



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich
St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church
Faith - Family - Friendship



**Welcome To
PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH
St. Stephen 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 Shoemsmith, 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
Rachel Moss, Music

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.
The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude: ***Who am I*** - Mark Hall © 2003 CCLI# 4196651

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *Blindman* - Yohann Anderson © 1972 CCLI# 428588

**Blindman sat by the road and he cried,
Blindman sat by the road and he cried,
Blindman sat by the road and he cried,
He cried: “oh, show me the way,
Show me the way,
Show me the way,
The way to go home.”**

**Woman stood by the well and she cried,
Woman stood by the well and she cried,
Woman stood by the well and she cried,
She cried: “oh, show me the truth,
Show me the truth,
Show me the truth,
And the way to go home.”**

**Lazarus laid in the grave and they cried,
Lazarus laid in the grave and they cried,
Lazarus laid in the grave and they cried,
They cried: “oh, show us the life,
Show us the life,
Show us the life,
And the way to go home.”**

**Jesus hung on the way and He died,
Jesus hung on the way and He died,
Jesus hung on the way and He died,
He cried: “oh, I am the Way,
I am the Truth,
I am the Life,
And the Way to go home.”**

**A healed man stood by the road and he cried,
A healed man stood by the road and he cried,
A healed man stood by the road and he cried,
He cried: “oh, I found the Way,
I found the Truth,
I found the Life,
And the Way to go home. Jesus!”**

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 W̱SÁNEĆ and Coast Salish Peoples.

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

Jackie: 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.

Jackie: 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.

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

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

Gloria – Mass for the King of Glory

Betty Carr Pulkingham © 1973 (arr. for one voice by Daisy Essery)

**Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

Greg Robinson - 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 Lord blessed 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 – *Greg Robinson*

1 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 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: *All Who Are Thirsty* – *Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson © 1998 CCLI# 2489542*

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain; dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep.**

Holy Spirit, come.

Holy Spirit, come.

**All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain; dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep.**

Maria: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Maria: 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.

Maria: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual: All Who Are Thirsty (con't.)

Abba, Father, come.

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**All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain; dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep.**

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come.

Abba, Father, come.

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 – Maria King

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: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

- Stuart Townend © 1995 CCLI# 1558110

**How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

After the offering is placed on the Lord's Table, all sing:
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

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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.**

Lord's Prayer:

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

Our Father in Heaven

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**Our Father in Heaven,
Your name is Holy.
May Your will be done here;
May Your Kingdom come.
You supply all we need.
Lord, forgive our transgressions,
As we forgive others
Who trespass against us.
And lead us, dear Father,
Not into temptation;
Deliver us, Lord,
From the evil one's snare.
For Yours is the Kingdom,
And Yours is the power,
And Yours is the glory,
Forever and 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.

Music during Communion

Prayer after Communion: 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: *Who You Say I Am* – Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

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**Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me.
Oh, His love for me.**

**Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.**

**Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me.
Yes, He died for me.**

**Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.**

**I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am.
I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am.
Oh, I am who You say I am.
Yes, I am who You say I am.**

**Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.
In my Father's house There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.**

Dismissal:

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Kyrie Eleison* – Jodi Page-Clark © 1976 CCLI# 217469

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Please join us for a Potluck Luncheon in the parish hall

READINGS – NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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

POTLUCK LUNCH AT ST. STEPHEN - There will be a potluck lunch in the hall after the service All are welcome.

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.

Oct.	Grief & Support Luncheon
Nov.	Christmas Hampers
Dec.	General Outreach



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 30th.*** 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.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: 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.

In our Parish: 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.

For Those with Long-Term Needs: 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, The family of Peter W., Bishop Geoff Woodcroft

In the greater community: 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

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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.

***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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