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HOLY EUCHARIST

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

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

Gathering Song: *In Christ There is No East or West* (CP #484)

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in Christ no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find.
whose service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my God in truth and love
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in Christ meet south and north;
all faithful souls are joined in one
throughout the whole wide earth.**

The Gathering of the Community

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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: 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.**

- Lon: In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands of the
WSÁNEĆ and Coast Salish peoples.
- All: **From many places and peoples we come to this house
in prayer.**
- Ken: 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.**
- Ken: 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.**
- Ken: In this time and place together, one people in Jesus
Christ.
- All: **In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit.
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: Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, so that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your Marvellous victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Acts 10:44-48 – *Marcia McMenamie*

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ ‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm 98 BAS – *Marcia McMenamie*

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song, * **for he has done marvellous things.**

² With his right hand and his holy arm * **has he won for himself the victory.**

³ The Lord has made known his victory; * **his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

⁴ He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * **and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

⁵ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * **lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁶ Sing to the Lord with the harp, * **with the harp and the voice of song.**

⁷ With trumpets and the sound of the horn * **shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

⁸ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * **the lands and those who dwell therein.**

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, * **and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.**

¹⁰ In righteousness shall he judge the world * **and the peoples with equity.**

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.

1 John 5:1-6 – *Marian Towstego*

⁵ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (CP #507)

**Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Jesus' love;
the fellowship of Christian minds
is like to that above.**

**Before God's gracious throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

Ken: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Blest be the Tie that Binds (con't.)

**When for a while we part,
this thought will soothe our pain;
that we shall still be joined in heart,
and one day meet again.**

**One glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and longs to see the day.**

**When from all toil and pain
and sin we shall be free,
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

Anthem: *Where Love is There is God*

The Apostles' Creed (said)

Prisider: 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 *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.

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Offertory: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (CP #532)

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,**

**all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

**We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?**

**Christ the Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

Do our friends despise, forsake us?

Are we tempted to despair?

**Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.**

Prayer over the Gifts: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED
(Eucharist Prayer C)

Presider: God is here

People: The Spirit is with us.

Presider: Lift up your hearts and minds.

People: We lift them to God.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

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

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. You made us in your image. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

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

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

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

gave it to them and said: Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, Poured out for you and for many; do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Presider: Recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son. When all of creation groans, unite us in Christ and give us your hope that we might be strengthened to do your work, as your body in the world. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, all praise and glory be yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray: *(said)*

The Lord's Prayer:

**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 pow'r and the glory are yours,
Now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: Whoever comes to me shall not hunger

All: and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

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: Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing (CP #354)

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love!**

**Here I make faiths affirmation;
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Prayer after Communion: Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God

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

Blessing

Sending Song: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* (CP #384 omit Vss 4 & 5)

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!**

**All who hear;
brothers and sisters draw near
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reignth;
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.**

Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia,

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

Postlude

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Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall

READINGS – MAY 12, 2024

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Katherine Knappett to the Glory of God and in memory of Gordon Alfred Knappett.

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.

NANCY JACKSON is all settled in at the Amica at Admirals and Gorge. She is in room 243. Her new phone number is 250-360-5097. She would be pleased to have a phone call or a visit if you have time. Please phone first before you visit to make sure it is a good day for her. According to her daughter, there is lots of underground parking. You will have to check in at the concierge desk and get a badge to wear while you are visiting.

ASSISTANCE WITH MEALS – Diana Abbott is now home from hospital after procedures on her shoulder as a result of an infection. She currently has a PIC line for antibiotics and is having some challenges without the use of her arm. If anyone can provide a meal or two that may be frozen for her to have on hand, it would be a great help to her. You may drop items off at St. Mary's between 11:00am and 1:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or on a Sunday morning. For more information speak with Lynn Fallan at 250-652-5555.

SMILE CARD FUNDRAISING – The Next Order Date is May 14th. If you wish to order a Smile Card(s), Irene will be placing our order on May 15th. You can put your order/cheque through the mail slot in the St. Mary's office door or drop it at the office any time before 11:00 a.m. on May 14th. If it is more convenient for you, you may give it to Irene at St. Mary's service at 9:00 a.m. today or to Leslie on May 12th.

If you still have funds on your current Smile Card, continue using it until it is empty, then switch to the new one. These cards never expire. Since there is no private information on the card, you can just leave the empty one with the cashier and Thrifty's will dispose of it.

Thank you to all who are assisting today

Music	Joanne Lambert & The Ensemble
Readers	Marcia McMenamie, Marian Towstego, Ken Pedlow
Liturgical Assistant	Ken Pedlow
2nd Chalice	Marian Towstego
Sidesperson	John Beresford
Sound Tech/Bell	Ian & Matty Stuart
Coffee Hosts	Lynn Fallan & helpers
Altar Guild	Judi Clark
Flower Guild	Nancy Choat

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 8, 15, 22, 29	10:00 am	Mid Week Communion	St. Mary
	10:45 am	Bible Study	St. Mary
	3:00pm	Weekly Prayers	Townsend Home
May 10	1:00pm	Operations Committee	St. Mary
May 11	9:30am	Parish Council Retreat	St. Stephen Hall
May 21	7:00pm	Parish Council Mtg	St. Mary
May 25	9:30 - Noon	Spring Fling	St. Mary
May 26	~12:15pm	Potluck Lunch	St. Stephen Hall

ST. MARY'S SPRING FLING MAY 25th, 9:30 A.M. - NOON

The very popular parts of this event are the ADULT CLOTHING, HOUSEWARES, LINENS, BAKE section and the BOOK ROOM! The JEWELRY section would love contributions – even single earrings seem to disappear! There are many other areas where you can help make this a very successful event. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex! PLEASE NOTE- We will ***not*** be accepting children's clothes, toys or equipment, suitcases, cosmetics, candles, shoes, garage sale leftovers, furniture, underwear, items with corporate logos, plastics, broken or soiled items.

HOME BAKING

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

DELIVERING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Donations will be welcomed:

To the Narthex:

on **Wednesday morning** (May 22) from 10:30am – 1:30pm

on **Thursday morning** (May 23) 9:00am – 1:30pm

To individual stalls:

on **Friday** (May 24) between 9:00am - 10:00am

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

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.
July	General Outreach	Monies donated are dedicated at the end of the year to be used for requests received during the year and to “top up” totals in monthly outreach donations.

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
info@vgsociety.com

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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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; 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 Regional Archdeacons; for the people of the Central Saanich United Church

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Salt Spring Island, The Rev. Paul Schumacher 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 Malaika Harker & Rob Newsham and Bryan & Margaret Waller 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

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.

On this Battle of the Atlantic Sunday we remember the sacrifices of sailors, merchant seaman, Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Army personnel who gave their lives in the North Atlantic and we offer this Prayer for Peace: Almighty God from whom true peace comes, open our minds and hearts to a true love of peace. Guide those who are in authority to listen well to your wisdom, to work only for justice and charity, which is the only true path to peace in the world. May your kingdom come so that the earth will be filled with your knowledge and your love and your peace. **Amen.**

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.

CLERGY CONTACT INFORMATION

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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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