living God
Is reigning, He is reigning here.**

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In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That all may see And come with reverent fear
To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Prayers of the People (sit or kneel) – Ken Pedlow

Ken: The Prayer for Ash Wednesday: 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.**

Lon: The Prayer of the Day: Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*) *Gordon Light*

Presider: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, at home, 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.**

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God

**All: whose love, 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

Sending Song: *Praise the Father* *by Gordon Johnson*

**Who is the one to whom you belong,
who in your weakness has made you strong?
Who fills your heart with joyful song?
Well, it is the Lord your God.**

(refrain)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit, three in one

who was and is and is to come.

All praise and honour and glory and power

Oh praise his name forever.

**Who is the one who for you died,
was mocked and spat at and crucified?
Who rose from the dead and is glorified?
Well, it is the Lord your God. *(refrain)***

**Who is the one who with you will be,
from highest mountain to darkest valley?
Who is the one who in you dwells?
Well, it is the Lord your God. *(refrain)***

Dismissal:

One: Go from this place with the cross on your hearts.

People: **We will empty ourselves with Christ for the life of the world**

Postlude: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; the Anglican Church of Canada – Linda and Mark.

We give thank to Melissa for her service as Metropolitan and pray for her as she transitions into retirement.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop; Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria – Ansley, Ross, Ian & Nancy and Bishop Lesley and the Diocese of Yukon. For the Priests and people of the Roman Catholic Saanich Peninsula Parish.

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

In our Parish: We pray our Church Wardens: Deb Butler, Lynda Clifford, Ken Pedlow and Ian Stuart.

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

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Ken B, Erica, Cheryl, Margaret & Tony, Sharie, Lise, 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, Kelley, Shelia & Candice, Geoffrey & Olivia, Amanda, Thea, Val

READINGS FOR MARCH 14, 2021

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; John 3:14-21

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