A black background with blue text

Description automatically generated

A stained glass window with a lamb

AI-generated content may be incorrect.

20 April 2025

Easter Sunday

**Holy Eucharist**

Service outline, Parish News & Events

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

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

Celebrant: Fr. Allen Doerksen

**The Gathering of the Community**

Worship Songs

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Greeting

Song of Praise *Today I Awake* CP 9

Collect

**The Story of Faith is Proclaimed**

Children’s Time – Easter candles

Song: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!*

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gradual Hymn

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

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia (sung)*

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia (sung)*

Sermon

*A short period of silent reflection follows,*

*signalled by the sound of a bell*

The Prayers of the People

The Peace BAS 192

Offertory

Prayer over the Gifts BAS 336

Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Eucharistic Prayer BAS 198, 222

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 214

Announcements & Birthday Box

Blessing

Closing Song

Dismissal BAS 215



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

**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.

*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.*

**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.

**Services this week**

20 April 2025 - Easter Sunday

6.30am Service of Light

8am Holy Communion

9am Community prayers downstairs in the youth room

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

Celebrant & preacher: Fr. Allen Doerksen

Deacon: Rev. Rebecca Yeo

Altar Guild: Bethan Samaroo, Karen Fenimore

Usher: Bruce Fyfe

Music leader: Alix & Chris Harvey

Reader: Lisa Alexander

Prayers of the People: Lisa Alexander

Powerpoint & slides: Clayton Savage

Facebook Live: Karishma Iyer

Youth ministry: Ruth McGhee

Coffee: Evelyn Savage

Offerings counters: Betty Davidson, Anna Sander

A row of eggs with flowers and butterflies

AI-generated content may be incorrect.

***There will be an Easter egg hunt after the 9.30 service. Please wait for instructions during the announcements!***

*Image by Agata from Pixabay*

22 April, Tuesday 10.30am Contemplative Prayer

24 April, Thursday no morning service or discussion

Office hours: NB the office will be open on Friday the 25th instead of Thursday the 24th.



**Thank you from Street Hope**

Tuesday evening was a perfect night to deliver the Easter goodies so generously provided by us, the St. Philip’s congregation. Rob Hosie was a hit in his colourful outfit which said “Happy Easter” to all he greeted. The socks filled with Easter treats were well received and appreciated by the folks on Pandora Ave. with many “God bless yous”.

Street Hope volunteers and staff provide a much needed service to those less fortunate in Victoria. Without the generosity in time (sandwich making every Tuesday), gifts for the special Festivals during the Church calendar year, and the many volunteers from St. Philip’s who go out on Tuesday evenings to help distribute the “goodies” Street Hope would have a difficult time in fulfilling their mission to the people on Pandora.

Street Hope says ‘THANK YOU’ for all of our support.

*- Kathy Fyfe*



***Shelbourne Community Kitchen's*** [***Spring Into Action Food Drive***](http://stphilipvictoria.ca/news/spring-into-action-food-drive)***:*** From April 1 - April 30, 2025 The Shelbourne Community Kitchen will be gathering non perishable food donations to keep our Pantry Program shelves full and continue making healthy food accessible for the people in our community looking for additional support. At this time our most needed items are **baked beans, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, canned protein, and granola bars**.

A yellow sign with text

AI-generated content may be incorrect.



***Thursday Eucharist schedule***

The book study following Thursday Eucharist will resume in mid-May with Fr. Allen leading a "deep dive" into the Ignatian practice of Daily Examen Prayer. Thursday services coming up:

24 April **no service** (Easter Week)

1 May 10am Morning Prayer

8 May 10am Morning Prayer

15 May 10am Eucharist

***Teens & Twenties Games Night***

Board game night lives on! The next one is next week: Friday, Apr 25th, 6pm till 9pm at St. Philip Anglican Church

We have snacks and board games, and all we need is you! Feel free to invite your friends and bring your own snacks and games if you want to - this evening is for \*everyone\* between the ages 16 and 29. We won't nitpick about the age limits :)

Location: entrance to the lower level through the pathway by the garden at the side of the building - follow the signage! Feel free to drop in or leave at any time. There are bus stops for buses 4, 9, 7, 11, and 15 within walking distance from the church.

Questions?: Contact Karishma at ms.shrutikarishma[at] gmail.com



***Singing Circle***

This is an invitation for people of all ages to enjoy a time of informal singing and making music. Chris and Alix Harvey would like to invite people with or without instruments to join us at the church, and at a time that is determined to be convenient for participants. Your musical preferences and talents are not crucial- we will construct a song bank based on what you want to sing. This may be a one-time event or if there is enthusiasm, we are keen to continue. If you are interested and would like to take part, email Chris [flashharvey@gmail.com](mailto:flashharvey@gmail.com).



***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).

***Prayer in the style of Taizé***

Broad View United Church, 3703 St Aidan's Street

6pm Friday April 25, May 16 and 20 June. All welcome.



***International Pipe Organ Day: Saturday, April 26, 1-3pm***

It’s International Pipe Organ Day! Drop by various churches to hear a demonstration and try out (yes, that means you get to play) the pipe organ to help Victoria become the Pipe Organ Capital of Canada by setting a record for the most people playing a pipe organ that day! A friendly organist will share their knowledge and raise awareness of the pipe organ, its music and the Royal Canadian College of Organists training programs and scholarships. This is a FREE event, so bring your kids or grandkids to create some awesome sounds! For more information, please visit **www.rcco-victoria.org** to see what pipe organs in town are available for you to explore.

*- Neala St-Hilaire*



***Community Art & Storytelling: Orca Chief***

***at Oak Bay United Church - 2pm Saturday, April 26, 2025***

Sharing from our neighbours at Oak Bay United: Please join Oak Bay United Church as we celebrate Earth Day 2025 through a community art & storytelling event!

This all-ages event will feature author Robert “Lucky” Budd telling the traditional Northwest Coast legend Orca Chief in the church sanctuary. Budd is a gifted oral storyteller who collaborates with renowned Indigenous artist Roy Henry Vickers to preserve and share traditional stories.







***Where We Live: Critical Perspectives on our Built and Natural Environments - John Albert Hall Lecture - Saturday, April 26***

Each year the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society at UVic collaborates with colleagues at the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets to offer programming of interest to both scholars and members of the local community. This year our day-long workshop at Christ Church Cathedral will involve scholars and professionals in a moderated public conversation about crises that beset the natural and built environments. More info at <https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/csrs/events/john-albert-hall/index.php>



***An Easter Message from Bishop Anna***

<https://bc.anglican.ca/news/triduum-message>

Dear friends, it is Holy Week 2025. And there will be a garden, there will be an empty tomb. But first – but first, there will be a battle, as there Is always a battle, between the Kingdom of God – a kingdom of love and justice, compassion and mercy – and the Empire. For Empires are always about power and dominion and control and violence and greed, and the empires are always threatened by the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is where the mighty are brought down from their thrones, the hungry are filled with good things, and the rich are turned empty away. And so when the Kingdom comes among us, the empire turns violent.

And there are moments in our lives when we are tempted by the Empire, when we are tempted to betray the Chosen One with a kiss, when we are tempted to flee into the night.

But there is an empty tomb. There is a garden. There is the Risen Christ who comes among us again, who loves us still, and calls us anew to follow him in his path of selfless love, of boundless compassion, of healing and grace. And so, my friends, as we celebrate the risen Christ, let us, like him, see the empires of the world for what they are. Let us, like him, take up the towel and the basin, and do the servant’s job of washing feet. Let us, like him, feed those who are hungry, heal those who are broken-hearted, and always and everywhere incarnate God’s Kingdom of love and justice and mercy. Amen. Alleluia! Blessings this Easter season.

*- Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee*

**Prayers & readings for Sunday 20 April & 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 the intercessions team, who lead the [Prayers of the People](https://www.stmatthiasvictoria.ca/ministries/serving-in-worship/pages/prayers-of-the-people) during worship.

This week our diocese prays for the people of [St Columba, Tofino](https://www.stcolumbatofino.ca/), and visiting clergy.

In the ecclesiastical provincial cycle of prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Kootenay and Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

This week the Anglican Church of Canada prays for The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the [Diocese of Algoma](https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/). During [Earth Week](https://www.anglicanlutheran.ca/statements/earth-day-2025/), we pray for climate justice and healthy relationships with the earth.

In the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, we pray for the peace of [Jerusalem](https://j-diocese.org/wordpress/) (Psalm 122:6) and for the [Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui](https://www.hkskh.org/index.aspx?lang=1)  (Anglican Church in Hong Kong, Kowloon and Macau).

**Collect:** O God of the living, you made the tomb of death the womb from which you bring forth your Son, the first-born of a new creation: make us joyful witnesses to this good news, so that all humanity may one day gather at the feast of new life in that kingdom where you reign for ever and ever.  Amen.   
Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

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

* Mon Apr 21 The Diocese of Mbeere – Kenya
* Tues Apr 22 The Diocese of Mbhashe – Southern Africa
* Wed Apr 23 The Diocese of Meath and Kildare – Ireland
* Thurs Apr 24 The Diocese of Medak – South India (United)
* Fri Apr 25 The Diocese of Central Melanesia – Melanesia
* Sat Apr 26 The Diocese of Melbourne – Australia

**BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Lectionary for Sunday 20 April - Easter Sunday

* [Acts 10:34-43](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=42#pericope_hebrew_reading) or [*Isaiah 65:17-25*](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=42#pericope_hebrew_oth_reading)
* [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=42#pericope_psalm_reading)
* [1 Corinthians 15:19-26](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=42#pericope_epistle_reading) or [*Acts 10:34-43*](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=42#pericope_epistle_oth_reading)
* [John 20:1-18](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=42#pericope_gospel_reading) or [*Luke 24:1-12*](https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts/?y=384&z=s&d=42#pericope_gospel_oth_reading)

Daily readings below are from the *Complementary thread, related to the weekly Sunday Gospel lection and sermon*.

* Mon Apr 21 [Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; Josh 10:16-27; 1 Cor 5:6b-8;](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20118:1-2,%2014-24;%20Joshua%2010:16-27;%201%20Corinthians%205:6b-8;)
* Tues Apr 22 [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Revelation 12:1-12;](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20118:1-2,%2014-24;%20Judges%204:17-23;%205:24-31a;%20Revelation%2012:1-12;)
* Wed Apr 23 [Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Sam 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12;](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20118:1-2,%2014-24;%202%20Samuel%206:1-15;%20Luke%2024:1-12;)
* Thurs Apr 24 [Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16;](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20150;%201%20Samuel%2017:1-23;%20Acts%205:12-16;)
* Fri Apr 25 [Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26;](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20150;%201%20Samuel%2017:19-32;%20Acts%205:17-26;)
* Sat Apr 26 [Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40;](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%20150;%201%20Samuel%2017:32-51;%20Luke%2024:36-40;)

*Cover image:* Agnus Dei(Lamb of God), *stained glass, Church of Reconciliation, Taizé, France.* *Brother Marc of Taizé (Heinz-Peter Rudolf), 1931-2024*.The Lamb of God, bearing either a cross-topped flag or a cross as here, is an ancient symbol of Christ’s ultimate sacrifice and ultimate victory. https://www.taize.fr/en\_article37722.html

**Rector: Rev. Allen Doerksen (**[incumbent@stphilipvictoria.ca](mailto:incumbent@stphilipvictoria.ca)**,**

**work cell 236-508-2928; day off: Friday)**

**Warden: Larry Anthony (**[lanthony@stphilipvictoria.ca](mailto:lanthony@stphilipvictoria.ca)**)**

**Warden: Judith Armstrong (**[jarmstrong@stphilipvictoria.ca](mailto:jarmstrong@stphilipvictoria.ca)**)**

**Parish Office Hours: Mon 1-4.30, Wed & Thurs 9-4.30**

250-592-6823 | [admin@stphilipvictoria.ca](mailto:admin@stphilipvictoria.ca)

Website: https://www.stphilipvictoria.ca/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stphilipoakbay>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stphilipoakbay/>

*Thank you for avoiding scented products at church.*

A logo with text on it

AI-generated content may be incorrect.

