



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church

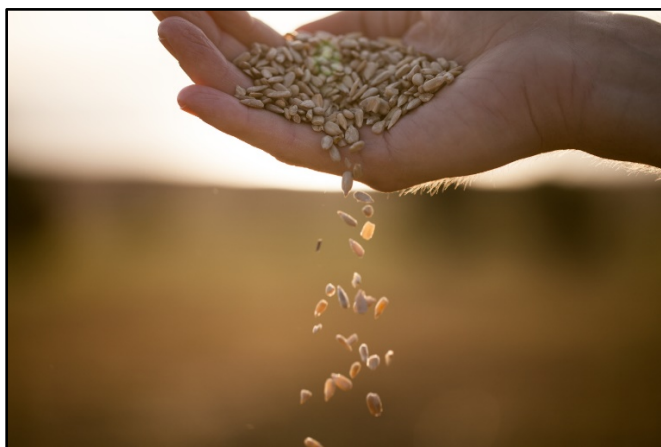
St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH

JUNE 13, 2021 – PENTECOST 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 Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Honorary Assistant**

Pentecost 3 – June 13, 2021
Book of Alternative Services Morning Prayer
The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

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

Prelude

Welcome, Land acknowledgement & Prayer for Young People

Gathering Song: *Spirit, Open my Heart*

words by Ruth Duck; Tune, trad, Wild Mountain Thyme

Chorus

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love, may I love in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

(Chorus)

Write your love upon my heart

as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word and deed,

may my living bring you glory. (Chorus)

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. (chorus)

Presider: Lord, open our lips,

All: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider: O God, make speed to save us.

All: **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. Alleluia!**

Venite (*said*)

Psalms 95.1–7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

**The sea is his for he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalm 20 BAS – Barb Baillie

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, * the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; * may the Lord grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; * he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, * but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.

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.**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 NRSV – Barb Baillie

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God

Song: *Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast* (CP #478)

Text: John Cawood/Music: Twenty-Fourth (Primrose)

**Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend,
and righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the foe of righteousness
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love.**

The Gospel – Mark 4:26-34 NRSV – Barb Baillie

Barb: God be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Barb: This is the Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,**

**but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.**

**Oft as the precious seed is sown,
your quick'ning grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive,
its saving pow'r may know.**

The Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Alleluia**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be open unto you
Alleluia**

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 – *Barb Baillie*

Barb: The Prayer of the Day: Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe. You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving one. May your life-giving Spirit re-create us in your image and shape us into your purposes, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

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

Barb: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray 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: *You are Salt for the Earth* (CP #502)

Text & Music: Marty Haugen

**You Are Salt For The Earth, Oh People,
Salt For The Kingdom Of God!
Share The Flavor Of Life, Oh People:
Life In The Kingdom Of God!**

(refrain)

**Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Mercy,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Peace.
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of Justice,
Bring Forth The City Of God!**

**You Are A Seed Of The Word, Oh People,
Bring Forth The Kingdom Of God!
Seeds Of Mercy And Seeds Of Justice,
Grow In The Kingdom Of God! *(refrain)***

**We Are The Bless'd And A Pilgrim People,
Bound For The Kingdom Of God!
Love Our Journey And Love Our Homeland:
Love Is The Kingdom Of God! *(refrain)***

Dismissal:

One: Let us go in peace to love and serve God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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READINGS – JUNE 20, 2021

Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

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.

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.

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

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 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; Travis and St. Barnabas, Victoria and Bishop John and the Diocese of New Westminster. 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 Leadership Team: David C., David S., Deb, Don, Ian, John, Karen, Ken, Lon, Lynda, Sandra, and Terry

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville

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

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Pam, Kate, Scott, Steve & John, Grace, Marie S., Marian K., Isaiah, Peggy, Chuck & Emily, Dimas & Violeta, Shelia & Candice, Geoffrey & Olivia, Amanda, Thea, Val, Sister Amy Joy, Dr. Bonnie, Sharon, Donna, Virginia



The Parish of Central Saanich is pleased to acknowledge the support of the Anglican Foundation of Canada. We are grateful to have been awarded \$7,500 toward the painting of the exterior of St. Stephen Church in order to keep the Designated Heritage Building in good repair. We also thank the Diocese for endorsing our application.

The Foundation annually supports projects such as these across Canada and donations to the Foundation are always gratefully received.

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. There are now a secure mail slots in the office door at 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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