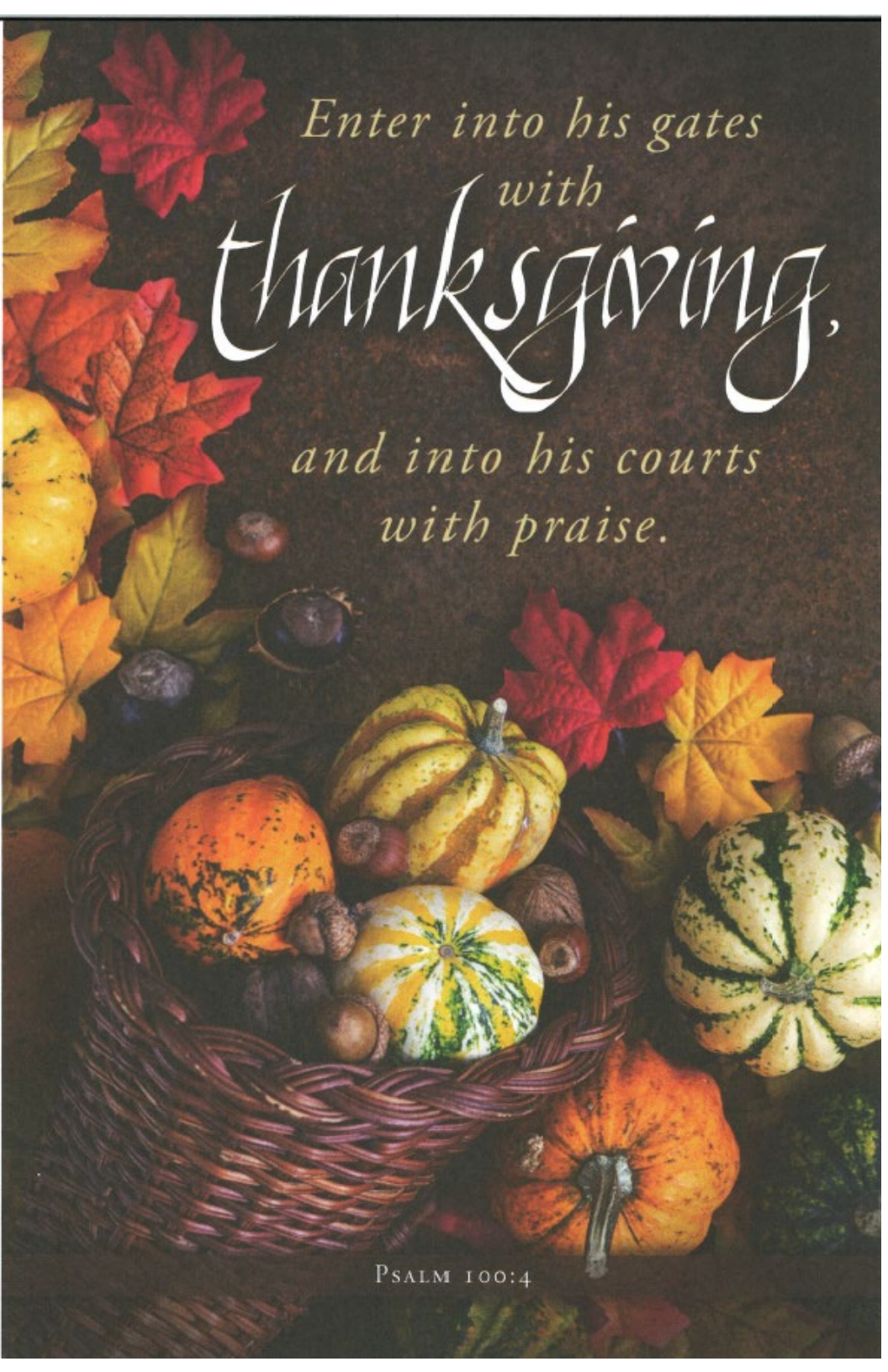




*Enter into his gates
with*
Thanksgiving,

*and into his courts
with praise.*

PSALM 100:4



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church

St. Stephen Church

Faith - Family - Friendship



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October 11, 2026 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Mary Church 9:00 • St. Stephen Church 11:15

Join us as we worship the living Christ!

*We acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional lands of the
W̱SÁNEĆ and Coast Salish Peoples*

Continue to monitor our website - ParishCS.ca

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent - Presiding

Associated Clergy

Bishop Logan McMenamie • The Ven. Bob Baillie • The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane
The Rev. Paul Schumacher • The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, deacon

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: *Come Ye Thankful People Come* (CP #262)**

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home!**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home!
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin.
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

The Gathering of the Community

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

From many places and Peoples, we come to this house in prayer.

In this time and place we are not alone,

for we meet in the presence of the living God.

In this time and place we are not alone,

for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

In this time and space, we are not alone,

for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

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.

In this time and place together, we are one People in Jesus Christ.

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

♪ Hymn of Praise: 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 & Prayer of the Day

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

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us
grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty
well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may
with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 – Greg Robinson

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹“Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 65 – Jan Bergink (SM) • Jaqueline (SS)

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

²To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, **but you will blot them out.**

⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

⁶You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.

- ⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.
- ⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
- ¹⁰ You prepare the grain, **for so you provide for the earth.**
- ¹¹ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- ¹² You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹³ May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- ¹⁴ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
 themselves with grain; **let them shout for joy and sing.**

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.**

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 – Nichola Wade (SM) • Trish Bonham (SS)

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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♪ Gradual: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (CP#259)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation, Thanks be to God.

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring, for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

Luke 17:11-19 – Lynn Schumacher (SM) • Mike Philip (SS)

God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

♪ Alleluia

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ Alleluia

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

♪ Anthem (*St Mary Only*): ***Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart***

God himself is with us, let us now adore Him,
And with awe appear before Him.

God is in his temple All within keep silence,
And before Him bow in reverence.

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son Repeat**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich!
Because of what the Lord has done for us" Repeat**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
Give thanks.**

God Himself is with us hear the hymns ascending
Saints and angels voices blending, Give thanks.

The Apostle's Creed (*see pew insert*)

The Prayers of the People – Lynn Schumacher (SM) • Mike Philip (SS)

Confession & Absolution

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

Most merciful God, **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.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The members of the community offer a sign of peace to one another.

♪ Offertory: For the Beauty of the Earth (CP#429)

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
*Refrain: Christ our God, to thee we raise; this our sacrifice of praise.***
- 2. For the beauty of each hour; of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower; sun and moon, and stars of light;**
- 3. For the joy of human love; brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild;**
- 4. For each perfect gift of thine; to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine; flowers of earth and buds of heaven;**

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Liturgy for the Islands and Inlets (A)

God is here. **The Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts and minds. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands, and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of the forest, sea, and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken, and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

♪ **Sanctus (Land of Rest)**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus. Born in poverty, a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death. On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me." After supper 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 in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me." Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection

for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen.**

♪ **The Lord's Prayer** (*see pew insert*)

Breaking of the Bread

The hunger of the world is satisfied in this bread.

May we feed this bread to all who hunger.

The thirst of all humanity is quenched in this wine.

May we satisfy this yearning in us and others.

The gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Administration of Holy Communion

All are invited to share in the Bread or a Blessing.

Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.

Please cross your arms at the rail if you would like a blessing.

♪ **Communion: *Let All Things Now Living* (CP #403)**

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Love's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
2. God's law still enforces the stars in their courses
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Doxology & Blessing

Glory to God, whose power 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**

♪ Sending Song: *We Plough the Fields and Scatter* (CP #258)

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all your love.

2. He only is the maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him; by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread. *Refrain*

3. We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good:
the seed-time, and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Carry out into the world the love of God in Christ.

Loved, forgiven, and redeemed, we go forth.

♪ Postlude – Joanne Lambert

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

Thank you to all who are assisting today:

St. Mary: ♪ Joanne Lambert, Readers: Greg Robinson, Jan Bergink,
Nichola Wade, Lynn Schumacher, Assistants: Carl & Shirley Schwazer,
the Altar Guild, Matty Stuart, 🍷 Lynn Fallan

St. Stephen: ♪ Joanne Lambert, Greg Robinson, Jaqueline, Trish Bonham,
Mike Philip

Happy Thanksgiving!



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ **COFFEE ROSTER (St. Mary)** – There are still some dates available to sign up to host coffee hour from now up until December. The roster is posted on the Hall bulletin board Please sign up if you can host!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR LAY ASSISTING/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – We are in need of a few people to assist with these positions in both churches. Please contact Lon if you want to learn more or volunteer.

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE – Services will be at **6:00pm** on **October 16, & November 20, 2026**, at St Elizabeth Catholic Church – Sidney BC. Your presence is desired and awaited. *“As we listen to the deepest part of our heart, we realize it is there that the Holy Spirit dwells.”* – Brother Matthew Prior, Taize

HOLLY FAIR : SAVE THE DATE! – The Holly Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 14, 9:30-1:00** - mark your calendars! Your homemade jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, and other canned goods are always greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please speak with **Lynn F.** or **Marcia.**

ST. MARY OUTREACH – In your offering envelope package you will find special monthly outreach envelopes. 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.

October	Rector’s Discretionary Fund – This is a dedicated fund under the Rector’s control and discretion which provides (but is not limited to) financial assistance to members of the parish and the wider community.
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ST. STEPHEN OUTREACH

October	Justice Van Society – Mobile outreach services providing food, clothing, supplies, and care directly to the unhoused people of Victoria.
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INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Archbishop Sarah Mullally; the Anglican Church of Canada and Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate; 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, and St. John the Divine, Courtenay.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our own Parish of Central Saanich, St. Mary, and Stephen; Archdeacon Lon Towstego, Rev. Gil Shoesmith, retired clergy, and the people for the parish and the neighborhood.

Our Parish Clergy: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Paul and Gil, Seminarian Melanie, and postulants Gary & Richard

In our Parish: We pray for Nichola & David Wade, Brad Watson, Kim Watson, and Terry Will.

For those ill or in need of prayer: David Scarth, Bob Buchanan, Fran Moss, Cathy Swincoe, Roche M.

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Lynn S., Brett.

For friends beyond the parish: Rudi D., Alysha, Cassidy.

In the greater community: We pray for all who have experienced sexual misconduct or abuse, and for the healing of those who have been harmed. May we create communities where all children of God are safe, valued, and respected.

Globally: Famine & Hunger: We pray for all those facing famine, hunger, and severe food insecurity around the world, especially children and communities most vulnerable to malnutrition. We pray for those working to provide food, clean water, and humanitarian aid, and for lasting solutions that allow communities to flourish in security and abundance.

SCRIPTURES & READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

One Service: 10:00 at St. Mary

Exodus 33:12-23 – Marian Towstego

Psalms 99 – Marcia McMenamie

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 – Nancy Choat

Matthew 22:34-46 – Rev. Gil Shoesmith