



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

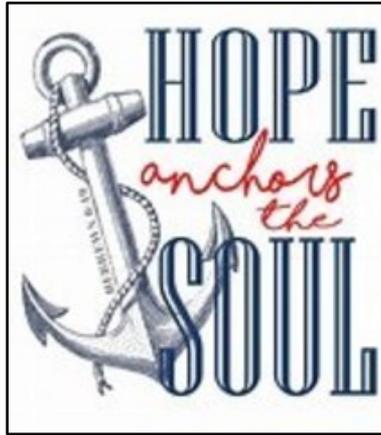
Faith - Family - Friendship



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Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH

APRIL 18, 2021 – EASTER 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. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Honorary Assistant

Easter 3 – April 18, 2021
Morning Prayer from Easter to Ascension
The Rev. Dr. Lon Towstego, Presider

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

Prelude – A sing-along

Jesus has risen from the grave (x3) Alleluia

Peter will soon be smiling (x3) Alleluia

Jesus will meet his people (x3) Alleluia

Welcome, Land acknowledgement & Prayer for Young People

Gathering Song: *The Tomb is Empty! Come and See*

**The tomb is empty! Come and see
where once the body lay.
Can it be true that Jesus Christ
is raised to life today!**

**The tomb is empty! Come and hear
these words of life and peace:
“He is not here. He lives again
in all your Galilees.”**

**The tomb is empty! Come and meet
the risen Christ our Lord
in whom we have our victory,
in whom is life restored.**

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider: Let us praise our God

**All: who has given us life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Presider: Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

All: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Presider: O God, you have claimed us as your own

**All: and called us from our darkness into the light of your
day.**

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider: Blessed are you, God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As once you ransomed your people from Egypt

and led them to freedom in the promised land,
so now you have delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the loving reign of the risen Christ.
May we, the first fruits of your new creation,
rejoice in this new day you have made
and praise you for your mighty acts.
Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Prayer of the Day: Holy and righteous God, you raised Christ from the dead and glorified him at your right hand. Let the words of scripture, fulfilled in Jesus your Son, burn within our hearts and open our minds to recognize him in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 4 BAS – Barb Baillie

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. **Amen.**

New Testament - 1 John 3:1-7 NRSV – Barb Baillie

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Thanks be to God.

Song:

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy
Christ has risen, Hallelujah! (x3)**

The Gospel - Luke 24:36b-48 NRSV

Barb: God be with you.

All And also with you.

Barb: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Lon: The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Song:

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy
Christ has risen, Hallelujah! (x3)**

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Lon Towstego

Song: *All Shall be Well*

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith/Music: Orlando Gibbons

**All shall be well!
For on our Easter skies
see Christ the sun of righteousness arise.**

**All shall be well!
The sacrifice is made,
the sinner freed, the price of pardon paid.**

**All shall be well!
The cross and passion past,
dark night is done, bright morning come at last.**

**All shall be well!
Lift every voice on high;
“Death had no more dominion, but shall die.”**

**Jesus alive!
Rejoice and sing again;
all shall be well for evermore, Amen!**

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Community

The Litany

Barb: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race,
class from class,

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

Barb: The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not
their own,

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

Barb: The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays
waste the earth,

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

Barb: Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

Barb: Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless,
the refugee,

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

Barb: The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and
children,

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

Barb: The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

Barb: Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as
God in Christ forgave you.

*The Liturgical Assistant will immediately flow into the Prayers of the
People*

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

Barb: Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers
and praises into one, let us sing as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

- Gordon Light

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Blessing

Sending Song: *Thine be the Glory*

Text: Edmond Louis Budry/Music: George Frideric Handel

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes, where thy body lay.**

refrain

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (*refrain*)**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (*refrain*)**

The Dismissal:

Barb: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Virtual Choir – *Rejoice! Angelic Choirs, Rejoice*

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READINGS – APRIL 25, 2021

Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Giving our Thanks and Praise: Stewardship for all!

Blessed are you, Gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, You create the fruit of the land to sustain our families and neighbours, You nurture the church, loving communities of faith, deepening our relationship with you and with one another, You offer us the gift of baptism and the sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that we may be fed and filled with your Holy Spirit, You bless us with generous hearts so that we may support the outcast, the hungry, the sick and all those who long for intimacy with Jesus. You fill us with determination to be mindful of the ministry and mission to which we are called, And you call us to generous support of our Parish of Central Saanich, our diocese and the wider church, Blessed are you O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of Ireland; for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; the Anglican Church of Canada – Linda, Lynn and Mark.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop; David and the people of St. Philip by-the-Sea, Lantzville and Bishop Lincoln and the Territory of the People. 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 for our Liturgical Assistants: Barb, David, Greg, Jackie, Ken and Mike

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

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Ken B, Erica, Cheryl, Margaret & Tony, Sharie, Lise, Ted, Doreen H., Brenda, Louise, Liz

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

Office Hours:

All Staff will spend considerable time working from home.

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or to make an appointment.**

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

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