



Anglican Parish of Central Saanich

St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church

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



**NOVEMBER 10, 2024 – PENTECOST 25
& REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

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 Shoosmith, 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 Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie, Presiding & Preaching

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.
With thanks, please mute your cell phones during the service.
The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude – *Joanne Lambert*

Laying of Wreath – *Abby Moss*

Processional Hymn: *O God Our Help in Ages Past* (CP#528)

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Prayer

O CANADA

**O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

Refrain:

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: In the name of God we meet together on this Remembrance Sunday to thank God and to commemorate all who have served their country, especially in time of war and, in particular, those who made the supreme sacrifice. We have also come to pray for peace, for justice and goodwill among all people, and to dedicate ourselves anew to removing the causes which give rise to war.

ACT OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you, Almighty Father, for all your mercies, known and unknown; for your guidance of your people in wondrous ways through our history; for the courage, bravery, and constancy of sailors, soldiers and air crew; for the devotion and fortitude of men, women and children. We pray that we may be worthy of peace, and show forth our thanks by serving you more faithfully. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMEMBRANCE COLLECT

Celebrant: Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SILENCE (one minute)

Abby Moss: They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning. We will remember them.'

People: We will remember them.

The Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Readings

Greg Robinson - A Reading from the Book of Ruth

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' ⁵ She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.'

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm 127 BAS – Greg Robinson

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, * **their labour is in vain who build it.**

2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, * **in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.**

3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; * **vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.**

4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, * **and the fruit of the womb is a gift.**

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior * **are the children of one's youth.**

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! * **he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

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.

Sue Smith - A Reading from the Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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Gradual: *Abide with Me* (CP #24 vss 1 & 2)

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

Logan: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Logan : The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸ As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Logan: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Abide with Me (CP #24 vss. 4 & 5)

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

Sermon – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie

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 – Greg Robinson

Presider: 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.

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: Put Peace into Each Others' Hands

**Put peace into each other's hand
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.**

**Put peace into each other's hand
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.**

**Put peace into each other's hand
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
Our life is meant for caring.**

**Give thanks for strong yet tender hands,
held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short,
let hands speak out,
the heights of love expressing.**

**Put peace into each other's hand
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure;
and share it like a treasure.**

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

(Eucharist Prayer A)

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: Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you have formed the universe.

Your Spirit brooded over all in expectation, midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas and the lands and all life came to be.

The winds and breezes, waters, fresh and salt, calm or gale swept, beaches and tides, mountains, rain and snow, are the setting of life and teach respect for the forces of nature.

In this land the First People learned to depend upon the plants, the cedars, the sea creatures, the deer, the wolves, the bears of the forest, the sea birds, ravens and eagles for daily needs and signs of what is to come.

In ceremony and song, in dance and art, these relationships are portrayed and honoured.

All created things shared life with one another, sensing connection with one other.

When connections were dishonoured and broken, creation suffered.

Creation continues and brings light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death.

Sanctus (Steve Bell)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest**

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

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest**

Presider: The living Word was sent to freely share sorrow and joy, pain and healing, life and death in Jesus our brother and friend.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He taught them to remember how they are loved and to know his presence with them and in them always.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you”.

Later 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 of my blood, shed for you and for the world for forgiveness and healing.

Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me”.

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

People: **Come, Creator.
Come, transforming Word.
Come, Breath of Life.**

Presider: We recall the offering of Jesus, guardian of your People: a birth in poverty, a child refugee, a worker with his hands, the gathering of disciples and teaching and healing the People, his power over sin and triumph over death and his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, and we offer to God this bread and cup.

Send the Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May the Breath brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

People: **Bless and unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus that we may celebrate with all creation.
Sing, mountains and valleys, fields and seas, creatures of the rivers, oceans and forests!**

Presider: May all who share this poor pilgrim’s portion from bread and cup be incorporated as one body and one holy People, God’s priesthood joined in the offering of Jesus’ birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church, the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and all yet to be born.

By our mother Mary, Michael and all the holy angels, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, apostles, prophets, ministers and martyrs, may we be encouraged in faith and in walking the earth gently.

People: **In good time, we will walk straight on,
not looking back, not turning our head,
to enter the presence of God and all the saints.**

Presider: Glory and honour to God Triune, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, in one holy church, now and in all ages.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

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.

People: Thanks be to God.

Administration of Holy Communion

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.

*If you prefer not to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing,
please cross your arms over your chest.*

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Instrumental music during Communion

Prayer after Communion: Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: *For the Healing of the Nations* (CP #576)

**For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.**

**To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,**

**Lead us, Father, into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span**

**You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

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 FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2024 – PENTECOST 26

1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 13:1-8

VACATION - The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego will be on out of the office until November 30. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie at 250-882-1565.

SMILE CARDS will be ordered Tuesday, November 12. Please have your order in to Irene or to the Office by 11:00 on that day. Both Leslie and Lon will be out of the office but Irene will be there before 11:00 to check to see if there have been any requests put through the mail slot or to greet you when you arrive. Thank you.

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE at St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church, 4733 West Saanich Road, 6pm on November 15. A joint ministry with the Parish of Central Saanich. Please come.

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



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VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Sun Nov 24 2:30pm

• St. Mary the Virgin Anglican
Church 1701 Elgin Rd. Victoria

Sat Nov 30 2:30pm

• St. Mary's Anglican Church
1973 Cultra Ave. Saanichton

Tickets \$20, Children ≤12 Free via Eventbrite, from VGSS members or at the door

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HOLLY FAIR - November 23rd 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Please invite your friends!

**Please read latest Holly Fair News – Issue No. 2
for more detailed information.**

ITEMS THAT MAY BE DROPPED OFF NOW:

Mystery Bottles

Jewellery

Christmas Past & Presents

Personal Donations to the Silent Auction

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lynn Fallan.

For more information on all stalls contact:

Lynn Fallan – email: lynnfallan@shaw.ca

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DELIVERING YOUR DONATIONS:

It would be appreciated if items for the Silent Auction were brought in on/or before Sunday, November 17th to allow preparation of bid sheets, etc.

The church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings for delivery of your contributions.

All other donations will be welcome:

on **THURSDAY** (Nov. 21) 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (to the narthex)

or **FRIDAY** (Nov. 22) between 9:00 a.m. and Noon (to all stalls except Baking).

BAKING will be accepted on **FRIDAY**, (Nov. 22) between 9:00 a.m. and Noon and on **SATURDAY** (Nov. 23) BEFORE 9:00 a.m.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of South India (United); 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, Oak Bay; for the people of The Saanich Peninsula Catholic Parish.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of Holy Trinity, Sooke, The Ven. Bob Baillie and the people of the parish and surrounding community

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

In our Parish: We pray for Allan Noble and Carl & Shirley Schwazer 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, 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.

For the repose of the soul: of the Honourable Murray Sinclair and for comfort and strength for his family, friends and community.

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.

***Note:** Worshipers may be photographed or recorded as part of the service. If this is of concern to you, please talk to the Minister or Wardens.*

CLERGY CONTACT INFORMATION

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See the notice in the bulletin for emergency contact information for November.

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