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The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, deacon

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Please be sensitive to the comfort level of others.*

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Bishop Logan McMenamie, 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: *Morning Has Broken* (CP #3)

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

The Gathering of the Community

Logan: In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands of the
WSÁNEĆ and Coast Salish Peoples.

**All: From many places and Peoples we come to this house
in prayer.**

Ken: In this time and place we are not alone for we meet in the
presence of the living God.

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

Logan: In this time and place we are not alone for the Risen Jesus
stands in our midst.

All: The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

Ken: In this time and space we are not alone for the wind of the
Spirit moves in and through us.

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

Logan: In this time and space we are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven. In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

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

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

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

Act of Praise

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

**Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shade to show the sun
raising courage when we're shrinking
finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming
there's a time for heart to care.
in the Spirit lively scheming
there is always room to spare!**

Centering Stillness:

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

The Prayer of the Day: Inviting God, laying open your table to those without status or power, and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands; through Jesus Christ, the one given for all. Amen. *Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

The Readings

Valerie Park - A reading from The Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 2:4-13

⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵ Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me

that they went far from me,

and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

⁶ They did not say, "Where is the Lord

who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,

in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness,

in a land that no one passes through,

where no one lives?"

⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land

to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,

and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"

Those who handle the law did not know me;

the rulers transgressed against me;

the prophets prophesied by Baal,

and went after things that do not profit.

⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you,

says the Lord,

and I accuse your children's children.

¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,

send to Kedar and examine with care;

see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods,

even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory

for something that does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this,

be shocked, be utterly desolate,

says the Lord,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me,

the fountain of living water,

and dug out cisterns for themselves,

cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm 81:1, 10-16 – Melanie Ihmels

*I Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.*

*10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, * “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”*

*11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.*

*12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.*

*13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! * that Israel would walk in my ways!*

*14 I should soon subdue their enemies * and turn my hand against their foes.*

*15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, * and their punishment would last for ever.*

*16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy him with honey from the rock.*

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 McMenamie - A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured, ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *Lord of all Hopefulness* (CP #506)

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

Ken: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the

crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Ken: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord of All Hopefulness (Con't,)

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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 – Ken Pedlow

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: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (CP #504)

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain**

**Neighbours are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbours are near us and far away. Refrain**

**These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbours to us and you. Refrain**

**Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as through we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.**

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbours we have from you.**

**Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 (Kingsfold)

**O holy, holy holy God,
O God of time and space**

**All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace
Hosanna in the highest heave'n
creation sings your praise
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always**

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".

Presider: 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

Presider: 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 - *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: 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 God's 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: *My Life Goes on in Endless Song* (CP #401 vss 1, 2 & 5)

**My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.**

Refrain:

**No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It sounds and echoes in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain***

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, you renew us at your table
with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help
us to serve you in each other. 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: *Here I Am, Lord* - Words and Music: Daniel L. Schute

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark-ness now
My hand will save.**

**I who make the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, where you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn a-way.**

**I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love a-lone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will pro-vide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5, 11-17; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

THE REGULAR SERVICE PATTERN RESUMES on Sunday, September 7th with a 9:00a.m. Service at St. Mary and an 11:15a.m. Service at St. Stephen.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Shelby Titian, to the Glory of God and for family, friends and those alone. For new beginnings.

ST. MARY'S FLOWER CALENDAR – There are opportunities to dedicate flowers on September 7th, 21 & 28. Please sign up on the calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MIKE DYER will be held at St. Stephen on Saturday, September 6th at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES – The transition to the new computer has not gone as smoothly as hoped which is impacting productivity. Also, the phone line is experiencing technical problems which is not allowing calls to be answered when they came in. Leslie *is* in the office. Please leave a message and she will return your call.

Thank you to all who are assisting today

Music	Joanne Lambert
Readers	Valerie Park, Melanie Ihmels, Marcia McMenamie, Ken Pedlow
Liturgical Assistant	Ken Pedlow
2nd Chalice	Sybil Bagshaw
Sidesperson	Carl Schwazer
Sound	Paul Schumacher
Altar Guild	Shirley Schwazer
Flower Guild	Heather Geddes
Coffee Host	Lynn Fallan

SMILE CARD FUNDRAISING –If you wish to order a Smile Card(s), Irene will be placing our order on Tuesday, September 9th. However, you may put your order/cheque through the mail slot in the St. Mary's office door or drop it at the office any time before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9th. If it is more convenient for you, you may give it to Irene at St. Mary's service at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday. If you still have funds on your current Smile Card, continue using it until it is empty, then switch to the new one.

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

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of South India (United). 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 Parish of St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our Parish of Central Saanich – St. Mary and St. Stephen and those in their Parish and surrounding neighbourhood. We also pray for the people of the Centennial Park Campus of Saanich Baptist Church

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

In our Parish: We pray for Barbara L. and for Heather G. 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., Keith & Lillian, Cathy Swinscoe, Paddy Sullivan, Jennifer and family, Michael A.

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.

CLERGY CONTACT INFORMATION

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There are lots of exciting things coming up in the Parish!!

You Are Cordially Invited to
A Fall Family Party
For the Communities of Saanichton & Brentwood Bay

Saturday, September 20th, 2025

11:00 am to 2:30 pm, rain or shine

St. Stephen Heritage Site

7921 St. Stephens Road, Saanichton



■ **Bouncy castle**

Sponsors: Kattia's Kitchen, Western Coast Insurance Services, Horizon Signs

■ **Fire truck**

Sponsor: Central Saanich Fire Department

■ **Games & crafts for kids**

Sponsors: Friends of St. Stephen Church

■ **Heritage Site guided walking tours**

11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm

■ **Adult historic trivia quiz**

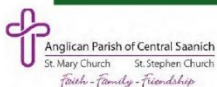
■ **Hot dogs, chips, iced tea, coffee, tea & bottled water**

Sponsors: Brentwood Bakery, Fraser Orr's Butcher & Deli, Prairie Inn, Thrifty Foods

■ **First Aid volunteers**

Sponsor: St. John's Ambulance

Donations are gratefully accepted in the Memorial Hall and on the guided walking tours. All funds raised at the party will be used to restore the Church stained glass window.



*Thanks for
your support!*

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Leslie does have tickets available today!

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 21st

Contact Leslie at the St. Mary's Office
Monday-Thursday, 9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Or call 250-889-4461 for alternate arrangements.

Catering by Bernie Grimes



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St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church
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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.