



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

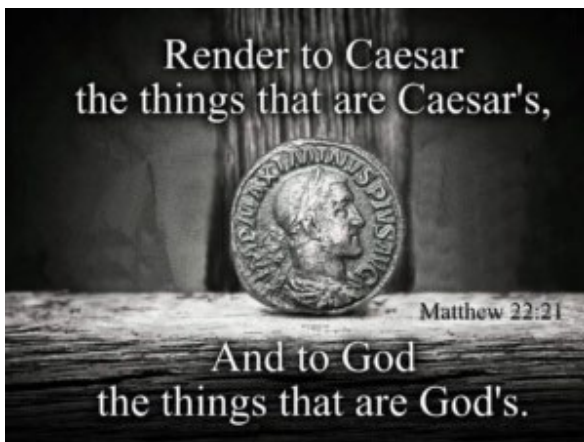
St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

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Welcome To
PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH
St. Mary Church 10:00



October 18, 2026 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

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*

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The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent
Ven. Jenny Replogle, Archdeacon – 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** – 📖 Carolyn Solberg

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

🎵 **Gathering Song: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* CP#425**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, and our Mother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, 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.

🎵 **Hymn of Praise: *Spirit Open my Heart***

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace
I now surrender. *Refrain*
2. Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring you glory. *Refrain*
3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. *Refrain*

Centering Stillness & Prayer of the Day

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

You know us each by name, O God, and in your sight we have found favour, yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of your love. Grant, that as we glimpse your greatness, we may always return to you the praise that is yours alone. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23 – Greg Robinson

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’” ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here.” ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.” ¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.” ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹ And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

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

Psalm 99 – Marcia McMenamie

¹ The Lord is king; let the people tremble;

he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

² The Lord is great in Zion; **he is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;

he is the Holy One.

⁴ “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

- ⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; **he is the Holy One.**
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, **they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**
- ⁷ He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- ⁸ “O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”
- ⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; **for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

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.**

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 – Nancy Choat

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

♪ **Gradual: *Be Still for The Presence* – David J. Evans** CCLI# 120824

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here.

Come bow before Him now with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found, We stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light.
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace –
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22 – Ken Pedlow

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

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

♪ **Alleluia**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of Christ.

♪ **Alleluia**

Sermon – The Ven. Jenny Replogle

♪ **Anthem: *Be Not Afraid*** (*congregation sing bold text*)

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands, and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain: Be not afraid; I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters, in the sea, you shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all. **Refrain**

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs
Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me
Blessed, blessed are you. *Refrain*

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

The Prayers of the People – Ken Pedlow

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: God be my Vision** (*tune: Be thou my Vision*)

1. God be my vision both near and afar;
Nothing else matters except that You are.
You my best thought in the day or the night,
and waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.
2. You are my wisdom and Jesus my guide;
I always with you, and you at my side;
I am your child, You my Father alone;
our Spirit indwelling and guiding me home.
3. You are my safety, my arms for the fight;
You are my dignity, You my delight;
You my sure shelter in storm or in shower,
with You I shall conquer, O power of my power

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise
trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the
universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar
space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our
island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

♪ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

♪ Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

♪ Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

♪ 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 heav'n, creation sings your praise

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

♪ Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

♪ Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

♪ Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches." **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**
The gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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

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:** 🎵 Carolyne Solberg

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:** *To God be the Glory* CP #371

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
God so loved the world freely sending the Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear God's voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give God the glory, who great things has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
That when the offender, repenting believes,
Through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives. **Refrain**

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see! **Refrain**

Dismissal

♪ **Postlude** – 🎵 Carolyne Solberg

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

🌸 The altar flowers at St. Mary are given by **Glenda McDougall** to the glory of God and in loving memory of her daughter Laura Mae.

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SCRIPTURES & READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 – Don Campbell (SM) • Ron Sewell (SS)

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 – Irene Feir (SM) • Deb Butler (SS)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 – Carol Watkins (SM) • Sue Smith (SS)

Matthew 22:34-46 – Rev. Gil Shoesmith

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The women of the parish are invited to meet for coffee or tea, some goodies, and great conversations. This month we are meeting at **St Mary Cooper Hall, Friday October 23, at 10:00 am.**

The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, October 24th at 9:30** at **St Stephen Memorial Hall**. Logan will speak. RSVP to Lon ltowstego@bc.anglican.ca / 250-208-9949, or verbally to Ken Pedlow.



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 the **Anglican Church of Canada**. 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 The Parish of St. Philp, Cedar, The Rev. Leslie Flynn and the people of the parish. We pray for the people of the parish and Cedar and district.

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

In our Parish: We pray for Don & Susie Wilson, Bob & Barb Baillie, and Terry Will.

For those ill or in need of prayer: David Scarth, Bob Buchanan, Cathy Swincoe, Roche M., Leslie P., Gil.

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

For friends beyond the parish: Alysha, Cassidy, Sheila P, Bill P.

In the greater community: Heath, Aging, & Care: We pray for those awaiting diagnosis or treatment, for those living with chronic illness, and for all who work within our healthcare system. We pray for physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency responders, and all who provide care in our communities. We pray for seniors living alone or in long-term care, and for those who accompany and care for them.

Globally: Drought & Water Security: We pray for communities around the world experiencing prolonged drought and water scarcity, for farmers whose lands and livelihoods are threatened by desertification, and for all without reliable access to clean and safe drinking water. We pray for those working to protect and restore vital water sources, and for wisdom, cooperation, and sustainable solutions so that all may share in the life-giving gift of water.

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Archdeacon Jenny Replogle



As Executive Archdeacon, Jenny helps to empower, train, and equip ministry in parishes that do not have permanent clergy, to help them be more faithful, healthy, and effective in their particular contexts. She also works with parishes who are in a transition of clergy leadership and clergy interested in serving parishes in our diocese. Jenny serves as a trainer and diocesan liaison for the new Provincial School for Congregational Development.

Jenny brings extensive training and background in congregational development to the work of enabling people to live fully into who God created them to be. She is passionate about working with individuals and communities as they discern how God is calling them in their own unique ministries, bringing the processes and work of our Church in line with the faith and values we profess, keeping our baptismal vows to seek and serve Christ in all persons, and holding the dignity of every human being at the centre of our work.

Prior to joining Synod staff, Jenny served parishes in the Dioceses of New Jersey and Chicago in The Episcopal Church, though she is originally from outside New Orleans. She and her husband, the Rev. Jonathan Thomas, moved to Victoria with two small children and one large dog. They are thrilled to be in the Diocese of Islands and Inlets and excited to explore their new home.

Passions: Traveling and learning about new places and people, hiking, skiing

Favourite food: Sushi and warm chocolate chip cookies

Favourite book: My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok

Favourite movie: A League of Their Own