



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church

St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



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



**MARCH 24, 2024– SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
WITH LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall
mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they
shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31*

*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.

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The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Honorary Assistant

Associated Clergy: The Ven. Bob Baillie
The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane
The Rev. Paul Schumacher,
The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, deacon

As health restrictions relax, please practice protocols that make you feel comfortable.

11:15 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Presider & Preacher

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.

The Service begins at the Lych Gate at 11:15 a.m.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Liturgy of the Palms

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

The invitation

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

The Blessing of Palms:

Lon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest.

May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Palms are distributed after being blessed.

The Gospel of the Triumphal Entry

Brett: God be with you

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 12:12-16

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!'

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!'

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Response after the gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our Salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Brett: Let us go forth in peace and joy.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people will make their way to the Hall waving their Palms.

Palm Procession (2 songs): *Hosanna* – Carl Tuttle © 1985 CCLI# 21545

**Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Lord, we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise!
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!
Glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!
Lord, we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise!
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God!
Glory to the King of kings!**

King of Kings and Lord of Lords – Sophie Conty & Naomi Batya © 1980

**King of kings and Lord of lords,
Glory (clap) Hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords,
Glory (clap) Hallelujah!**

**Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Glory (clap) Hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Glory (clap) Hallelujah!**

Once everyone has found their seats, the Clergy will process as we sing.

Gathering Hymn: *Hosanna to the Living King*

– J. Belt & B. Prout © 1976

**I will praise the Lord with harp and string,
I will praise the Lord with everything.
I will praise the Lord with all my heart
And this is how I'll start . . .**

**Hosanna to the Living King,
Hosanna to the Lord.
Hosanna all creation sings
To You in one accord.**

**I will love the Lord by loving you.
I will love the Lord so you'll love Him, too.
I will love the Lord in all I do,
For love makes all things new.**

**Hosanna to the Living King,
Hosanna to the Lord.
Hosanna all creation sings
To You in one accord.**

**I will give the Lord the things I bear,
I will give the Lord my every care.
For I know His love is always there;
His praises we will share.**

**Hosanna to the Living King,
Hosanna to the Lord.
Hosanna all creation sings
To You in one accord.**

The Gathering of the Community

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.

Maria: 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.

Maria: 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.

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

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

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.

Trisagion - *composer unknown, arr. Daisy Essery*

Holy God, Holy and mighty,

Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and mighty,

Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and mighty,

Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

The Prayer of the Day: Holy and immortal God, as we enter into this holy week turn our hearts to Jerusalem, so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may enter the city not made with hands, your promised realm of justice and peace, eternal from age to age. Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

The Readings

Psalm 118:1-2 & 19-29 – *Lynda Clifford*

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * **his mercy endures for ever.**
- ² Let Israel now proclaim, * **“His mercy endures for ever.”**
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; * **I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**
- ²⁰ ”This is the gate of the Lord; * **he who is righteous may enter.”**
- ²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * **and have become my salvation.**
- ²² The same stone which the builders rejected * **has become the chief cornerstone.**
- ²³ This is the Lord’s doing, * **and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- ²⁴ On this day the Lord has acted; * **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
- ²⁵ Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! * **Lord, send us now success.**
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; * **we bless you from the house of the Lord.**
- ²⁷ God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; * **form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**
- ²⁸ ”You are my God, and I will thank you; * **you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**
- ²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; * **his mercy endures for ever.**
- 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.

Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV – *Sandra Scarth*

- Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name

that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God

A reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

See insert of Passion Narrative – Mark

Key Readers please come forward

(In order to engage well with this reading, the people may be seated)

Gradual Solo: ***Were You There***

– African-American Spiritual, sung by Abby Moss

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – *Maria King*

Call to Confession:

Presider: The choice is ever before us: discipleship or rejection, authentic response or play-acting, commitment that will go all the way to a cross or hypocrisy which is a living denial and death. Like the fickle crowds of the first Palm Sunday, we need to examine ourselves and question the genuineness of our commitment.

Confession of Sin:

All: God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so – but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other folks involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In Jesus's name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Presider: God sweeps into our human scene, redeeming all who turn from evil and do good. There is grace, mercy, and renewed strength for all who earnestly seek the new life Christ brings. Let us rejoice together, for even the stones cry out with good news. God forgives. You are freed from the burden of your sin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Praise God!

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 peace to one another in a manner that feels safe for you.
Please be sensitive to the comfort level of others.*

Offertory: *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord* - John Fischer © 1970

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**Have you seen Jesus my Lord?
He's here in plain view.**

**Take a look, open your eyes,
He'll show it to you.**

**Have you ever looked at the sunset,
With the sky mellowin' red
And the clouds suspended like feathers?
Then I say . . . you've seen Jesus my Lord.**

**Have you seen Jesus my Lord?
He's here in plain view.
Take a look, open your eyes,
He'll show it to you.**

**Have you ever stood at the ocean,
With the white foam at your feet;
Felt the endless thunderin' motion?
Then I say . . . you've seen Jesus my Lord.**

**Have you seen Jesus my Lord?
He's here in plain view.
Take a look, open your eyes,
He'll show it to you.**

**Have you ever looked at the cross,
With a Man hangin' in pain
And the look of love in His eyes?
Then I say . . . you've seen Jesus my Lord.**

**Have you seen Jesus my Lord?
He's here in plain view.
Take a look, open your eyes,
He'll show it to you.**

**Have you ever stood in the family,
With the Lord there in your midst?
Seen the face of Christ on your brother?
Then I say . . . you've seen Jesus my Lord.**

**Have you seen Jesus my Lord?
He's here in plain view.
Take a look, open your eyes,
He'll show it to you.**

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**

Jimmy Owens ©1972 Lexicon Music, Inc

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 say:

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.
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.**

Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in Heaven*

Daisy Essery ©2000 CCLI# 3310933

**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**

Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: He whose cross is a sign of hope for many is now present in this bread. He whose death brings healing to our world is now present in this wine.

All: Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

Agnus Dei - Betty Pulkingham © 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.**

Give us Your peace.

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.

Administration of 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.

Communion: *All Of Creation* – Barry Graul et. al. ©2010 CCLI# 5760756

Prayer after Communion: God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord 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: *They'll Know We Are Christians* – Peter Scholtes © 1966

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**We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored.**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

**We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land.**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

**We will work with each other,
We will work side by side;
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride.**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

**All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
His only Son;
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one.**

**And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love.**

Dismissal:

Leader: Go from this place with the cross on your hearts.:

People: We will empty ourselves with Christ for the life of the world.

Postlude: *Love Crucified, Arose* - Michael Card © 1982 CCLI# 107191

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Please join us for a light Pot Luck Lunch in the Parish Hall

THANK YOU to our dedicated volunteers who prepared the Palm Crosses for this morning's services.

A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR EASTER – If 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 Easter letter which was available for pick up last week or was sent by mail. Although there is no spot for it, please include your envelope number. There are also spare Easter envelopes available.

EASTER OUTREACH – You are welcome to remember the Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank this Easter. If you would like to bring non-perishable food items, you may place them in the boxes at the back of the church.

The Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank's Most Needed Items Are:

- Canned Beans
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Meat
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Kraft Dinner
- Sidekicks/Helpers
- Facial Tissues
- Dry Soup
- Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- School Snacks
- Juice
- Hot / Cold Cereal
- Laundry Soap / Dish Soap
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Boost / Ensure
- Toilet Paper

The Food Bank cannot and will not accept any food donations dated older than 6 months.

Holy Week and Easter Services – 2024

Date	Day	Time	Service	Location
Mar. 26	Tues.	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	St. Mary
Mar. 27	Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St. Mary
		5:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	St. Stephen
Mar. 28	Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Foot Washing, Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar	St. Mary
After the St. Mary Service – Stripping of the Altar				St. Stephen
Mar. 29	Friday	10:00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross Walk	
Meet in the parking lot at Centennial Park at the corner of Hovey and Wallace . We will be walking to St. Mary. Along the way will be a series of prayer stops, including in front of Aurora.				
If you are unable to walk the complete route, there will be several of the prayer stations on the church grounds so you can participate in the majority of the event. The final meditation and conclusion of the service will be held in the church sanctuary.				
Mar. 31 – Easter Sunday 2024. He is Risen!!				
		9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St. Mary
		11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	St. Stephen

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa; the Anglican Church of Canada – Archbishops Linda, Lynn and Chris and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop; for the Parish of St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville; for the people of the Central Saanich United Church.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the **Parish of the Church of the Advent, Colwood**, for Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen and the people of the parish and neighbourhood.

Our Parish Clergy: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Paul, Richard, Gil and all who minister.

In our Parish: We pray for Ernie Skinner and for Lynn Fallan and for their families.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville & Patricia, Nancy J.

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Cheryl, Ted, Jillian S., Paul J., Phil J., Natalie, Jamie, Jane & Paul, Margery.

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Jo-Jo, Margot, Sharie, John K., Helen, Andrew, Warwick, Sheila, Lynn W., Jim C., David F., Courtney, Dani R. & family, Hayden, Carlos, Mario, Bryan, Karen & family, Drew, Charlie John

In the greater community: We pray for those impacted or endangered by the toxic drug supply crisis and also for their loved ones who are, or have been, impacted.



READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

ST. STEPHEN 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES –If you wish to use this method of giving please speak with Lynda to make arrangements.

TIPS FOR USE OF YOUR ENVELOPES – With Thanks!

1. Please write the amount of your donation on the envelope.
2. Please do not use scotch tape. It makes the envelopes harder to open and it tends to make them stick to other envelopes.
3. Please do not fold your cash if at all possible. The new ‘plastic’ money does not flatten and again, make for difficult handling and processing.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS – If you would like to initiate giving through automatic debit or credit card, or adjust the amount of your current offering, please speak with Leslie.

DONATING THROUGH THE WEBSITE - 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, *scroll down the menu to specify (this is most helpful for bookkeeping purposes) where your donation should be applied.* May be used for Outreach donations as well.

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***Note:** Worshippers may be photographed or recorded as part of the service. If this is of concern to you, please talk to the Minister or Wardens.*

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