



Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH St. Stephen Church



JUNE 8, 2025 – DAY OF PENTECOST

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8b

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

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

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: We Will Magnify – Philip Lawson Johnston © 1982 CCLI# 196140

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Processional Hymn: Come Holy Spirit – Chris Bowater © 1987

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Come Holy Spirit, come just as You will, Softly and gently as breezes so still, Come as a rushing wind, mighty in pow'r, Come Holy Spirit, come now.

Come Holy Spirit, as flames from the fire Cleanse me, empower me, my being inspire. Come as the healing oil, liberally poured, Come Holy Spirit, come now.

Come as a torrent, as waves on the sea, Sweeping away all that would hinder me. Come as refreshment, as streams from the hill, Come Holy Spirit, come now.

Come Holy Spirit, come just as You will, Work in and through me, Your purpose fulfill. Make me much more like my Saviour I pray, Come Holy Spirit, come now.

Cause me to live as a child of The King. One from whom worship and praise freely spring. Bring, Holy Spirit, revival to me, Come Holy Spirit, come now.

Come Holy Spirit, come just as You will, Softly and gently as breezes so still, Come as a rushing wind, mighty in pow'r, Come Holy Spirit, come now.

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.

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,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you 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, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Centering Stillness:

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

The Prayer of the Day: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire: strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)

The Readings

Lynda Clifford – A Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 2:1-21 NRSV

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm 104:25-36 BAS – Lynda Clifford

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; * may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; * he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; * I will rejoice in the Lord. Hallelujah!

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.

Greg Robinson – A Reading from the Book of Romans

Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *I Will Sing Unto The Lord* - Donya Brockway © 1972

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I will sing unto the Lord
As long as I live,
I will sing praise to my God
While I have my being,
My meditation of Him shall be sweet,
I will be glad, I will be glad in the Lord.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord.
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord.
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Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord.

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

Lon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:8-17 & 25-27

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the

Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Lon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

I Will Sing Unto The Lord (con't.)

I will sing unto the Lord
As long as I live,
I will sing praise to my God
While I have my being,
My meditation of Him shall be sweet,
I will be glad, I will be glad in the Lord.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord.
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Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, Praise ye the Lord.

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

The Apostle's Creed:

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.

The Prayers of the People – Greg Robinson

As people of the Resurrection, we are redeemed sinners.

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 Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* – *James K Manley* © 1978 *CCLI*# 101393

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness Calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep, Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; And over the aeons You called to each thing: "Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness Calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea. You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand, And You goaded Your people with a law and a land; And when they were blinded with their idols and lies, Then You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness Calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill, Then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still; And down in the city You called once again, When You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness Calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes, From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes, With bold new decisions Your people arise.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness Calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

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 B)

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: 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

Presider: 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

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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".

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

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us say,

Maria in Spanish:

Padre Nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad así en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. **Amen.**

Together in English:

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: 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.

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: Abba Father – Rev. Carey Landry © 1977 OCP

Abba, Abba Father, You are the Potter, We are the clay, the work of Your hands.

Mold us, mold us and fashion us into the image Of Jesus Your Son, of Jesus Your Son.

Abba, Abba Father, You are the Potter, We are the clay, the work of Your hands.

Father, may we be one in You, may we be one in You As He is in You and You are in Him.

Abba, Abba Father, You are the Potter, We are the clay, the work of Your hands.

Glory, glory and praise to You, glory and praise to You, Forever, Amen. Forever, Amen.

Abba, Abba Father, You are the Potter, We are the clay, the work of Your hands. Abba!

Prayer after Communion: Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: *Blessed Be Your Name* - Beth & Matt Redman © 2002 *CCLI# 3798438*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name. Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your glorious name."

You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name." You give and take away, You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name."

Dismissal:

Jackie: Let us go in peace to love and serve God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: When Led by the Spirit – Jerry Jarrett © 1976 God, Unlimited,

Alleluia Community Music

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Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parish hall

READINGS – JUNE 15, 2025

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

MID WEEK COMMUNION AND BIBLE STUDY – will stand down for the summer. The last Wednesday service and bible study will be June 18th.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia. We pray for Archbishop Anne, our Acting Primate and for the upcoming election for Primate in June. John Stephens, Metropolitan of The Province of B.C and Yukon We also pray for Archbishop Chris and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for Anna, our bishop; for the St. John the Divine, Victoria.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our Parish of Central Saanich and those in the neighbourhood. We also pray for the people of Friendship Community Church.

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

<u>In our Parish:</u> We pray for Mark & Karen Chase and for Deb Butler and for their families.

<u>Please pray</u> for Gary Moss as he completed his time at ACPO.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville & Patricia, Roche, Diana A., Fern & Mark, Ian, Dennis, Brett, Logan, Shiva, Vani & family

<u>For Those with Long-Term Needs:</u> Cheryl, Ted, Jillian S., Paul J., Phil J., Natalie, Jamie, Jane & Paul, Margery, Courtney, Ron H., Nancy J.

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Jo-Jo, Margot, Sharie, John K., Helen, Andrew, Warwick, Sheila, Lynn W., Jim C., David F., Dani R. & family, Hayden, Carlos, Bryan, Karen & family, Drew, Sheila P., Amy, Anna, Betty O., Betty E., Alysha, Sue P., Mike D., Michelle, Rudi, Cassidy, Carl G., Don C., Melanie, Keith & Lillian

<u>In the greater community:</u> We pray for all victims of sexual misconduct and abuse. We are all called to create communities where all children of God are safe and respected.

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. 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.

June	Anglican Appeal	
July	Rector's Discretionary Fund	

Please take the bulletin with you and post this schedule on your refrigerator

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 6	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Mary
July 13	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Stephen In the Church
July 20	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Mary
July 27	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Stephen Outdoors with the Praise Band
August 3	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Mary
August 10	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Stephen In the Church
August 17	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Mary
August 24	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Stephen Outdoors with the Praise Band
August 31	10:00 a.m.	One Service only at St. Mary

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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