

March 15, 2020

3rd Sunday in Lent

As we gather in worship, we acknowledge that we meet on the ancestral uncaded lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt peoples.

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION Christopher Page

9:00 AM FAMILY COMMUNION Christopher Page

Praise Music

Trisagion

Collect of the Day p. 289

Congregation sit; children to the front

Silence

Tenebrae Wreath

see facing page

Gradual Hymn

Children go down to Sunday School during this hymn

Gospel John 4:5-42 p. 864

Sharon Richmond

Sermon

Christopher Page

Silence

Prayers

Christopher Page

Confession & Absolution

Peace

Eucharistic Prayer

Christopher Page

“Our Father”

THE COMMUNION

Chalice Bearers

Esther & Mark Graham

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

Doxology Prayer

Announcements & Birthday Bag

Dismissal

Closing Song

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 alone is gift enough.

11:15 AM Morning Prayer

Christopher Page

Announcements & Birthday Bag

Processional Hymn 555 O God of Bethel By Whose Hand

Exhortation – Confession – Absolution

Venite Verses 1-7

Te Deum

Gospel Reading John 4:5-42 p. 864

Judith Slimmon

Benedictus

The Creed, Suffrages, Collects p. 289

Sermon

Christopher Page

Offertory Hymn 484 In Christ There Is No East or West

Doxology

Prayer & Blessing

Recessional Hymn 505 Be Thou My Vision

Dismissal: Go now in peace / Go now in peace

Know the love of Christ surrounds us

Everywhere everywhere / We may go

**Hearing Loop: Switch hearing aid to T-Coil
or ask an usher for a wireless headset**

Welcome!

We want you to feel welcome at St. Philip. All are encouraged to come forward to receive the bread 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 after receiving the bread return to your pew. You may receive a gluten free wafer if you tell the person distributing the bread. Prayer Ministers are available during Communion at the 9:00 am service, at the side of the altar.

Please join us for coffee after the 9am service. Thank you to our coffee hosts this morning, Katherine and Bert Haupt.

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Service Times

Sunday morning (3 services):

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Family Eucharist & Sunday School
- 11:15 AM Choral Eucharist 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays
Morning Prayer 1st & 3rd Sundays

Midweek:

- Silent Prayer 20 min 'sit' 8:30 AM Tuesday thru Thursdays
- Tuesday: *resumes April 7* Contemplative Prayer – 2 sits of 20m at 7:00 PM
- Thursday: Eucharist at 10:00 AM; Bible Study at 10:30 AM

Welcome to St. Philip Anglican Church

'a place of welcome to all'



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Prayers for the week of March 15, 2020

The World

- We pray for healthcare workers, researchers, and officials around the world. We pray that all who are frightened may know your Peace, and that all who are in pain may feel your Love.
- We give thanks for the gift of Creation and pray that we may live reverently in this sacred world.

Our Country and Local Community

- We pray for the ongoing processes of reconciliation with the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people in Canada, as members of the Anglican Church of Canada, and as Canadian residents and citizens. Help us to know and to act with certitude that every child matters.

The Church

- In our diocese, we pray for Bishop Logan. We pray also for the Diocese of BC as we seek a successor in this ministry.
- In the cycle of prayer for the parishes, we pray for the people of Church of the Advent in Colwood, and their clergy Sandra Hounsell-Drover and Paul Schumacher.
- We pray for the Pilgrims who are preparing for their trip to Jerusalem, in April: Ruth Dantzer, Margot Spence, Grace Bodie, Caroline, Christopher, Jo, and Rebekka.

The Special Needs of Our Community

We pray for all who are in sickness, sorrow, or any kind of difficulty: David Geddes • Greg Anctil • Hannah • Joy Siemens • Brittney • Edie Hills

We give thanks for the life of Len Fallan and pray for all of his family.

We give thanks for the life of Kayak Michaux and pray for all his family, especially his father Byron and sister Theda.

Reading for Next Week

Sunday 22 March — John 9:1-41.

Office Hours this week (March 16 - 20):

Mon. Closed
Tues. Sharon in office 9am - 12pm
Wed. Felicity in office 9am - 12pm
Thurs. Alice in office 9am - 5pm
Fri. Alice in office 9am - 5pm



Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. No flowers decorate the Sanctuary during the season of Lent, and the sombre tone is reflected in our worship as we substitute the 'Trisagion' for the 'Gloria' and omit the 'Alleluia' response to the Gospel reading.

Tenebrae Liturgy for Lent: During our 9:00 services throughout Lent we observe an ancient ritual with candles based on the service of *Tenebrae*. This monastic service from as early as the 12th century was held in the last three days of Holy Week at the end of Lent. During the service a series of candles were gradually extinguished, eventually leaving the chapel in complete darkness.

Tenebrae reminds us that, at Jesus' death, "darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon." This ritual encourages us to search our hearts and consider ways we might be diminishing the light of Christ in our lives and in the world.

Today we begin with five candles lit.

Reader 1: Jesus says that we should only worship God.

Reader 2: Sometimes we make other things more important than God. When we worship things instead of God, the light of Jesus fades.

(3rd candle is extinguished.)

Children: God, may we see your one true Light

All: and know your love that shines so bright

**All sing: Stay with me, Remain here with me;
Watch and pray, Watch and pray.**

Into the Ground of Being - The Ongoing Quest

A silent retreat with The Rev. Ward Bauman || Wednesday June 10
- Saturday June 13 || The Bethlehem Retreat Centre, Nanaimo

Ward Bauman is returning to Vancouver Island for the first time since his wonderful retreat with The Contemplative Society on Meister Eckhart in 2012. During our time together we will explore ancient Christian texts and practice their methods for coming to know the Christ within. The only pre requisite is prior experience in contemplative prayer and/or meditation. Visit www.contemplative.org for more information and to register.

UVic's Cinecenta will be screening **Terrence Malick's new film "A Hidden Life"** on Sunday 22 March 3:00 & 6:15 p.m. & Monday 23 March 7:00 p.m. This movie tells the true story of the life of Franz Jägerstätter the devout Roman Catholic Austrian conscientious objector who refused to go to war to fight for the Nazis (spoiler alert: it does not end happily!). This is Terrence Malick's most accessible movie and a profound meditation on faith, integrity and the power of human conscience. **Christopher will be at the church Sunday 29 March at 7:00 p.m.**, if anyone would like to come by for an informal discussion about the film.

from film critic Brett McCracken: Against all odds, the once-reclusive filmmaker Terrence Malick became remarkably prolific in the last decade, such that one recent article declared the 2010s "the decade of Terrence Malick." Of the five narrative films the Christian filmmaker released in this decade, the first (2011's *The Tree of Life*) and the last (this year's *A Hidden Life*) are the best. These two films are arguably two of the best films about faith ever made. The true story of a Christian who understood the cost of discipleship in World War II—and was martyred because of it—*A Hidden Life* is not an easy film. But it is remarkably rewarding. It's a film every Christian should see—one of the most honest, harrowing, and beautiful explorations of faith I've ever seen. www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-best-movies-of-2019/

Stairwell Gallery

There is a new display up in the Stairwell this March. The last Sunday of the month (29th) is the date on the church calendar when we will observe Annunciation Day this year. While the thirty-five images reproduced, span more than one thousand years and every conceivable medium, all are meant to convey the same story, of the Angel Gabriel visiting Mary – with the news that "she has found favor with God" – and will bear a child – who will be the "Son of the Most High God."

You are invited to Our Place's annual Hungry Hearts Gala fundraiser!

For the 7th year, Our Place Society proudly presents Hungry Hearts, an elegant soiree featuring some of Greater Victoria's most exquisite cuisine, on Saturday, March 28 at the Delta Ocean Pointe Resort. Tickets \$175 each or two for \$325. Purchase online or phone Steven at 250-940-5064.

Celebrate the first full day of Spring by joining in the next **Music and Prayer in the Style of Taizé!** The service is at 6:00 pm, Friday, March 20, at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road. Music practice begins at 5:30. All are welcome!

Car Wash Fundraiser - Sunday March 22nd

This is in support of the UVic students apart of the UVic Interfaith Chapel community. They will be embarking on a 14-day pilgrimage journey to Jerusalem, led by Anglican chaplain, Ruth Dantzer. A portion of the proceeds will also be going to the youth. During the 9:00am service the students, parishioners apart of the pilgrimage as well as the youth group will be washing cars by donation. Don't miss out on this one stop double service!

Judith Armstrong is hoping to head back to Haiti March 21.

Packing day for supplies is March 14 at St. Peter's church. If you are interested in helping sort and pack supplies, please let Judith know. In addition to last week's list of fitted cloth diapers (largest child's size); sheets; batteries (AA, AAA), toothpaste and medications, soap, deodorant, and wash cloths would also be greatly appreciated. Items could be dropped off at the church this week. With thanks.



Lent

Befriending My Shadow with Judith Slimmon & Christopher
7:00 - 8:30pm, four Tuesdays in Lent – March 3, 10, 24, 31

The Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary:
March 29 || 8am, 9am, 11:15am Choral Eucharist
Gillian Fosdick preaching

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: April 5
8am, 9am, 11:15am Choral Eucharist || **Taizé Service at 7:30pm**

Maundy Thursday: April 9
10am mid-week service
6pm Seder Supper at Emmanuel Baptist Church
8:30 pm Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: April 10 || 10am, with Sunday School & Nursery

Holy Saturday: April 11 || 7:30 - 8:30pm meditative service

EASTER Sunday 12 April

8am, 9am, 11:15am Choral Eucharist || Flowering of the Cross

Welcoming Silence Spring Retreat: April 24-26
A weekend of silence, meditation, chanting and lectio divina (sacred reading of Scripture) at the Cowichan Lake Research Station Conference Centre. Retreat Facilitators: Christopher & Heather Page

Befriending My Shadow

A Biblical and Jungian Approach to Shadow Work

Lenten Series:

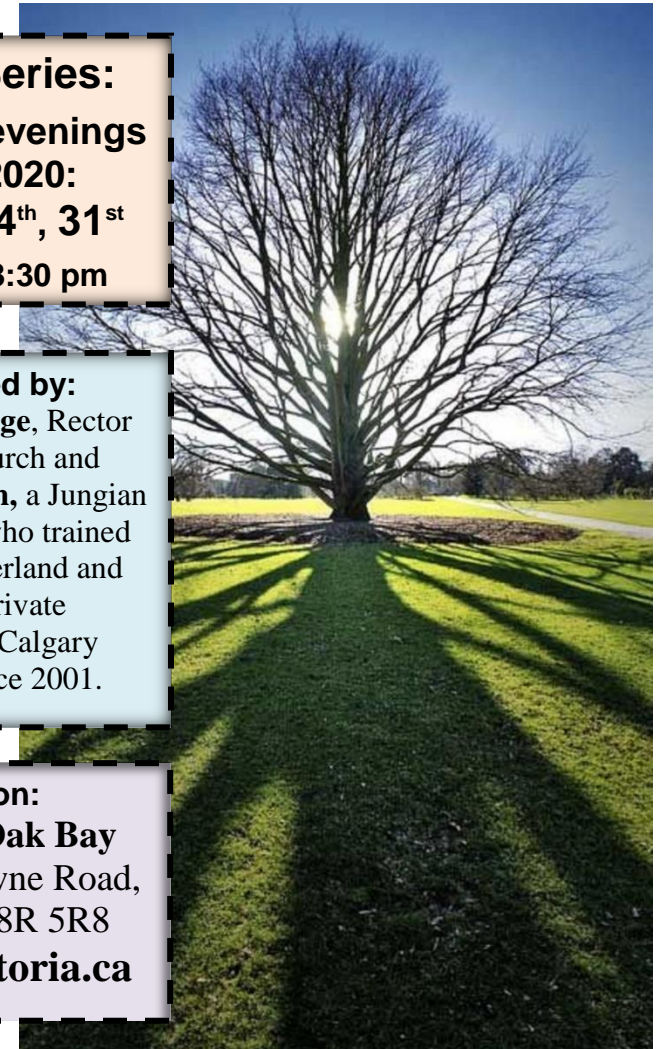
4 Tuesday evenings
March 2020:
3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Facilitated by:

Christopher Page, Rector
of St. Philip Church and
Judith Slimmon, a Jungian
psychoanalyst who trained
in Zurich Switzerland and
has worked in private
practice in both Calgary
and Victoria since 2001.

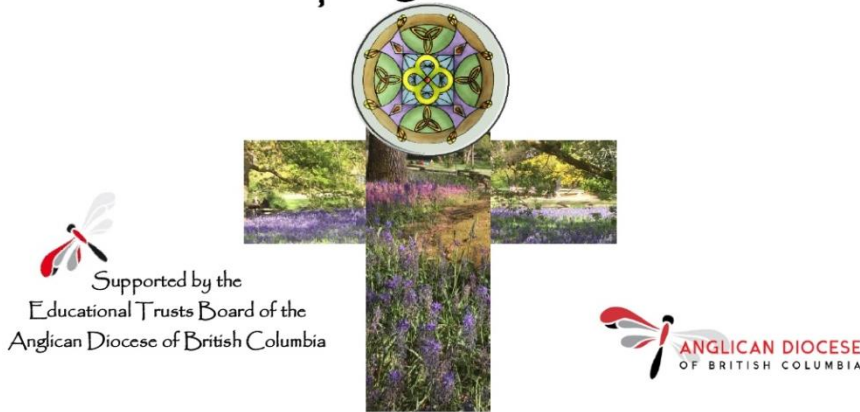
Location:

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Welcoming Silence:

a 2020 Spring Weekend Retreat



All are welcome to join us in the practice of silence, meditation, chanting and lectio divina (sacred reading of Scripture).

Most meals will be in silence. There will be free time to explore the beauty of creation at the Cowichan Lake Research Station Conference Centre, 7060 Forestry Road, Mesachie Lake.

Retreat Facilitators: Christopher & Heather Page

Cost: \$245. Need-based assistance of up to \$70.00, as provided by the Educational Trusts Board of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, is available on an individual basis. Please state your desire to access this when registering. Payment due with registration by April 3, 2020. No refunds available after this date.

For Information: Sharon Richmond (sharonrichmond@gmail.com)

Friday, April 24 - Sunday, April 26, 2020

(check in 4-5 pm Friday - retreat concludes after lunch on Sunday)

A Note from Christopher

Dear Friends, in consultation with the wardens, as of yesterday, we have implemented at St. Philip a few adjustments to our worship practice:

1. we are suspending handshaking during the Exchange of the Peace and ask all worshippers to please remain in your pews for the Peace.
2. it is entirely appropriate to turn to those around you, bow or in some way acknowledge the other person's presence and how you exchange the peace with those with whom you are intimate is entirely up to you.
3. at the back of the church following worship I will not shake hands.
4. when coming for Communion at the altar:
 - a. it is entirely appropriate to receive only the bread
 - b. if you are uncomfortable receiving the wine directly from the chalice, please receive the bread, then you may:
 - i. hold the bread and touch the chalice with the bread as it comes by as a sign that you share in this cup
 - ii. leave the altar rail and return to your place before the chalice comes by
 - iii. stay at the altar rail and keep your head down with arms crossed over your chest
 - iv. after receiving the bread, stand and take a step back and wait until the cup passes before returning to your pew
5. chalice bearers, before and after administering the chalice, please use the hand sanitizer that is on the credence table on the south side of the church or on the altar rail on the north side.

It may be that, in these confusing uncertain times, it is more important than ever that we continue to gather to find strength together and to share the peace that sustains us even in the midst of turmoil. It seems important that we do not allow fear to cause us to become more isolated than is absolutely necessary at this time.

I pray for your health, safety and peace of mind. God bless you all,
Christopher