



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church

St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH

MAY 2, 2021 – EASTER 5



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 5 – May 2, 2021

Morning Prayer

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

Alleluia!(x5) Christ the Lord is risen indeed
Alleluia! Christ, the first fruits from the grave
Alleluia! Christ has given us new life
Alleluia! Glory, love and praise to God

Trad. Honduran melody arr. John Bell

Welcome, Land acknowledgement & Prayer for Young People

Gathering Song: *Come People of the Risen King*

**Come, people of the risen king,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.**

Chorus:

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. *Chorus*
Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age;
‘Our God is all in all’. *Chorus***

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: God of life, you sent your Son into the world that
we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life, so that we
may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the
head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with
whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory
are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm: *Amid the Thronging Worshipers*

Words: Psalm 22 (Psalter 1912, PD)/Music: BOVINA, Laura A. Tate 1912, PD

Amid the thronging worshipers
the Lord, our God, I bless;
before his people gathered here,
his name will I confess.
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord,
the children of his grace;

with rev'rence sound his glories forth
and bow before his face.

The burden of the sorrowful
The Lord will not despise;
he has not turned from those who mourn,
he listens to their cries.

His goodness makes me join the throng
where saints his praise proclaim;
and there will I fulfill my vows
with those who fear his name.

He feeds with good the humble soul
and satisfies the meek,
and they shall live and praise the Lord
who for his mercy seek.

The ends of all the earth will hear,
the nations seek the Lord;
they worship him, the King of kings,
in earth and heav'n adored.

New Testament – Acts 8:26-40 NRSV – *David Stewart*

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to

prevent me from being baptized?"³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear what the Spirit is saying

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *I am the Vine* by John Michael Talbot

Refrain:

I am the vine and you are the branches
live in me and you will never die
I am the vine and my father is the keeper
Come to me let the Spirit bring you life

Like a tree planted by the living water
to stretch its roots into the living stream
You will show no distress in the heat of the drought
But still bear fruit and live (refrain)

Come to me all you heavy laden
My yoke is easy, my burden is light
I will raise you up on the wings of an eagle
And to God's mountain will fly (refrain)

The Gospel – John 15:1-8 NRSV

David: God be with you.

All And also with you.

David: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for

you.⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

David: The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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live in me and you will never die

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Come to me let the Spirit bring you life

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Lon Towstego

Song: *Come and Journey with a Saviour* (CP #482)

Text: Herbert O'Driscoll/Music: BEACH SPRING (1879)

**Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.**

(Refrain)

*Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.*

*We are all God's sons and daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.*

**Come and journey, journey outward,
where the cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share. *Refrain***

**Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere. *Refrain***

**Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King.**

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.

The Prayers of the Community

The Litany

David: 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

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

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

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

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

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

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

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

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

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

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

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

All: CREATOR FORGIVE

David: 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

David: Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers
and praises into one, let us pray 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.**

The Sending Forth of the Community

The Blessing

Sending Song: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* CP #378

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)/Music: George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthems drown all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

The Dismissal:

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

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MAY 2021 READINGS – YEAR B

DATE		READINGS
May 9	Old Testament	Acts 10:44-48
<i>white</i>	Psalm	98
	Gospel	John 15:9-17
May 16	New Testament	Acts 1:1-11
<i>white</i>	Psalm	47
	Gospel	Luke 24:44-53
May 23	Psalm	104:25-35, 37b
<i>Red</i>	Epistle	Acts 2:1-21
	Gospel	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
May 30	Psalm	29
<i>white</i>	Epistle	Romans 8:12-17
	Gospel	John 3:1-17

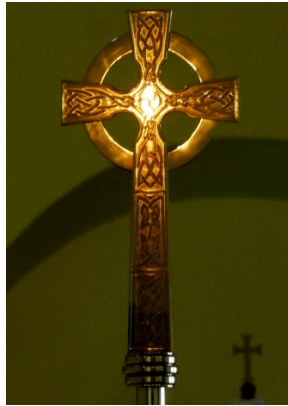
OUTREACH

ST. MARY’S OUTREACH – For those who do not have offering envelopes, you may bring your outreach offering in a plain envelope, marked “Outreach for Month of ____” with your name and address and, if applicable, your Electronic Collection Plate number.

Apr.	Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund
May	Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank
June	ORCCA Dental Clinic

ST. STEPHEN’S OUTREACH – For those who do not have offering envelopes, you may bring your outreach offering in a plain envelope, marked “Outreach for Month of ____” with your name and address and, if applicable, your Electronic Collection Plate number.

Apr.	Street Hope
May	South Island Centre for Counselling and Training
June	Blue Bus Ministry (Youth for Christ)



INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; 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; Elaine and St. Columba, Port Hardy and St. John, Port Alice and Bishop Lynn and the Diocese of Kootenay. 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 all who have been putting together our on-line services.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville, Ken B.

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

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, Sister Amy Joy, Dr. Bonnie

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. T

There is now a secure mail slot in the office door at both St. Mary and St. Stephen.

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.

The Wardens

Office Hours:

All Staff will spend considerable time working from home.

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

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

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