



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

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



APRIL 28, 2024 – EASTER 5

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.

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 Shoemith, deacon

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

**9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
Book of Alternative Services**

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Presiding & Preaching

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.
The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude – Joanne Lambert

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

The Gathering of the Community

Gathering Song: *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* (CP #350)

**Stand up and bless the Lord
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice.**

**Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and laud and magnify?**

**O for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!**

**God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.**

**Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name;
henceforth forevermore.**

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

People May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

Glory to God on High CP (#365)

**Glory to God on high,
and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed
in glory bright.**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only son,
The sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.**

**You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one
in glorious light.**

Centering Stillness:

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

The Prayer of the Day: O God, you give us the Son as the vine, apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, so that we bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

The Readings

Acts 8:26-40 – *Carol Watkins*

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian

eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’³¹ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Here what the Spirit of God is saying

Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm 22:24-30 – *Carol Watkins*

²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; * **I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * **“May your heart live for ever!”**

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * **and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; * **he rules over the nations.**

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * **all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * **they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * **the saving deeds that he has done.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

1 John 4:7-21 – *Irene Feir*

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Gradual: *Love Divine, all Loves Excelling* (CP #485)

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
all Thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;**

**visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.**

Ken: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15:1-8

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Ken: The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Love Divine (cont.)

**Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

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 – *Ken Pedlow*

The Peace

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 Song: For the Beauty of the Earth (CP #429)

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

(refrain)

*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; *(refrain)***

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; *(refrain)***

**For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven, (*refrain*)**

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us

out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and 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, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your daughters and sons; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

Presider: 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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread #4

Presider: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven,"
says the Lord.

All Give us this bread forever.

Presider: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

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.

Communion: *I Come with Joy* (CP #60)

**I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.**

Prayer after Communion: God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, 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: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (CP 425)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, and our Mother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

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

CCLI# 245534

READINGS – MAY 5, 2024

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Bev Waterfield and Karen McCole to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ron and Anthea Waterfield.

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

CLERGY CONFERENCE – April 29 to May 1, 2024 – Lon will be out of the office on the above dates attending the Diocesan Clergy Conference.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 – There will be a service of Morning Prayer at St. Mary at 10:00 a.m. with Ken Pedlow presiding. Bible Study will follow.

THE MUSIC ENSEMBLE – gathers on Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary at St. Mary to rehearse and prepare. If you would like to participate in the ensemble, please contact our Music Coordinator, Joanne Lambert, joannemlambert7@gmail.com or 250-652-6644.

THE REV. CANON LORRY HARRISON, retired Priest of the Diocese and former parishioner, will celebrate his 100th birthday in May. Lynn has placed a card and some note paper on the table in the narthex. Please take a moment to sign the card to let him know that we are thinking of him. Lorry and Erica are now residing in Ontario to be with family.

COFFEE ROSTER – is posted on the bulletin board in the Hall just outside of the kitchen. Please sign up for a turn hosting our fellowship time. Please speak with Lynn Fallan if you need further information.

WEEKLY PRAYER TIME - 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.

ST. MARY'S SPRING FLING – is scheduled for the morning of May 25th. Please mark it on your calendars and watch for more information coming soon.

ST. MARY’S OUTREACH – In your offering envelope package you will find special monthly outreach envelopes. 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. You may also use the Donate button on our website and choose St. Mary Outreach from the pull-down menu.

Apr.	PWRDF	We support the Anglican Church of Canada’s agency for sustainable development, relief, refugees, and global justice.
May	Saanich Peninsula Lions Food Bank	Donations in monetary form combined with an ongoing collection of staple foods and hygiene products allow us to help this non-profit, charitable organization support those in need on the Peninsula.
June	ORCCA Dental Clinic	ORCCA's purpose is to provide children and adolescents under 19 years of age from low-income families access to oral care in a not for profit setting.



The Victoria Gilbert and Sullivan Society presents
a semi-staged concert production of:

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE or The Slave of Duty

Peter Butterfield

Music Director

Heather Lee

Stage Director

Robert Jan Dukarm

Accompanist

Elizabeth Sly & Linda Troke

Producers

Fri June 21 7:30 • Sun June 23 2:00

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church
1701 Elgin Street



Sat June 29 2:00 • Sun June 30 2:00

Parkland Secondary School
10640 McDonald Park Rd, N Saanich



Tickets: \$35 Adults • \$20 Students

via Eventbrite, at the door or through
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A 2024 VICTORIA GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY PRODUCTION

Tickets are available from Rachel Moss at St. Stephen or
you may email her at winterstar76@hotmail.com

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of Bangladesh; 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. Dunstan, Gordon Head; for the people of the Centennial Park Campus of the Saanich Baptist Church.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish Pender and Saturna Island, Blair Haggart and the clergy that are rotating, 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 Nichola & David Wade and Tracey Gordon and for their families.

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

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.

ST. MARY'S 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you wish to use this method of giving, please speak with Leslie or call the office at 250-652-1611 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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