



Welcome To PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH St. Mary Church



OCTOBER 27, 2024 – PENTECOST 17

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

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 The Rt. Rev. Dr. 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.
The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude – Carolyne Solberg

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *O for a Thousand Tongues* (CP #306)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace. He speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive, the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Saviour come, And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Story Time

The Gathering of the Community

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: 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.

Gil: 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.

Lon: 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.

Gil: 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.

Lon: 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.

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

All: In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. 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 Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, and, by the power of the Spirit, respond in your name to heal the afflicted and welcome the abandoned; for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen. Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Readings

Carol Watkins - A reading from the Book of Job

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Then Job answered the Lord:

- ² 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
- ³ "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

⁴ "Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me."

- ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;
- ⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.'

¹⁰ And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹ Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹² The Lordblessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶ After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, old and full of days.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm 34:1-8 BAS – Carol Watkins

- I I will bless the Lord at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- $6\,\mathrm{I}$ called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

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.

Marian Towstego - A reading from the Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³ Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. ²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other[b] high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (CP #508)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one,

lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

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

Gil: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' ⁵² Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Gil: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (con't.)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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 – The Rev. Gil Shoesmith

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 Hymn: Christ be our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Chorus:

Christ be our light.
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light.
Shine through your church, gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Chorus*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed. *Chorus*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless, Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, Walls made of living stones. *Chorus*

Many the gifts, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us e servants to one another, Making your kingdom come. *Chorus*

<u>Prayer over the Gifts</u>: 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.**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

(Eucharist Prayer C)

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our

source and our fulfillment, for you create all things and in

you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. You made us in your image. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own, to nurture them in the way of compassionate love. You sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary. Jesus revealed your love for all Creation, and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us - Jesus suffered the cross, Died, And in rising again became the firstborn of the renewed family. And so as we gather around your table, With saints of every age and your beloved creation we raise our voices and sing:

Sanctus & Benedictus – music, Land of Rest, American traditional tune

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest.

Presider:

To you be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, Poured out for you and for many; do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider:

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son. When all of creation groans, unite us in Christ and give us your hope that we might be strengthened to do your work, as your body in the world.

Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, all praise and glory be yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Harp Music during Communion - Carolyne Solberg

<u>Prayer after Communion:</u> God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: Shine, Jesus, Shine (CP #460)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining, Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me try me consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Dismissal:

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parish hall

READINGS – NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Lynn Schumacher to the Glory of God and in memory of her son, Brian.

A WARM WELCOME to Janet Yonge and Carolyne Solberg who will be providing our worship music this morning while Joanne is on a vacation day. Thank you both for sharing your gifts with us.

POTLUCK LUNCH AT ST. STEPHEN - in the hall after the 11:15 service today. All are welcome.

2025 CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDARS – There is a limited supply of calendars available from Leslie in the Office after the service. The cost is \$10 each.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS – Our Parish tradition is to have individuals do a two- or three-minute reflection each Sunday in Advent on the theme of the day – Hope, Peace, Joy or Love. If you would like to volunteer for one of the Sundays, please sign up on the Sheet on the large table in the narthex before November 17th or leave a message for Leslie at 250-652-1611. Thank you.

Thank you to all who are assisting today

Music	Janet Yonge & Carolyne Solberg
Readers	Carol Watkins, Marian Towstego, Gil
	Shoesmith
Liturgical Assistant	The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, Deacon
2 nd Chalice	David Cooper
Sidesperson	Carol Watkins
Sound Tech/Bell	Matty Stuart
Coffee Hosts	Lynn Fallan & Barb Baillie
Altar Guild	Carol Watkins
Flower Guild	Sue Rumball

<u>ST. MARY'S OUTREACH</u> – 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.	Saanich Peninsula Hospital & Healthcare
	Foundation - Chaplaincy
Oct.	Rector's Discretionary Fund
Nov.	South Island Counselling
Dec.	General Outreach

ADVANCED NOTICE OF SPECIAL OUTREACH

LÁ,ETEN TTE ŚŒELESTENEN Building Bridges – As our Christmas Outreach to our Tsawout neighbours, we will be collecting monetary donations and bulk-purchasing Gift Cards. You may insert your cash or cheque (payable to St. Mary's Church) into an envelope with your address and/or envelope number. You may use the DONATE Button on the website, choose St. Mary's Outreach and indicate "Building Bridges" in the Note box. You may also place the envelope on the offering plate or bring it to Leslie in the office by December 8th. Please do not mail cash!



HOLLY FAIR NEWS

HOME BAKING

Our Holly Fair Home Baking stall is a huge draw to customers who scramble to be first to choose from all those special treats that make St. Mary's famous. Cooks are wanted to help us stock up with shortbread (#1 best seller), Christmas cookies, squares, gingerbread, pies, loaves, Christmas cakes, etc. Trays and plastic bags will be ready for you to pick up from the table in the narthex next week. Buyers with allergies appreciate knowing the ingredients in an item; attach a small tag listing them. There are many requests for Gluten Free foods. Let's do our best to ensure the Bake Table is full to overflowing!!!!

PRE-ORDERS

PLUM PUDDINGS: This Just In – Irene is willing to take orders for single serving puddings! The ever-popular 'Nancy Jackson' Christmas plum puddings will be available by pre-order as they have been in the past few years thanks to Irene and her crew!!! Please call Irene at 250-652-5773 or email her at kifeir@shaw.ca indicating the size of the pudding required. **Deadline for orders is October 30**th. There are order forms on the table in the narthex that you could pass to Irene today. There will also be a limited number available for sale at the Holly Fair.

'MOM'S' ALMOND TARTS: Bernie is willing to take pre-orders for his almond tarts this year. Trays of six tarts will sell for \$6.00 each. Please email Leslie Pedlow at lpedlow@parishcs.ca with your name, contact information, the number of trays requested, *by November 1st*. Tarts will be available for pick at the Baking Stall at the Holly Fair on November 23rd from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

ITEMS THAT MAY BE DROPPED OFF NOW

MYSTERY BOTTLES

You may have seen some of these attractive "Mystery Bottles" on display in the narthex - they are a BIG hit at our Holly Fair!! Donations of products in bottles are requested. The monetary value MUST be a minimum of \$10.00. Sample items could include (but certainly are not limited to): wines, cordials, sparkling fruit drinks, specialty oils (e.g. walnut, olive, avocado, sesame), fancy vinegars and sauces, bath products and lotions, etc. We request that you do not wrap your contribution - our conveners will prepare the bottles for sale. The goal is 60 bottles!! Can you help us meet the challenge????? Place your contributions on the narthex table.

JEWELLERY

We always have buyers for attractive jewellery in good condition as well as the bargains eagerly sought by those wanting to make their own.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church; the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin. In the Anglican Church of Canada we pray for Archbishop Anne, our Acting Primate. We also pray for Archbishops Lynne and Chris and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u> We pray for Anna, our bishop; for St. Philip by-the-Sea, Lantzville; for the people of the Central Saanich United Church.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. Philip, Cedar, for the Rev. Leslie Flynn and the people of the parish and neighbourhood.

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

<u>In our Parish:</u> We pray for Sue Rumball and Elsie Marshall and for their families.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville & Patricia, Roche, Diana A., Fern & Mark, Don C., Ron H., Lynn S.

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

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., Mike D., Michelle, Rudi, Family of Peter W., Bishop Geoff Woodcroft

<u>In the greater community:</u> 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.

If you would like to contribute to the operation of our Parish, there are several ways to do so.

- You may place your offering in the collection plate at the church when you attend services. You may use your weekly offering envelope at either church, especially during combined worship services. We will ensure that it gets to the church that is identified on the outside of the envelope.
- There are special "Visitor" envelopes at the back of the church. Please follow the instructions on the front.
- You may enroll in our Pre-Authorized Donation program if you
 would like to give through automatic debit or credit card. Speak
 with Lynda Clifford at St. Stephen or Leslie Pedlow at St. Mary.
- You may donate to either congregation on-line by going to the parish website (**ParishCS.ca**) and clicking the "DONATE" tab on the top line. From there follow the instructions, scroll down the menu to select where your donation should be applied. May be used for Outreach donations as well.
- There are secure mail slots in the office doors at St. Mary and St. Stephen for drop off.
- You may send a cheque (made payable to either St. Mary's Church or payable to St. Stephen's Church) and mail it to the respective address on the back of the bulletin.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

CLERGY CONTACT INFORMATION

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego His Cell Phone: (250) 208-9949 His email: ltowstego@bc.anglican.ca

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.



RETURN TO PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

We return to Standard Time next Sunday, November 3rd. Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd.

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