



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church

St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



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



NOVEMBER 16, 2025 – PENTECOST 23

***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.

Wednesday Communion: 10:00 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

Book of Alternative Services

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: *Norma Kobald*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* (CP #350)

**Stand up and bless the Lord
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice.**

**Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and laud and magnify?**

**O for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!**

**God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.**

**Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name;
henceforth forevermore.**

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: 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.

Glory to God on High CP (#365)

Glory to God on high,
and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed
in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only son,
The sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one
in glorious light.

Centering Stillness:

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

The Prayer of the Day: O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth. Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love. **Amen.** *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

The Readings

Sue Smith - A reading from The Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 3 (Isaiah 12) *responsively by the full verse – Sue Smith*

Surely, it is God who saves me; * I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence, * and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, * Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make his deeds known among the peoples; * see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Greg Robinson - A reading from 2 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 God's righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Allelu, alleluia

Gary: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’

⁷ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ ⁸ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.

⁹ ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ ¹⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Gary: 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.

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Allelu, alleluia

Sermon – *The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego*

The Prayers of the People – *Gary Moss*

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: *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.**

**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.**

Prayer over the Gifts: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name, 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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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.

Instrumental Music during Communion

Prayer after Communion: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (CP #383)

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.**

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

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 NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79;

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

WELCOME to Norma Kobald who is substituting for Joanne today. Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us today.

BISHOP ANNA'S PARISH VISIT - NEXT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 23rd – There will be a combined service at **10:00 a.m. at St. Mary**. We recognize that it will have been a very busy week in the Parish. However, please make every effort to attend and show the Bishop your support for your Parish! There will be a light lunch following the service. You are invited to bring savory finger foods for sharing.

ST. STEPHEN'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.

Sept.	Alongside Hope (<i>formerly PWRDF</i>)
Oct.	Grief & Loss Lunch Program
Nov.	Christmas Hampers
Dec.	General Outreach

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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. 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 UVic Multifaith Centre and Shawnigan Lake School.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Holy Trinity, North Saanich and the people of the Parish and surrounding neighbourhood. We also pray for the people of Central Saanich United Church.

Our Parish Clergy: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Paul and Gil

Postlants/Seminarians: Gary, Richard & Melanie

In our Parish: We pray for Rainy Macleod & Ian Macleod and for Ron Sewell and for their families.

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

For Those with Long-Term Needs: 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

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.

ST. MARY'S HOLLY FAIR 2025

DELIVERING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS:

We are accepting donations of all items for the Holly Fair on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, November 18th and Wednesday, November 19th
in the morning when office is open. (8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

Thursday, November 20th until 2:00 pm

Friday, November 21st until 11:00 am

Holly Fair Day Saturday, November 22nd *only baking*
before 9:00 am

CLEAN UP TEAM

Probably the most valued people of all!!! On Saturday after the Holly Fair closes 1:00/ Helpers will be needed to take down and put away some tables. Carry boxes to return to storage, take down decorations and signs, etc. Many hands make the work go faster and with your help will be especially valued as the workers at the stalls will have been “on deck” all day.

WADDLING DOG

Everyone who has helped in the Holly Fair in any way, baking, handcrafts, volunteering you are invited to come relax, sit, eat, talk and decompress at the Waddling Dog after we finish packing up. We should be able to have a nice reward of food, friends and fellowship then go home with a full stomach for a relaxing night. Please sign on the clipboard in the narthex or let Lynn Fallan know so we can reserve a table in their private area.

PRE-BUYING POLICY:

As in past years there will be absolutely no pre-buying. We continue to encourage community support and involvement. Once an item has reached the Church, it must remain there until it is sold – after the doors are open to the public on Saturday.

Please Invite Your Friends!



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
EAST SAANICH RD. at CULTRA in SAANICHTON

HOLLY FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
9:30 – 1:00

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Note: Worshipers 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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