



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church

St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH St. Stephen Church



DECEMBER 4, 2022 – ADVENT 2

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

St. Mary's Service:

Sunday Service: 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Communion: 10:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Service:

Sunday Service: 11:15 a.m.

Continue to monitor our website - ParishCS.ca

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. Canon Richard Stetson,
The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, deacon

A friendly reminder, we continue to strongly recommend wearing of masks for worship and especially while singing from the congregation. This is the most loving act of Christian kindness that we can extend to each other and visitors at this time.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Diocese of Islands and Inlets Liturgy (*V. I. Liturgy*)

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 – ***O the Valleys Shall Ring***

– Dave Bilbrough © 1980 CCLI #180015

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *What a Beautiful Name it is*

– Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood © CCLI #7068424

**You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation,
Now revealed in You, our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us,
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is,
Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.**

**The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever God You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.**

**What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is,
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.**

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The Name of Jesus.**

Lighting the Candle of Peace on the Advent Wreath:

The Candle of Hope is pre-lit

A short reflection on **Peace** by Lynda Clifford

The second Candle of Peace is lit

Song: *When God is a Child* (verse 2 & chorus)

words: Brian Wren (c) 1989 Hope Publishing

tune: Moon Beams by Joan C. Fogg (c) 1987 Hope Publishing

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**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.**

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.**

The Gathering of the People

Lon: In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands of the
W̱SÁNEĆ and Coast Salish peoples.

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

Jackie: 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.

Lon: 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.

Jackie: 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.

Lon: 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.**

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

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

Trifold Kyrie – author unknown; arr. D Essery

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.

**The Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, who sent your servant John
the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire
us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient
hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

The Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10 – *Deb Butler*

11 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 BAS – *Deb Butler*

1 Give the king your justice, O God, * **and your righteousness to the king's son;**

2 That he may rule your people righteously * **and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * **and the little hills bring righteousness.**

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * **he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * **from one generation to another.**

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * **like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * **there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * **who alone does wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever! * **and may all the earth be filled with his glory.**

Amen. Amen.

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.

Romans 15:4-13 – Marian Towstego

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

¹⁰and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

¹¹and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Gradual: *On Jordan's Bank* (CP #103) – words: Charles Coffin, tr. John Chandler tune: Winchester New (Georg Wittwe)

**On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
Where such a mighty Guest may come.**

**For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge, and our great Reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let Thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost forevermore.**

Jackie: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Jackie: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.””

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the

wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 – Lynda Clifford

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*

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 Song: *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying*

words: James Lewis Milligan tune: Ascension (H. Hugh Bancroft)

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,

A call from the ways untrod:

Prepare in the desert a highway,

A highway for our God!

The valleys shall be exalted,

The lofty hills brought low;

Make straight all the crooked places,

Where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings,

Get thee up to the heights and sing!

Proclaim to a desolate people

The coming of their King:

Like the flowers of the field they perish,

The works of men decay,

The power and pomp of nations

Shall pass like a dream away.

But the word of our God endureth,

The arm of the Lord is strong;

He stands in the midst of nations,

And He will right the wrong:

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,

And fold the lambs to His breast;

In pastures of peace He'll lead them,

And give to the weary rest.

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,

A call from the ways untrod:

Prepare in the desert a highway,

A highway for our God!

The valleys shall be exalted,

The lofty hills brought low;

**Make straight all the crooked places,
Where the Lord our God may go!**

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

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Eucharistic Prayer A

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: Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation.

At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be.

In you, all created things shared life with one another.

In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets.

The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty.

When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus – *music, Land of Rest, 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: We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying,

"Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me. Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

**All: Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word.
 Come, Creator Spirit.**

Presider: With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth.

Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in Heaven*

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**Our Father in Heaven,
Your name is Holy.
May Your will be done here;
May Your Kingdom come.
You supply all we need.
Lord, forgive our transgressions,
As we forgive others
Who trespass against us.
And lead us, dear Father,
Not into temptation;
Deliver us, Lord,
From the evil one's snare.
For Yours is the Kingdom,
And Yours is the power,
And Yours is the glory,
Forever and 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.**

Agnus Dei - *Betty Pulkingham (c) 1974*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us Your peace.

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Administration of Holy Communion

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.

*If you prefer not to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing,
please cross your arms over your chest.*

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Prayer after Communion: we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus 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: *Mighty to Save*

Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan © 206 CCLI #4591782

Ev'ryone needs compassion,

Love that's never failing.

Let mercy fall on me.

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,

The kindness of a Saviour.

The hope of nations.

Saviour, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me,

All my fears and failures.

Fill my life again.

I give my life to follow,

Ev'rything I believe in.

Now I surrender.

Saviour, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

Saviour, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

He is mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation.

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see,

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Jesus.

Shine your light and let the whole world see,

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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Dismissal (*Alleluias omitted during Advent*)

Leader: Go into the world that is waiting.

All: We go bearing the promise of God.

Postlude: *Word of God, Speak*

— Bart Millard and Pete Kipley © 2002 CCLI# 3912788

Readings for December 11, 2022 – Advent 2

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:4-9;

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

OUTREACH

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.

Dec.	Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
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INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East; 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; Travis and the congregation of S. Barnabas, Victoria; John and the Diocese of New Westminster. For Central Saanich United Church.

Our Parish Ministers: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Richard and Gil

In our Parish: We pray for Malaika Harker & Rob Newsham and for Philip & Sharon Johnston and for their families.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville W., Alan, Margaret P., Derek and Betty, Margery, Diana, Margaret, Nancy J., Sandra S.

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Cheryl, Sharie, Lise, Ted, Brenda, Liz, Cathy and John, Jillian S., Paul J., Natalie, Jamie, Sharon B., Mark

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Shelia & Candice, Amanda, Val, Sharon, Donna, Jo-Jo, Virginia, Health Care and Frontline workers, Nicholas, Shelby, Margot, John K., Helen, Jeannie, Andrew, Gil & Cheryl's son-in-law, Matt, Georgia & Kingston

DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS & SERVICES

Please join us

Day	Date	Time	Location
Friday	Dec. 16	6:30 pm	Community Christmas Sing-Along at St. Stephen Hall. Fun for all ages
Saturday	Dec. 24	4:00 pm	St. Stephen
		7:45 pm 8:00 pm	Harp Prelude begins St. Mary
Sunday	Dec. 25	10:00 am	St. Mary (<i>combined service</i>)
Sunday	Jan. 1/23	10:00 am	St. Stephen (<i>combined service</i>)

The best way to stay informed is via the website:
ParishCS.ca

Parish of Central Saanich

Christmas Community Sing-Along



Please join us for a family friendly
sing-along of everyone's favourite
fun Christmas songs!

- Sing-along with the musicians of the Anglican Parish of Central Saanich
- Presentations by members of the parish
- Fun facts about your favourite Christmas songs
- Hot apple cider
- Story time with Santa and Mrs. Claus



- Friday, December 16, 2022
- 6:30 pm in St. Stephen Hall
7921 St. Stephen's Rd.



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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

<p>CLERGY CONTACT INFORMATION</p> <p>The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego</p> <p>His Cell Phone: (250) 208-9949</p> <p>His email: ltowstego@bc.anglican.ca</p>
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<p>Office Hours:</p> <p>St. Mary Church Office:</p> <p>8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesday to Thursday</p> <p>St. Stephen Church Office:</p> <p>9:30 am to 1:00 pm on Friday</p>
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