



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



# **NOVEMBER 9, 2025 – ALL SAINTS** with Recognition of Remembrance Day

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 Bishop 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

Gathering Song: O God Our Help in Ages Past (CP#528)

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Prayer

#### O CANADA

O Canada!

Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

#### Refrain:

God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

#### **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Celebrant: In the name of God we meet together on this Remembrance Sunday to thank God and to commemorate all who have served their country, especially in time of war and, in particular, those who made the supreme sacrifice. We have also come to pray for peace, for justice and goodwill among all people, and to dedicate ourselves anew to removing the causes which give rise to war.

#### ACT OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you, Almighty Father, for all your mercies, known and unknown; for your guidance of your people in wondrous ways through our history; for the courage, bravery, and constancy of sailors, soldiers and air crew; for the devotion and fortitude of men, women and children. We pray that we may be worthy of peace, and show forth our thanks by serving you more faithfully. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### REMEMBRANCE COLLECT

Celebrant: Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

SILENCE (one minute)

#### Commitment to Remember

<u>David Cooper</u>: They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning. We will remember them.'

People: We will remember them.

Anthem: In Flanders Fields (words to poem on back cover)

#### **Centering Stillness:**

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

<u>The Prayer of the Day</u>: Almighty God, you hold the power of the universe within your hands. Transform us through Jesus Christ our Saviour and strengthen us in every deed and word. Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

#### The Readings

Barb Baillie - A reading from The Book of Haggai

#### Haggai 1:15b - 2:9

<sup>15</sup> on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

In the second year of King Darius, <sup>1</sup> in the seventh month, on the twentyfirst day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: <sup>2</sup> Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, <sup>3</sup> Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? <sup>4</sup>Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, <sup>5</sup> according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. <sup>6</sup> For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; <sup>7</sup> and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>9</sup> The latter splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

#### Thanks be to God.

#### Responsive Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 – Jan Bergink

- $\it I$  I will exalt you, O God my King, \* and bless your name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \* and praise your name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \* there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \* and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty \*and all your marvellous works.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \* and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \* to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him, \* he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \* but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \* let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

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.

Nichola Wade - A reading from the Second Book of Thessalonians

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 NRSV**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** Abide with Me (CP #24)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

### Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

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

Melanie: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Luke

Sung Response: Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (CP #715 – refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

#### Luke 20:27-38

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28 and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living: for to him all of them are alive.'

Melanie: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia* (CP #715 – refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, 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** – *Melanie Ihmels* 

#### 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: Put Peace into Each Others' Hands

Put peace into each other's hand and like a treasure hold it; protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it. Put peace into each other's hand with loving expectation; be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hand like bread we break for sharing; look people warmly in the eye: Our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong yet tender hands, held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love expressing.

Put peace into each other's hand he is love's deepest measure; in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure; and share it like a treasure.

<u>Prayer over the Gifts:</u> Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.** 

#### THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

(Eucharist Prayer A)

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: Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you have formed the

universe.

Your Spirit brooded over all in expectation, midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas and the lands and all life came to be.

The winds and breezes, waters, fresh and salt, calm or gale swept, beaches and tides, mountains, rain and snow, are the setting of life and teach respect for the forces of nature.

In this land the First People learned to depend upon the plants, the cedars, the sea creatures, the deer, the wolves, the

bears of the forest, the sea birds, ravens and eagles for daily needs and signs of what is to come.

In ceremony and song, in dance and art, these relationships are portrayed and honoured.

All created things shared life with one another, sensing connection with one other.

When connections were dishonoured and broken, creation suffered.

Creation continues and brings light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death.

#### 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:

The living Word was sent to freely share sorrow and joy, pain and healing, life and death in Jesus our brother and friend.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He taught them to remember how they are loved and to know his presence with them and in them always.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you".

Later he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying,

"Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for the world for forgiveness and healing. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me".

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

People:

Come, Creator.
Come, transforming Word.
Come, Breath of Life.

Presider: We recall the offering of Jesus,

guardian of your people:

a birth in poverty, a child refugee, a worker with his hands, the gathering of disciples and teaching and healing the People, his power over sin and triumph over death and his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, and we offer to God this bread and cup.

Send the Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May the Breath brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the

eternal feast to come.

People: Bless and unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus that we may celebrate with all creation. Sing, mountains and valleys, fields and seas, creatures of the rivers, oceans and

forests!

Presider: May all who share this poor pilgrim's portion from bread

and cup be incorporated as one body and one holy people, God's priesthood joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church, the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and all yet to be born.

By our mother Mary, Michael and all the holy angels, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, apostles, prophets, ministers and martyrs, may we be encouraged in faith and in walking the

earth gently.

People: In good time, we will walk straight on,

not looking back, not turning our head,

to enter the presence of God and all the saints.

Presider: Glory and honour to God Triune, dynamic of love, complete

and perfect unity, in one holy church, now and in all ages.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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: 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:** *Stay in Peace Today* – *Greg Robinson, Music Sister Mary Hope Billing; Yoko Ihara; Aubert (Bert) Grifin; Rev. Lon Towstego* 

You have come, filled with fear, spurned by those in power.
Bring your tears, bring your love,
Christ will make you whole.
Be in peace, go in peace, stay in peace today.
Be in peace, go in peace, stay in peace today.
(Repeat)

#### Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me Let there be peace on earth The peace that was meant to be

With God our Creator Children all are we Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now With every step I take Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

<u>Prayer after Communion:</u> Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. 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:** For the Healing of the Nations (CP #576)

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,

Lead us, Father, into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find. Dismissal:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: CCLI# 245534

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

#### **READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm Isaiah 12 as a Canticle; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Ruth Coldwell to the Glory of God and in memory of all our loved ones.

#### Thank you to all who are assisting today

Music	Joanne Lambert
Readers	Barb Baillie, Jan Bergink, Nichola Wade,
	Melanie Ihmels
Liturgical Assistant	Melanie Ihmels
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice	Nichola Wade
Sidesperson	David Cooper
Sound Tech/Bell	Matty Stuart
Coffee Hosts	Lynn Schumacher
Altar Guild	Carol Watkins
Flower Guild	Heather Geddes

BISHOP ANNA'S PARISH VISIT – Advanced Notice - Bishop Anna will preside and preach on Sunday, November 23, 2025. There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary. Please make every effort to attend and show the Bishop your support for your Parish!

**'WARM HEARTS, WARM COATS!' JACKET DRIVE** – a Camosun student driven project to share gently used or new jackets for those in need through Peers Victoria Resources Society. Items may be placed in the red tartan wrapped box in the narthex by November 18<sup>th</sup>. This was brought to our attention by a parishioner's family member.

**SMILE CARD – NOVEMBER ORDER DATE -** The regular Tuesday order date falls on the Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday. Leslie will not be in the office on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to order a Smile Card(s), Irene will be placing our order early on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in order to accommodate Leslie's schedule.

Please put your order/cheque through the mail slot in the St. Mary's office door before Noon a.m. on Tuesday, November 11th. If it is more convenient for you, you may give it to Irene at St. Mary's service at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday, November 9th. If you still have funds on your current Smile Card, continue using it until it is empty, then switch to the new one.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 11. Lon is on his regular day off on Monday. Leslie is taking a long-weekend break and Tuesday is the statutory holiday.



For more information on all stalls take one of the Holly Fair News Leaflets from the table in the narthex or contact:

> Lynn Fallan – email: lynnfallan@shaw.ca Marcia McMenamie: marlog@shaw.ca

#### **DELIVERING YOUR DONATIONS:**

It would be appreciated if non-perishable items for the Holly Fair could be brought in as soon as possible after Oct 1. The church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings for delivery of your contributions.

**BAKING** will be accepted on **FRIDAY**, (Nov. 21) between 9:00 a.m. and Noon and on **SATURDAY** (Nov. 22) BEFORE 9:00 a.m.

#### **INTERCESSIONS**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, the next Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Church of the Province of the West Indies. 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. Philip, Oak Bay

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our Parish of Central Saanich and the people of the Parish and surrounding island community neighbourhood. We also pray for the people of Centennial Park Campus of Saanich Baptist Church.

<u>Our Parish Clergy:</u> Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Paul and Gil <u>Postlants/Seminarians:</u> Gary, Richard & Melanie

<u>In our Parish</u>: We pray for Barry & Becky Lowe and for Norma Sealey and for their families.

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

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

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Jo-Jo, Margot, Sharie, John K., Helen, Andrew, 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, Cassidy, Carl G., Keith & Lillian, Michael A., Jasmine

<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.

### In Flanders Fields

- by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

#### **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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