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St. Mary Church      St. Stephen Church  
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**Welcome To  
PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH  
St. Mary Church**



**MAY 22, 2022 – Easter 6**

**Join us as we worship the living Christ!**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.  
*Philippians 4.4*

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

**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**

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



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**9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Vancouver Island Liturgy**

*The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane, Presiding & Preaching*

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

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

Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Church Hall following the service.

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Prelude – Cathy Quicke

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

**Gathering Song:** *Across the Lands* by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

**You're the Word of God the Father  
from before the world began;  
every star and every planet  
has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together  
by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory;  
let the land and seas rejoice.**

*You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of everyone,  
and your cry of love rings out across the land.*

**Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost  
end exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry,  
with a word you calmed the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered,  
that the guilty may go free.**

*You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of everyone,  
and your cry of love rings out across the land.*

**With a shout you rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven,  
leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father,  
interceding for your own;  
from each tribe and tongue and nation  
you are leading sinners home.**

***You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of everyone,  
and your cry of love rings out across the land.***

*The Gathering of the People:*

*Brett:* In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands of the *WSÁNEĆ* and *Coast Salish* peoples.

***All:* From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.**

*Gil:* In this time and place we are not alone for we meet in the presence of the living God.

***All:* For we meet in the presence of the living God.**

*Brett:* In this time and place we are not alone for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

***All:* The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.**

*Gil:* In this time and space we are not alone for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

***All:* The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.**

*Brett:* In this time and space we are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven. In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

***All:* In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.**

*Gil:* In this time and place together, one people in Jesus Christ.

***All:* In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**The Gloria** (*Ashgrove*)

**Sing glory to God in the heights of the heavens  
Salvation and peace to God's people on earth  
Our Sovereign, our Saviour, our God, our Creator  
We worship and praise you and sing of your worth.**

**Creation unites in the power of the Spirit  
In praise of the Father, through Jesus the Son  
So complex, so simple, so clear, so mysterious  
Our God ever three yet eternally one.**

**This Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
The lamb who has carried the burden of shame  
Now seated on high in the glory of heaven  
Have mercy upon us who call on your name.**

**For you, only you, we acknowledge as holy  
We name you alone as our Saviour and Lord  
You only, O Christ, with the Spirit exalted,  
Are one with the Father, forever adored.**

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In praise of the Father, through Jesus the Son  
So complex, so simple, so clear, so mysterious  
Our God ever three yet eternally one.**

### **Centering Stillness:**

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. (Silence)

**The Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, through a vision you sent forth Paul to preach the gospel and called the women to a place of prayer on the sabbath. Like Paul and Lydia, may our hearts respond to your word and be open to go where you lead us. Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**Acts 16:9-15 NRSV – Bob Quicke**

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

**Thanks be to God**

**Responsive Psalm 67 BAS – Gil Shoesmith**

*I* May God be merciful to us and bless us, \* **show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \* **your saving health among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* **let all the peoples praise you.**

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \* for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \* **let all the peoples praise you.**

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \* **may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

7 May God give us his blessing, \* **and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

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.**

### **Revelation 21:10 & 22 to 22:5 NRSV – Gil Shoemith**

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual:** *Nada Te Turbe* (CP #568) Taize Community

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.  
God alone fills us.** (repeated) (repeated)

**Brett:** May God be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Brett:** The Gospel of our Lord Jesus according to John

**People:** **Glory to you, Jesus Christ.**

**John 14:23-29 NRSV**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

**Brett:** The Gospel of Christ

**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Confitermini Domino** (CP #402) Taize Community

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia** (repeated)

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane

"We Are Resurrection People - The Life to Come, Part 2"

**Anthem:** *The Holy City*

*Words by F. E. Weatherly; Music by Stephen Adams*

**The Apostles' Creed** (*said*)

**Presider:** 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

Prayers of the People – Gil Shoesmith

**Confession & Absolution:**

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.

*Silence is kept.*

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*

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

**People: And also with you.**

*The members of the community offer a sign of contactless peace to one another.*

**Offertory: There is a Redeemer**

*Words and music: Melody Green*

**There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son.  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.**

*Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done*

**Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.**

*Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done*

**When I stand in glory  
I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever  
in that holy place.**

*Thank You, O my Father,  
for giving us Your Son,  
and leaving Your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done*

*After the offering is placed on the Lord's Table, all sing:*

**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.**

*by Gord Johnson*

## **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

*(Eucharist Prayer C)*

**Presider:** God is here

**People:** **The Spirit is with us.**

**Presider:** Lift up your hearts and minds.

**People:** **We lift them to God.**

**Presider:** Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

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

**Presider:** It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. You made us in your

image. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own, to nurture them in the way of compassionate love. You sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary. Jesus revealed your love for all Creation, and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us - Jesus suffered the cross, Died, And in rising again became the firstborn of the renewed family. And so as we gather around your table, With saints of every age and your beloved creation we raise our voices and sing:

### **Sanctus & Benedictus** (*Sung*)

*Steve Bell*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest**

**Presider:** To you be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, Poured out for you and for many; do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All:** **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**Presider:** Recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.

When all of creation groans, unite us in Christ and give us your hope that we might be strengthened to do your work, as your body in the world.

Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, all praise and glory be yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**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 forever. Amen**

### **Breaking of the Bread:**

Presider: Creator of all, who summons the salmon from the depths of the seas to yearn for the place of their origin.

**All: So may your Spirit stir in our hearts to return and find our home in you.**

Administration of Holy Communion

*All are invited to share in the Bread and/or Wine*

*If you prefer a Blessing please cross your arms.*

*The sacrament will be administered in the form of Bread and Wine. The*

*Church has always taught that receiving in one kind (bread or wine)*

*conveys the fulness of Christ's sacramental presence.*

*Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.*

## **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

**Prayer after Communion:** Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 Hymn: *Jerusalem the Golden* (CP#278)**

*Text: ernard of Cluny (12<sup>th</sup> Cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

**Jerusalem the golden,  
with milk and honey blest,  
beneath thy contemplation  
sink heart and voice oppressed.**

**I know not, O I know not  
what joys await us there,  
what radiancy of glory,  
what bliss beyond compare.**

**They stand, those halls of Sion,  
all jubilant with song,  
and bright with many an Angel,  
and all the martyr throng.**

**The Prince is ever in them,  
the daylight is serene:**

**The pastures of the blesséd  
are decked in glorious sheen.**

**There is the throne of David,  
and there, from care released,  
the shout of them that triumph,  
the song of them that feast;  
and they, who with their leader  
have conquered in the fight,  
for ever and for ever  
are clad in robes of white.**

**O sweet and blesséd country  
the home of God's elect;  
O dear and future vision,  
that eager hearts expect:  
even now by faith we see thee,  
Even here thy walls discern;  
To thee our thoughts are kindled;  
for thee our spirits yearn.**

Dismissal: Go forth in the name of the Risen Lord. Alleluia!

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Please join us for conversation and coffee in the Parish Hall*

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**READINGS – MAY 29, 2022 – Ascension Day**

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

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**MID-WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES** - We will stand down Wednesday services from May 4 to June 1, 2022 and resume for June 8, 15, 22 & 29.

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**THE 2022 FLOWER CHART** – There are opportunities for donation of flowers on July 3, 17, 24 and 31 and August 7<sup>th</sup>.

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**ST. MARY'S SPRING FLING**

**May 28 - 9:30 a.m.–12:00 Noon**

The very popular parts of this event are the CLOTHING, HOUSEWARES, BAKE section and the BOOK section! The JEWELRY section would love contributions – even single earrings seem to disappear! There are many other areas where you can help make this a very successful event. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex! Please use the new Styrofoam trays and plastic bags on the table in the narthex for your baking. Please do not drop off items until Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**HOME BAKING**

Only a short time now until the big day is here. Trays and plastic bags are ready for you to pick up from the table in the narthex next week. Buyers with allergies appreciate knowing the ingredients in an item; attach a small tag listing them. There are many requests for Gluten Free foods. Let's do our best to ensure the Bake Table is full to overflowing!!!!

**DELIVERING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Donations will be welcome:

on **THURSDAY MORNING** (May 26) 9:00 - 11:30 AM  
(to the narthex). **Baking Noon to 2:30**

or **FRIDAY** (May 27) between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM (to all stalls).

**BAKING** will be accepted on **SATURDAY BEFORE 9:00 AM**

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**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Altar Guild to the Glory of God and in memory of former members who have died.

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**7:45 A.M. BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EUCHARISTS** – will stand down.

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**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.

Jan.	<b>Rector’s Discretionary Fund</b>
Feb.	<b>St. Matthew’s Library, Ethiopia</b>
Mar.	<b>General Outreach</b>
Apr.	<b>Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund</b>
May	<b>Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank</b>
June	<b>ORCCA Dental Clinic</b>

**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.

Jan.	<b>Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank</b>
Feb.	<b>St. Matthew’s Library, Ethiopia</b>
Mar.	<b>Rector’s Discretionary Fund</b>
Apr.	<b>Street Hope</b>
May	<b>South Island Centre for Counseling &amp; Training</b>
June	<b>Youth for Christ Blue Bus Ministry</b>



## INTERCESSIONS

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia; for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin; the Anglican Church of Canada – Linda and Lynne. Pray for Bishop Sidney and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Anna, our bishop; Jeanne and the congregation of St. Columba, Tofino, 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 and Gil

**In our Parish:** We pray for our Liturgical Assistants, Ken, Jackie, Greg and David.

**For those ill or in need of prayer:** Neville W., Alan, Margaret P., Sharon B., Ken 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, Shelia & Candice, Amanda, Val, Sharon, Donna, Jo-Jo, Virginia, Health Care and Frontline workers, Nicholas, Shelby, Donna & Bob Brandle, Margot & Bruce, John K., Helen, Jeannie, Kasia and family

**For the repose of the soul:** of Gladys Delbrouck Otto whose life was celebrated at St. Mary's yesterday. For comfort and strength for her family and friends. Gladys was nearing her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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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**St. Stephen Church Office:**

9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday

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