



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

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Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH St. Mary Church



NOVEMBER 28, 2021 – ADVENT 1

Join us as we worship the living Christ!

“Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” *Luke 21:28*

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

Alternating:

Sunday Service (BCP) 7:45 a.m.

St. Mary’s Service:

Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Service:

Sunday Service: 11:15 a.m.

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The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Honorary Assistant

Leslie Flynn, Theological Student Intern

Retired Clergy: The Ven. Bob Baillie; The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane
The Rev. Canon Lorry Harrison, The Rev. Gil Shoosmith, deacon

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Stephen

Book of Common Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Presiding & Preaching

The service begins on page 67

Today's readings are; Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9;

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

The text of the readings may be found in the service outline below

HOLY EUCHARIST

Book of Alternative Services

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Presiding

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.

The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Dedication of Blue Hangings – in memory of Robert and Rose Noyes

Dedication of Advent Banner – in memory of Carter Logan

McMenamie Bonsdorf

Thank you presentation to Judi Clark and Marcia McMenamie on behalf of St. Mary.

Gathering Song: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Text: The Liturgy of St. James; Tr. Gerald Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: (PICARDY) French Carol (17th cent.)

Solo: Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to us approacheth,
Our full homage to demand.

Ensemble King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, In human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

All: **Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

All: At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!”

Lighting the Candle of Hope on the Advent Wreath:

A short reflection on **Hope** by Barbara Baillie

The first candle is lit followed by singing:

My Lord, He Is A-comin' Soon text, Laura Winnen; music, Jeff Cothran

refrain

**My Lord, he is a-comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.**

**If you're asleep, it's time to wake up;
awake, o sleeper, arise.**

**If you're in the dark, it's time to be lit;
awake, o sleeper, arise! (*refrain*)**

**Come, Lord Jesus, come into my heart;
prepare ye the way of the King.
He is coming, he's coming soon;
prepare the way of the King! (*refrain*)**

The Gathering of the Community *All stand.*

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day: Let us pray. God of unveiled truth, in times of darkened sun and waning moon, lift up our hearts and waken our love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.** *Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

The Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16 NRSV – *Marian Towstego*

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9 BAS – *Marian Towstego*

(responsively by the half verse)

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * **let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * **let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, * **and teach me your paths.**

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * **for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, * **for they are from everlasting.**

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * **remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; * **therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

8 He guides the humble in doing right * **and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness * **to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

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.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 NRSV – Marian Towstego

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Gradual: *Wait for the Lord - Taize Community*

Wait for the Lord whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord

Be strong, take heart.

Stand for the Gospel as you are able.

Leslie: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 21:25-36 NRSV

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia – Taize Community

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia x4

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

The Apostle's Creed:

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 People – Leslie Flynn

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

(Staying in your spot, The Peace may be shared, with a smile or a nod with those around you)

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Song: *Blessed be the God of Israel*

*Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. / Music: (FOREST GREEN) English Folk,
adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams*

**Blessed be the God of Israel,
Who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
And all who wish us harm.**

**With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all,
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.**

Prayer over the Gifts: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name as we sing

Sanctus and Benedictus – *music, Land of restan American traditional tune*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us say,

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 pow'r and the glory are yours, Now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Administration of Holy Communion

All are invited to share in the Bread or a Blessing

Please cross your arms at the rail if you would prefer a blessing only.

At this time, the sacrament will be administered under the form of Bread only.

The Church has always taught that receiving in one kind (bread or wine) conveys the fullness of Christ's sacramental presence

Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **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: *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

Text: John Cennick (1718-1755)

Music: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) and Martin Madan (1726-1790)

**Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah! hallelujah! hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord come!**

Dismissal (*Alleluias omitted during Advent*)

Leader: Go into the world that is waiting.

All: **We go bearing the promise of God.**

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Readings for December 5, 2021 – Advent 2

Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 19a; Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

THE ARCHDEACON’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE – Please pick up your letter today. Should you wish to make a special offering to give thanks to God for all that he has given, please use the envelope enclosed in your Christmas letter. There are also spare Christmas envelopes on the table at the back of the church.

7:45 A.M. BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EUCHARISTS

December 5 at St. Mary

December 19 at St. Mary

December 12 at St. Stephen

**For all services, please remember to dress warmly;
the worship spaces will be well-ventilated and may be chilly**

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. Under current guidelines, we are unable to leave a supply of envelopes out for people to pick up.

Nov.	South Island Centre for Counselling & Training	Our donations help fund programs and staffing at this non-profit counselling and training agency which is funded solely through donations, fees and grants.
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LÁ,ETEN TTE ŚCELESTENEN Building Bridges – As our Christmas Outreach to our Tsawout neighbours, we will be collecting cash donations and bulk-purchasing Gift Cards. You may insert your cash or cheque (payable to St. Mary’s Church) into an envelope with your address and/or envelope number. You may use the DONATE Button on the website, choose St. Mary’s Outreach and indicate “Building Bridges” in the Note box. You may also place the envelope on the offering plate **today**. It is now too late to donation by mail.

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. Under current guidelines, we are unable to leave a supply of envelopes out for people to pick up.

St. Stephen's November Outreach giving is designated for Christmas Hampers. Currently our General Outreach Fund has less than \$400. Last year between helping out with Food Gift cards at Bayside Middle School, Tsartlip and private known-to-us families, we distributed \$1,000.00. We need some help to boost the balance.

Fairways has a fundraising program and cards are available from Bob in the office. When their cheques come, in the money goes into General Outreach. So, there are two ways to help us reach out to members of the community at Christmas this year: by donation to our Outreach Program or by use of the Fairways Cards.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Igreja Episcopal anglicana do Brasil; for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; the Anglican Church of Canada – Linda, Lynne and Mark.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop; Paul, Ingrid and the congregation of Church of the Advent, Colwood and Lynne and the Diocese of Kootenay. For Father Rolf and people of the Roman Catholic Saanich Peninsula Parish.

Our Parish Ministers: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Lorry, Gil and Leslie, our VST intern.

In our Parish: We pray for the members of our Altar Guilds

For the repose of the soul: of Art Bond and for comfort and strength for his family, especially his sister, Shirley Schwazer, and for his other family and friends.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville, Alan, Margaret & Tony, Sharon B., Mel, Leslie P.

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

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Dimas & Violeta, Shelia & Candice, Amanda, Val, Sharon, Donna, Jo-Jo, Virginia, Health Care and Frontline workers, Nicholas, Shelby, Donna & Bob Brandle, Margot & Bruce

THANK YOU to everyone for continuing your offerings. Your dedication to your church is heartwarming. If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish,

- You may place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the church when you attend services.
- You may donate to either congregation on-line by going to the parish website (**ParishCS.ca**) and clicking the “DONATE” tab on the top line. From there, follow the instructions to indicate where your donation should be applied. May be used for Outreach donations as well.
- There are secure mail slots in the office doors at St. Mary and St. Stephen for drop off.
- 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 on the back of the bulletin.

The Wardens

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