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30 March 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Holy Eucharist**

Service outline, Parish News & Events

**8 am**  **HOLY COMMUNION**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**9.30 am**  **FAMILY COMMUNION**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Celebrant: Fr. Allen Doerksen

Praise Songs

**The Gathering of the Community**

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Greeting

*Kyrie eleison* (Lord have mercy)

Collect

**The Story of Faith is Proclaimed**

Children’s Time – Tenebrae candles

First Reading: Psalm 32

Gradual Hymn

*Children & Youth leave for their programs during the gradual hymn*

Gospel Acclamation: *Your Word (sung)*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Gospel Acclamation: *Your Word (sung)*

Sermon

*A short period of silent reflection follows,*

*signalled by the sound of a bell*

Affirmation of Faith *for Lent*

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution BAS 191

The Peace BAS 192

Offertory

Prayer over the Gifts BAS 291

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Eucharistic Prayer BAS 198

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

The Lord’s Prayer (*sung)*  BAS 211

Breaking of the Bread BAS 213 #7

The Communion

Prayer after Communion BAS 289

Doxology: Glory to God BAS 214

Announcements & Birthday Box

Blessing BAS 684

Closing Song

Dismissal BAS 215



**Welcome to Communion**

We want you to feel welcome at St. Philip. All are encouraged to come forward to receive the bread (communion wafer) and wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your head and hands down. If you are more comfortable not drinking from the cup, you may keep your head down and let it pass, or return to your pew after receiving the bread. Please tell the person distributing the bread if you require a gluten-free wafer. Prayer Ministers are available during Communion at the 9:30 am service, at the side of the altar.

**Offering**

It is Anglican custom to receive a financial offering in our worship, as an expression of gratitude to God. Please do not feel compelled to participate in this offering.

Your presence is gift enough.

*The abbreviation BAS in the service order refers to page numbers in the Book of Alternative Services, the green volume in the pews. CP is Common Praise, the blue hymn book.*

***Please join us for coffee and fellowship downstairs after the service.***



**Services this week**

**30 March 2025 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**8am** Holy Communion

**9am** Community prayers downstairs in the youth room

**9.30am** Eucharist, in-person & live streamed via Facebook Live

* Celebrant & preacher: Fr. Allen Doerksen
* Deacon: Rev. Rebecca Yeo
* Altar Guild: Felicity Bradley, Karen Fenimore
* Usher: Louise Bluck
* Music leader: Dave Conway, Dana Reiter
* Readers: Florie Varga
* Prayers of the People: Sharon RIchmond
* Powerpoint & slides: Clayton Savage, Stacy McGhee
* Facebook Live: Karishma Iyer
* Children's ministry: Melinda Budgell Weicker
* Youth ministry: Ruth McGhee
* Coffee: Linda and Jeff Monty
* Offerings counters: Betty Davidson, Mike Pipes

**1 April, Tuesday** 10.30am Contemplative Prayer

**3 April, Thursday** **10am** Holy Eucharist

**Parish notices**

***Staying Grounded in Times of Chaos***

*A Lenten series from the Diocese of Islands and Inlets*

This week, Jenny Replogle (Canon for Lay-led Parishes and Parishes-in-Transition) speaks about the Daily Office, a core practice of the Anglican tradition. One great tool for praying the Daily Office is the Venite app, which is available for mobile devices or at [www.venite.app/home](http://www.venite.app/home). View online at

<https://vimeo.com/1068167940>



***Table Talk today: GVAT Listening Campaign 2025,* St Philip's in Oak Bay** on Sunday, March 30 at 11am (following the 9.30 service)

The “Listening Session” at St Philip will be hosted and facilitated by Fr. Allen – please stay and talk (with your coffee) after the 9.30 service.

Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) is a coalition of diverse organizations from across Greater Victoria that work together to advocate for issues of common concern. Our Diocese of Islands and Inlets is a member organization of GVAT. Together, we are building a fairer, more sustainable Victoria region.

GVAT has worked on raising awareness about mental health and addictions, improving access to transit, safer cycling infrastructure, affordable and supportive housing, protecting old growth and food security in the region.

GVAT is currently engaging its member organizations and beyond in a Listening Campaign, with the goal of identifying the issues we need to work on together. Following the campaign, we will develop teams to research and initiate focused action on particular issues. Discerning the most important issues in our time and place is the critical first step. What are our most heartfelt anxieties? What keeps us up at night?

The format will be that of "table talks." Participants will have the opportunity to share stories about their most important concerns, with the focus not on church-issues per se, but rather our concerns about the communities and environment we live in.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as Anglicans in Greater Victoria, to be the church, alongside others in our communities.

***We look forward to seeing you there!***



***Children on Palm Sunday - an invitation***

Palm Sunday (13 April this year) is the last Sunday before Holy Week. It commemorates the procession of Jesus into Jerusalem, and his reception by the Passover crowds in the city, as related in Matthew 21 and John 2, and fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9.

There is a long tradition of having children take leading roles in Palm Sunday processions and other parts of the liturgy on this day, because Matthew's Gospel tells of "children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David." (Hosanna in Hebrew means "save now" or as used in the Gospels "honour to the one who saves" and indicates that the crowds were hailing Jesus as the Messiah.)

This year at St Philip we specially invite children and their caregivers to attend the 9.30 service on Palm Sunday! and for those who want to, to take active parts in the liturgy. This could include:

* greeting people as they come in
* bringing the offering plates and communion elements forward
* bringing the cross forward
* helping to serve communion
* reading a lesson from the Bible
* help lead the liturgy of the palms and procession
* singing

If you're interested, please contact Fr. Allen ahead of time, either at church on a Sunday morning or any time via phone or email.



***Contemplative Prayer***

Please join us on Tuesday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30, meeting in the choir area of the nave (at the front of the church), for a 20 minute contemplative sit with a time of prayer following.



***Thursday Eucharist returns to 10am***

The book study following Thursday Eucharist is on hiatus, next series tbc. Thursday services coming up:

3 April 10am Eucharist

10 April 10am Eucharist

17 April no service (Holy Week)

24 April no service (Easter Week)

1 May 10am Morning Prayer

8 May 10am Morning Prayer

15 May 10am Eucharist



***FREE Toddler’s Play Bus looking for a new route!***

If you know of a family, organization, or clinic waiting room who would be able to use this play bus, please contact Joan Sedgwick [joansedgwick@shaw.ca](mailto:joansedgwick@shaw.ca)).

Dimensions are 45”(l) x 29”(h) x 29” (w).

***News Roundup on the website: especially for Shaw & Hotmail subscribers - please share***

If you are still not receiving the weekly St Philip e-newsletter on Fridays, *please check the parish website*:

www.stphilipvictoria.ca

Most news and events items in the newsletter are routinely posted on the News and Events sections of the website first.

**New feature on the website**: **news roundup** in the News section, links to all the newsletter items together, published on Fridays. This is an alternative for those whose Shaw email still isn’t letting the e-newsletter through.



***Troubleshooting issues with Shaw emails not receiving weekly newsletters***

Things you can do if your Shaw or Hotmail email address has recently stopped delivering St Philip’s weekly newsletters to you:

* find an old newsletter email from [admin@stphilipvictoria.ca](mailto:admin@stphilipvictoria.ca), get your email program to “whitelist” or mark the sending address (admin@stphilipvictoria.ca) as a “safe sender”.
* Add [admin@stphilipvictoria.ca](mailto:admin@stphilipvictoria.ca) to your Contacts list
* adjust your Shaw spam filter settings. Do check your junk/spam mail folder, and keep checking it regularly.
* Mark as “Not Junk” any legitimate emails that get into the junk/spam folder, to help the system learn
* forward a previous newsletter e-mail to [**reportnotspam@shaw.ca**](mailto:reportnotspam@shaw.ca).

You may need to do these more than once before they take effect. Others with the same problem report that they were able to use these instructions in Shaw Webmail:

https://support.therae.com/hc/en-us/articles/360050482671-Not-receiving-some-emails-Add-to-Whitelist#h\_01G7FNQ1JY71Z42FQ7FT8SCG89

*- Anna*



**Prayers & readings for Sun 30 March & the following week:**

We pray for Anna, our bishop; Allen, our rector; and Rebecca, our deacon. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for our event coordinators.

This week our diocese prays for the parish of St Barnabas, Victoria, and their incumbent Travis O'Brian.

In the ecclesiastical provincial cycle of prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame .

This week the Anglican Church of Canada prays for The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological, College, and Queen’s College.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

**Collect**: Undignified God, spirit of dangerous feasts, inviting the unclean to your table: find us in the far country of hopelessness and greed; free us from the prison of resentment and envy and bring us back to life; through Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners.

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (pp. 94-95).*

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer for the week:**

* Mon Mar 31 The Diocese of Maryland – Episcopal Church
* Tues Apr 1 The Diocese of Masasi – Tanzania
* Wed Apr 2 The Diocese of Maseno East – Kenya
* Thurs Apr 3 The Diocese of Maseno North – Kenya
* Fri Apr 4 The Diocese of Maseno South - Kenya
* Sat Apr 5 The Diocese of Maseno West – Kenya

**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

[**Lectionary for Sunday 30**](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=382&z=p&d=86) **March**: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

* Mon Mar 31 Ps 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8
* Tues Apr 1 Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10
* Wed Apr 2 Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17
* Thurs Apr 3 Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24
* Fri Apr 4 Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25-3:1
* Sat Apr 5 Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57

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*This well-known painting is the cover image and central theme of Henri Nouwen’s much-loved book* The Return of the Prodigal Son <https://henrinouwen.org/>

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