



# Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH At St. Stephen Church



# **AUGUST 24, 2025 – PENTECOST 11**

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:

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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**

#### **Book of Alternative Services**

The Ven. Penelope Kingham, Presiding Bishop Logan McMenamie, 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: Hello, My Name Is (Child of the One True King)

– Matthew West © 2012 CCLI# 6439969

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

**Gathering Song:** *This is Amazing Grace* – *Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro & Phil Wickham* ©2012 CCLI #6333821

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order, Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of glory, the King of glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice, Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of glory, the King above all kings. Yeah!

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

Worthy, worthy, worthy! Oh!

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,

That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life that I would be set free.

Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

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Penelope: 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.

Penelope: 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.

# 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: Living God, you formed us in the womb and appointed us to be prophets to the nations: stretch out your hand to cure our infirmity and dispel our fear, so that we may know the freedom of serving you in Christ and proclaim the wonders you have done. Amen. Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

#### The Readings

Greg Robinson - A reading from The Book of Jeremiah

#### Jeremiah 1:4-10

- <sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
- <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

- <sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."
- <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me.
- "Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

- <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
- "Now I have put my words in your mouth.
- <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

#### Thanks be to God.

## Responsive Psalm 71:1-6 BAS – Greg Robinson

*I* In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \* let me never be ashamed.

- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \* incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \* from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \* my praise shall be always of you.

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.

Sue Smith - A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

### Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** Be Still for The Presence – David J. Evans © 1986

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Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here. Come bow before Him now With reverence and fear. In Him no sin is found, We stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
With splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light.
Be still, for the glory of the Lord Is shining all around.

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

Maria: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Luke

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Maria: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gradual:** Be Still for The Presence – David J. Evans © 1986 (con't.)

Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place. He comes to cleanse and heal, To minister His grace. No work too hard for Him, In faith receive from Him.

# Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place.

Sermon – Bishop Logan McMenamie

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say together,

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen

**The Prayers of the People** – *Richard Routledge* 

#### **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:** We Cannot Measure How You Heal – John L. Bell
Melody: Traditional Scottish © 1989 CCLI# 961368

We cannot measure how You heal
Or answer every sufferer's prayer,
Yet we believe Your grace responds
Where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
Survive to hold and heal and warn,
To carry all through death to life
And cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
The guilt that clings from things long past,
The fear of what the future holds,
Are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
The hurt we never hoped to find,
The private agonies inside,
The memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need Your help And some have come to make amends, As hands which shaped and saved the world Are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here To mend the body, mind, and soul, To disentangle peace from pain And make Your broken people whole.

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

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Presider: God be with you. People: And also with you. Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. People:

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,

for you created all things. You formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your

name.

**Sanctus & Benedictus** – music, Land of Rest, American traditional tune

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly

gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Presider:

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer** - Jodi Page © 1974 Celebration Services

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: He whose table was open to all

Is now present in this bread

He whose word welcomed friend and stranger

Is now present in this wine. With people everywhere

All: We affirm Gods goodness at the heart of humanity

Planted more deeply than all that is wrong

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 Song: Yahweh, I Know You Are Near - Dan Schutte

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Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand. Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death, keeping me from harm.

Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Where can I run from your love? If I climb to the heavens you are there if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I'd find you there.

Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

You know my heart and its ways, you who formed me before I was born, in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun, in my mother's womb.

Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Marvelous to me are your works how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.

Even if I could count them, they number as the stars, you would still be there.

Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

<u>Prayer after Communion:</u> Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake 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:** *Not Be Shaken* − *Norm Strauss* © 1997 *CCLI#* 1352419

I will declare my choice to the nations, Shout for joy in the congregation, I will worship God (worship God) all my days.

Those who love the Lord are satisfied, Those who trust in Him are justified, I will serve my God (serve my God) all my days.

As the nations crumble,
(The Word of the Lord will stand.)
Kings may rise and fall,
(Yet His love will endure.)
Though the strong may stumble,
(Oh, the joy of the Lord is strength)
(ALL) To my soul,
I will not be shaken,
I will not be moved,
I will not be shaken.

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I will not be shaken,
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I will not be shaken.

Dismissal:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Step By Step* – David (Beaker) Strasser & Rich Mullins © 1991

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# Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parish hall

#### READINGS FOR AUGUST 31, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

# THE AUGUST 31st PARISH SERVICE WILL BE AT ST. MARY AT 10:00 a.m.

**2026 CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDARS** – Leslie will have a limited supply of calendars available for sale next Sunday at St. Mary. The cost is \$10 each.

<u>ST. STEPHEN'S OUTREACH</u> – 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.

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

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

# ST. MARY'S FALL FEAST FUNDRAISER

Pulled Pork, Buns, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Fruit/Light Desserts Tea, Coffee & Juice

Most items Gluten Free. Vegetarian option available



September 26, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Cooper Hall at St. Mary Church
Corner of Cultra Ave & East Saanich Rd.

\$25.00 Adult, \$10 Child under 12

Please Purchase tickets in advance by September 2<sup>1st</sup>
Contact Leslie at the St. Mary's Office
Monday-Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Or call 250-652-1611 for alternate arrangements.
Catering by Bernie Grimes





#### INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. 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.

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

**Regional Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for the Parish of Church of the Advent and those in their Parish and surrounding neighbourhood. We also pray for the people of Saanichton Bible Fellowship.

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

<u>In our Parish</u>: We pray for Nancy & Don Finlay and for Bob & Barbara Lake and for their families.

<u>For those ill or in need of prayer:</u> 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., Keith & Lillian, Cathy Swinscoe, Paddy Sullivan, Jennifer and family

<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.

#### **CLERGY CONTACT INFORMATION**

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego His Cell Phone: (250) 208-9949 His email: ltowstego@bc.anglican.ca

#### **IMPORTANT!**

From August 13 until September 21<sup>st</sup>
In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, deacon at 250-884-1685



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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