



# Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH St. Stephen Church



**MAY 5, 2024 – EASTER 6** 

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 Shoesmith, deacon

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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 – Daisy Essery

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Easter Greeting - Daisy Essery © 1990 CCLI# 3306590

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**Congregation:** The Lord is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia!

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Repeat as lead.

**Gathering Song**: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus – William C. Dix (1866)

tune: HYFRYDOL – R.H. Prichard (1830)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne. Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Tho' the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay. Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King Eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own.
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, Heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest.
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

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# The Gathering of the Community

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.

Jackie: In this time and place we are not alone for we meet in the

presence of the living God.

All: For we meet in the presence of the living God.

Lon: In this time and place we are not alone for the Risen Jesus

stands in our midst.

All: The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

Jackie: In this time and space we are not alone for the wind of

the Spirit moves in and through us.

All: The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

Lon: In this time and space we are not alone for we gather with

the whole company of heaven. In this time and in this

space heaven and earth are one.

All: In this time and in this space heaven and earth are

one.

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

Christ.

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

Amen.

### Gloria – Mass for the King of Glory

Betty Carr Pulkingham © 1973 (arr. for one voice by Daisy Essery)

Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, And peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, vou take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us: vou are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

# **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

#### New Testament - Acts 10:44-48 - Bob Buchanan

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> 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, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup> 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 – Bob Buchanan

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song, \* for he has done marvellous things.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.
- <sup>7</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- <sup>8</sup> Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>9</sup> 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

- <sup>5</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
- <sup>6</sup> 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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**Gradual:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Isaac Watts (1707) tune: ROCKINGHAM – Edward Miller (1790)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the cross of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

Jackie: God be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Jackie: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another

Jackie: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (con't.)

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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 – *Greg Robinson* 

#### **Confession & Absolution:**

Presider: Come, let us return to the lord and say:

All: Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Presider: The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many

blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Peace All stand

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The members of the community offer a sign of peace to one another in a manner that feels safe for you.

Please be sensitive to the comfort level of others.

**Offertory:** What A Friend We Have in Jesus – Joseph M Scriven (1855) tune: CONVERSE (ERIE) – Charles C Converse (1868)

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?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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

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

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#### 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.** 

### Lord's Prayer: Our Father in Heaven

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Our Father in Heaven, Your name is Holv. 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: 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.

Music during Communion - Daisy Essery

#### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

<u>Prayer after Communion</u>: 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:** *To God Be the Glory* – *Fanny Crosby (1875)* 

tune: To God Be The Glory – W. Howard Doane (1875)

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

#### Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude – *Daisy Essery* 

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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

AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILATOR – Our new AED has arrived. The total cost was \$1,546.48. Thank you to those who have already donated. There is an outstanding balance of \$1,321.48. If you would like to help defray the cost of this important machine, you may do so by noting St. Stephen's AED in the memo line of your cheque and place it in an envelope with your number or name and address. You may also give using the "Donate" button on our website, selecting St. Stephen's AED from the drop-down menu. Thank you for your consideration.

**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. STEPHEN 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. Stephen Outreach from the pull-down menu. *(continued on next page)* 

May	South Island	Our donations help fund programs and staffing at this non-profit counselling and training agency which is funded solely through	
	Counselling		
		donations, fees, and grants.	

June	Anglican Appeal	Donations support the mission work and ministry in Canada's North and our church partners overseas	
July	Rector's	This is a dedicated fund under the Rector's	
	Discretionary	control and discretion which provides (but is not	
	Fund	limited to) financial assistance to members of	
		the parish and the wider community.	

# ST. MARY'S SPRING FLING MAY 25<sup>th</sup> 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 JEWELERY 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! <a href="PLEASE NOTE">PLEASE NOTE</a>- 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 at St. Mary's 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:

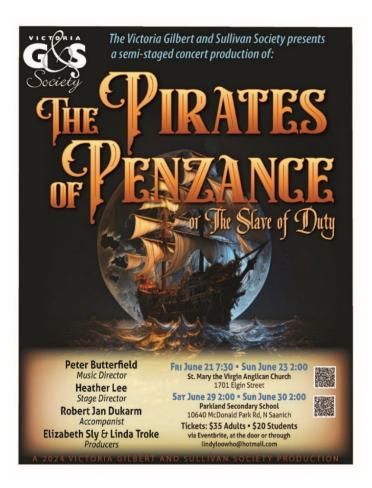
# To the Narthex:

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



Tickets are available from Rachel Moss at St. Stephen or you may email her at winterstar 76@hotmail.com

# **LOOKING AHEAD:**

May 8,	10:00 am	Mid Week Communion	St. Mary
15, 22,	10:45 am	Bible Study	St. Mary
29	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

# INTERCESSIONS

<u>Anglican Cycle of Prayer</u>: 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.

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> 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.

<u>In our Parish:</u> 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.

<u>For Those with Long-Term Needs:</u> 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.

<u>In the greater community:</u> 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. 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.

# **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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