

What's Going on Here?

No question arrived this week but what about the “sign of the Cross”?

You will see some clergy and parishioners making the sign of the cross at various moments in the service; why? What does it mean?

First of all, it's a “body prayer”; we make a sign on our bodies. The words used are: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Those are traditional words but more contemporary expressions might be: In the name of God who is creating, and redeeming, and sanctifying.

Anyone can do it. Typical times people may make the sign of the Cross are immediately before receiving Communion, at the end of Creed when we refer to the resurrection of the body, and when receiving absolution after confession. People will often use the water of Baptism – which is Holy – to make the sign of the Cross as well.

All of these are ways of marking assent, affirming participation in what is happening in our communal faith life, and doing so in a visible way. Those who choose not to do this are just as pious but have a different way of showing it. Like many things in the Anglican Church, we have a choice.

Next week – unless we get another Question – Prayers of the People.

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Gathered by the River

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Today we are observing Truth and Reconciliation Day, more commonly marked by the wearing of the Orange Shirt. Today we remember with sorrow the painful reality of residential schools and the wrongs that occurred there; wrongs in which the Anglican Church was complicit. We have made our apologies, we have paid some recompense, we have paid some attention to the Calls for Action as a church and as individuals. Today we remember that every child matters and resolve to do no further harm and, with God's help, to do better.

Christmas Baskets are going to happen soon. If you have donations drop them off at the church or give them to Ellen Wagner.

Cougar Sighting: in the neighbourhood of the church. Please be careful on the church grounds and in the area.

The Spirit: Today is the deadline for submissions to our parish magazine. (From the message I got, I think she really means it.) You have some time this afternoon to get your submission ready. Please send it to Jane Monchak monchak@shaw.ca

The Liturgy Committee meets today after the service in the church. This is a Committee of the Whole – everyone is welcome to attend and participate. Please join us in shaping the future worship of the church.

Next week, on October 2 at 2:00 PM there will be a celebration of life for Stan Proctor. Following the service there will be the interment of Stan's cremated remains along with those of his late wife Edith and the late Rosemary Proctor, who was for a number of years our organist. There is no reception at the church.

This Week

Sunday

10:00 Sunday worship, zoom and in-person.

Monday

10:00 AM Coffee Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

10:00 ACW
3:30 Mindfulness

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Next week

Forthcoming Events

Sept 25 after church in the church, Liturgy Committee, everyone is welcome. Zoom is available on the worship link.

Sept 27 Start of Island EfM group on zoom

Sept 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day

Sept 30 and Oct 1 Diocesan Conference in Nanaimo

October 2 2:00 PM Celebration of Life for Stan Proctor, interment to follow.

October 9 Harvest Thanksgiving

October 15 Pot luck dinner, with music and silent auction

October 28 Messy Church

October 29 Turkey Pie sale

November 6 All Saints

November 13 Visit of Bishop Anna

November 20 Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ

November 27 First Sunday of Advent

December 25 Sunday and Christmas

The flowers are offered
to the Glory of God

Flowers may be placed in memory or in thanksgiving. Please speak to a member of the Altar Guild for information.

Next Week

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Participants in the Service

Presiding
The Rev. Catherine Hall

Preaching
The Rev. Catherine Hall

Musicians
Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons, Lori Gooldrup

Zoom Hosts
Tony Smith, George Wagner

Greeter
Jennifer Coolen

Reader
Georgia Smith

Lay Assistant:
George Wagner

Coffee Hour Hosts: