



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church

St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



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



AUGUST 3, 2025 – PENTECOST 8

***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 Summer Services:

Sundays – 10:00 a.m. on:

July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17 & August 31

St. Stephen's Summer Services:

Sundays – 10:00 a.m. on:

July 13, July 27, August 10, August 24

Continue to monitor our website - ParishCS.ca

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.

With thanks, please mute your cell phones during the service.

The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude – *Joanne Lambert*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *O Worship the King* (CP #380)

**O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above!
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

The Gathering of the Community

Lon: 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.**

Gil: 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.**

Gil: 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.

Gil: In this time and place together, one People in Jesus Christ.

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

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria!

Gloria Gloria Gloria

Glory to God on high (repeat)

And on earth peace to God's people

Glory to God (repeat)

Centering Stillness:

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

The Prayer of the Day: Living God, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: give us wisdom, so that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives and the lives of others. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

The Readings

Nancy Choat - A reading from The Book of Hosea

Hosea 11:1-11

11 When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I^[a] called them,
the more they went from me;^[b]
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my^[c] arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.^[d]
I bent down to them and fed them.

- ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
- ⁶ The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.
- ⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.^[e]
- ⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
- ⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.^[f]
- ¹⁰ They shall go after the Lord,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.
- ¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm 107:1-9, 43 – Nancy Choat

*/ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.*

*2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.*

*3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

*4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they found no way to a city where they might dwell.*

*5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their spirits languished within them.*

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, * **and he delivered them from their distress.**

7 He put their feet on a straight path * **to go to a city where they might dwell.**

8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy * **and the wonders he does for his children.**

9 For he satisfies the thirsty * **and fills the hungry with good things.**

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, * **and consider well the mercies of the Lord.**

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.

Marcia McMenemy- A reading from the Epistle to the Colossians

Colossians 3:1-11 NRSV

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Seek Ye First* (CP #458)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

And His righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you,

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Allelu, alleluia.

Richard: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Richard: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ ¹⁴ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”’

¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Richard: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual: *Seek Ye First (Con’t)*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;

Seek and you shall find;

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you

Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone

But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Allelu, alleluia.

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 – *The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, deacon*

Confession & Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy and welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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: *Take My Life, and Let It Be* (CP #435)

**Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shall choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shalt be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet it's treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee**

Prayer over the Gifts: God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 (*CP #735*) - *Schubert*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he 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.

All: Great is the mystery of faith.
**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.**

The Lord's Prayer - Gordon Light (sung)

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

**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:

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one
bread.**

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: *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless (CP #85)*

**Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.**

**We would not live by bread alone,
But by your word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.**

**Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
Your table in our heart.**

**Lord, sup with us in love divine;
Your body and your blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.**

Prayer after Communion: God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever. 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: *To God be the Glory* (CP #371)

**To God be the glory who great things has done!
God so loved the world freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear God's voice.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory,
who great things has done!**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
to every believer the promise of God:
that when the offender, repenting, believes,
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives. *Refrain***

**Great things God has taught us,
great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see! *Refrain***

Dismissal:

Leader: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parish hall

READINGS FOR AUGUST 10, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. AT ST. STEPHEN

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24;

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:13-21

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Judi Clark, to the Glory of God and in memory of her brother, Philip.

THE AUGUST 10th PARISH SERVICE WILL BE IN THE CHURCH AT ST. STEPHEN AT 10:00 a.m.

Thank you to all who are assisting today

Music	Joanne Lambert
Readers	Nancy Choat, Marcia McMenamie, Richard Routledge
Liturgical Assistant	Gil Shoesmith
2nd Chalice	David Cooper
Sidesperson	John Beresford
Bell	Volunteer
Altar Guild	Judi Clark
Flower Guild	Judi Clark
Coffee Host	Lynn Fallan

SUMMER STEWARDSHIP – Your Wardens encourage you to continue your generous offerings during the summer months. Please know that you may present your offering envelope(s) at any service and they will be directed to your regular place of worship.

With heartfelt thanks!

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH – 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 and, if applicable, your Electronic Collection Plate number.

June	ORCCA Dental Clinic
July	General Outreach
Aug.	Anglican Appeal
Sept.	Saanich Peninsula Hospital & Healthcare Foundation - Chaplaincy

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June	Anglican Appeal
July	Rector's Discretionary Fund
Aug.	Victoria Humane Society
Sept.	Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF)

INTERCESSIONS:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. We pray for Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; John Stephens, Metropolitan of The Province of B.C and Yukon We also pray for Archbishop Chris and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop; for the Postulants of the Diocese.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Christ Church, Gabriola Island and those in their Parish and surrounding neighbourhood. We also pray for the people of Central Saanich United Church.

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

In our Parish: We pray for Diana Evans and for Philip & Sharon Johnston and for their families.

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

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Cheryl, Ted, Jillian S., Paul J., Phil J., Natalie, Jamie, Jane & Paul, Margery, Courtney, 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., Michelle, Rudi, Cassidy, Carl G., Don C., Melanie, Keith & Lillian, Cathy Swinscoe, Paddy Sullivan, Jennifer and family

In the greater community: 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE
HOLLY FAIR
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Saturday, November 22nd

GOURMET PANTRY



Just a brief reminder, during this season of abundant fruits, that one of the most popular stalls at the Holly Fair includes home canning: jam, jellies, chutneys, relishes, marmalades and other tasty treats to stock our Gourmet Pantry stall.

All contributions will be very welcome – in the past we have had a good response from our parishioners who produced a wide variety of product to sell. Let's see if we can continue this tradition!!!

Please remember that **ALL canning must be in properly sealed jars and processed for food safety**. If needed, we are able to store your canning contributions; they can be dropped off at the church office during office hours.

For more information on all stalls contact:

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CLERGY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Leslie will be on a short vacation break from August 4th (B.C. Day) to August 7th. She will be back in the office on August 11th.

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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