



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich
St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church
Faith - Family - Friendship



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**Welcome To
The Parish of Central Saanich
St. Mary Church**



**SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
10:00 a.m., APRIL 21, 2024**

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

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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

*Please practice Health protocols that make you feel comfortable.
Please be sensitive to the comfort level of others.*

10:00a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

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

*The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Presiding & Preaching
Gary Moss, Bishop's Chaplain*

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.
With thanks, please mute your cell phones during the service.
The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude – *Carolyn Solberg (Harp)*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Presentation of Lay Licenses – Lon

Gathering Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation* (CP #527)

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee over flow,
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!’**

All stand. The bishop greets the community

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is Risen
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Bishop May his grace and peace be with you.
People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Bishop There is one body and one Spirit,
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
People **One God and Father of all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*The Collect*)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sue Smith: A reading from Acts

Acts 4:5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Reader: Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Psalm 23 - CP #519)

**The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.**

All stand for the Gospel.

Gary: The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Gary: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10:11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes^[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Gary: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON – The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

Anthem: *The King of Love* - St. Mary's Ensemble

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

The Priest & Sponsors present the candidates to the bishop,

Priest & Sponsors We present these persons for Confirmation: **Katherine Knappett, Jacob Shoemith.** We present this person for Reception: **Maria King**

The bishop asks those who have been presented to renew their baptismal commitment,

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Response I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Response I do.

Bishop Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Response I do, and with God's grace I will follow Him as my Saviour and Lord.

(After all have been presented, the bishop addresses the congregation, saying,)

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The bishop then says in these or similar words,

Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God?

People 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.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of Sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS

The bishop says to the congregation,

Bishop Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

Gary That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Gary That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Gary That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Gary That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Gary That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

(Other prayers may be added)

Bishop

People Amen.

Silence may be kept. The bishop says,

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The bishop lays hands upon each one and says,

For Confirmation: Jacob Shoesmith, Katherine Knappett

Bishop Defend, O Lord, **Amen.**

For Reception: Maria King

Maria, we recognize **Amen.**

The bishop may say

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand, and the bishop addresses the people.

Bishop 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 Hymn: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (CP #508)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS - Bishop

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Bishop: God is here

People: The Spirit is with us.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts and minds.

People: We lift them to God.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

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

Bishop: Holy and eternal One, in whom we live and move and have our being. You are our origin and our fulfillment; we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love, you fashioned the marvel of creation, and beauty of human life.

From this land of towering forests and mist laden coastlines, you humble us and affirm the sacred gift of all creation, calling us to care for everything given and received.

All: Glory to you, source of all life

Bishop: From the earliest days the peoples of these islands and inlets learned their dependence on your provision, salmon and deer, song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

All: Glory to you, source of all life

Bishop: In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself, and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, and joining with the saints of every time and place, we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise, singing

Sanctus & 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.**

Bishop: Blessed are you, most holy One: For on the night before he died Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered, and said: “Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.”

All: “Behold, I am with you to the end of the age”.

Bishop: Therefore, God of all creation, we lift this Bread of Life, and this Cup of Salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts, and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

All: Glory to you, source of all life

Bishop: In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew. Blessing, praise and

thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever.

All: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken)*

Bishop: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

Silence

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presider breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider Present in this Bread is the fullness of God
Made vulnerable for the world.
As the Spirit blows through our community
Here in this wine God is poured out for us.

**All Here and now in this bread and wine
We taste and see God in us and in our community.**

The Bishop invites the people to share in communion.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Presider and people then receive communion.

Harp Music during Communion –Carolyn Solberg

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(The congregation remains standing)

Bishop: God of steadfast love,
may we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All Amen.

Bishop: Glory to God
All **Whose love, working in us, can do infinitely more that we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING – Bishop Anna

Sending Hymn: *Sing a New Song* (CP#312)

Refrain:

***Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.***

**Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. (*Refrain*)**

**Rise, O children, from your sleep
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. (*Refrain*)**

**Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives. (*Refrain*)**

DISMISSAL

Gary: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia
People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia**

(There will be a Photo opportunity outside following the service)

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the parish hall

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Lynn and Paul Schumacher to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

A WARM WELCOME to Carolyne Solberg. Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY AT ST. STEPHEN - There will be a potluck lunch in the hall after the 11:15 service. Please bring finger foods to share. Oven warming is possible. All are welcome.

PRAYER TIME –We have resumed the weekly prayer time on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. (approximately one hour) at the home of Eva Townsend. Anyone who is interested may talk to Lon or Lynda Clifford (250-655-6478) regarding parking, location, etc.

TAIZE-STYLE GATHERING – Friday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall at St. Stephen. All are welcome. If you know of someone who might volunteer to play a few music pieces (other than our already busy paid musicians), please advise Lynda Clifford at 250-655-6478.

READINGS FOR APRIL 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8



Archbishop Linda Nicholls to Visit the Diocese

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, will be visiting the Diocese April 19-24, 2024. In her time as Primate she has travelled extensively both across Canada and across the communion and brings an important perspective on Anglicanism in the 21st century. All are invited to the following opportunities:

April 19 – 21

Facilitator at Women's Spring Retreat
Camp Pringle, Shawnigan Lake

Sunday, April 21

4pm Choral Evensong
Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria
Located at 930 Burdett Ave, Victoria
Archbishop Linda to preach and reception to follow. No registration required.

Tuesday, April 23

10am – 12pm Meet our Primate: Linda Nicholls
St. Peter, Lakehill
Located at 3939 St. Peter Road, Victoria
Doors open at 9:30am. The time will be in the form of an interview, followed by a Q&A.
Light Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, April 24

11:30am Holy Eucharist
St. Mark, Qualicum Beach
Located at 138 Hoylake Road West, Qualicum Beach
Space is limited. The ten parishes in the northern region have been asked to send ten names of the parishioners who will be able to attend the service and lunch on Wednesday April 24th at 11:30am. As of April 1st, any extra spaces will be open for a "first come-first served" basis. Registration will be handled by the parish office. If you are wanting more information about attending this event or to register after April 1, 2024, please call Pam at 250-752-5414 or the email admin@stmarkqualicum.ca.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of Australia; 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. Columba, Tofino; for the people of Saanichton Bible Fellowship.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish St. Andrew, Sidney; the Rev. Kelly Duncan, the Rev. Juli Mallett and the people of the parish and neighbourhood.

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

In our Parish: We pray for Marian & Lon Towstego and Diana & Jim Gordon and for their families.

For those who are being Confirmed or Received today:

Katherine, Jacob and Maria

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville & Patricia, Roche

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

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, Bryan, Karen & family, Drew, Charlie John, Sheila P., Amy, Connie.

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.

TIPS FOR USE OF YOUR OFFERING 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.

CLERGY CONTACT INFORMATION

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***Note:** Worshipers 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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