### THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

"Drawing People to the Light"

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# ADVENT 2 DECEMBER 4TH, 2022 10:00 A.M. – A EUCHARISTIC LITURGY FOR THE ISLANDS

We acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather to worship on the territories of the Kwakwaka'Wakw, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Coast Salish Peoples.

We are grateful for our growing relationship with the Qualicum First Nation.

As part of the Anglican Church of Canada, a church of Settlers and First Nations, we commit ourselves to a journey of truth and reconciliation between the indigenous peoples of this land and the non-native peoples of Canada.

#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Before the service, please observe silence so that we can be in quiet prayer.

Musician: David Hitchcock

Welcome

Processional Hymn: CP 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Officiant: Last Sunday, we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath, the candle

of hope. It is lit again, as a symbol that Christ's light of hope

continues to shine for us in the darkness.

People: John the Baptist called on the people of his day to get ready for the

coming of the Messiah. They were to repent. That meant not just to

feel bad about the wrong they had done, but to turn around,

change their ways. God calls us to be willing to change direction

that God's peace may grow in the world.

**Officiant:** We light this second candle to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of

Peace. We learn from his teachings ways to share God's peace with

others.

(Second candle is lit)

People: The prayer of St. Francis asks God to help us be peacemakers.

**Officiant:** Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we light this candle,

we celebrate the hope the prophets proclaimed and the hope we have

in Jesus Christ.

All: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let

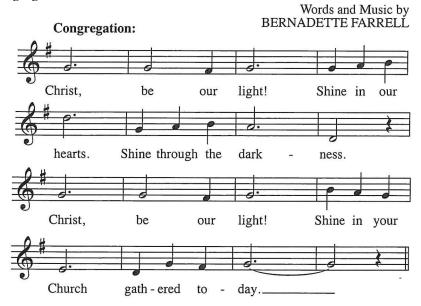
us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; and where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may seek not so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to

be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

#### Christ, Be Our Light!

Choir: Verse 2

Congregation: Refrain



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Choir: Verse 3

Congregation: Refrain

#### The Community Gathers before God

Celebrant: In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral lands of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuu-chah-nulth

and Coast Salish peoples.

*People:* From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

Celebrant: In this time and place

We are not alone

For we meet in the presence of the living God.

*People:* For we meet in the presence of the living God.

Celebrant: In this time and place

We are not alone

For the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

People: The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

Celebrant: In this time and place

We are not alone

For the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

*People:* The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

Celebrant: In this time and place

We are not alone

For we gather with the whole company of heaven, In this time and in this place heaven and earth are one.

People: In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

The Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

## May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

# May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

#### The Reading from the New Testament Letters: Romans 15:4-13

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Acclamation: CP 714 Alleluia! (sing twice before and twice after the Gospel)

#### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Jesus Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' "

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Venerable Elizabeth Northcott

The Creed

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

People Though he was divine he did not cling to equality with God,

But made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, He was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even death on the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above

every name: that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow,

And every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,

To the glory of God the Father. Amen

Cf. Philippians 2: 6-11 from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles

The Prayers of the People (sit, stand or kneel)

#### Confession and Absolution

People Jesus, forgive my sins.

Forgive the sins I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten.

Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted.

Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works.

Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others,

And the leniency I have shown myself.

Forgive the lies I told to others, and the truths I have avoided.

Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself.

Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.

Early Irish from A Celtic Primer p.85

#### Celebrant

May the Lord of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins that you may behold the glory of his Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### The Peace

Offertory Hymn: CP 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

#### The Sacred Meal is Shared

Prayer over the Gifts: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer (sit, stand or kneel)**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right indeed that we should praise you,

God of love, our source and our fulfilment,

for you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being.

Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image.

And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to nurture them in your way of compassionate love.

You sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.

Jesus revealed your love for all Creation, and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us

Jesus suffered the cross, died, and in rising again

became the firstborn of the renewed family.

And so we gather around your table, with saints of every age and your beloved creation we raise our voices and sing:

(Sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant To you be glory, almighty God,

because on the night before he died,

Jesus took bread,

when he had given thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body

which is given for you: do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;

when had given thanks,

he gave it to them and said:

This is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many;

do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

People:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come in glory.

Celebrant

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,

we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.

When all creation groans, unite us in Christ and give us your hope that we might be strengthened to do your work, as your body in the world.

Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, all praise and glory be yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

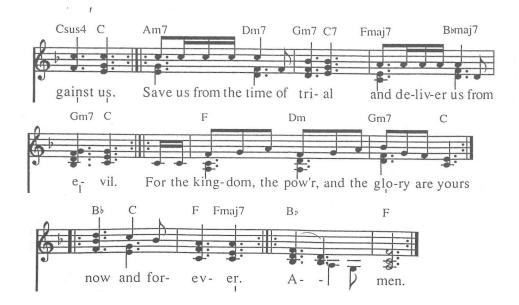
People

Amen.

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

#### The Lord's Prayer (sung)





#### The Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant Creator of all, who summons the salmon from the depths of the seas to yearn

for the place of their origin.

People: So may your Spirit stir in our hearts to return and find our home in you.

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion — All are welcome to share in the blessed bread and wine or to come for a blessing.

#### **Prayer Ministry**

Our healing prayer team invites you to join them to pray or give thanks to God in the narthex (entrance) during or after communion, or in the alcove under the Exit sign after the service. Confidentiality is assured.

Prayer after Communion: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Glory to God, whose power, 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**

Recessional Hymn: CP 103 On Jordan's Bank

#### Dismissal

*Leader* Go from this place seeking Christ in all people:

People We go to love and serve our neighbours as ourselves.

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Please join us for conversation and refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service.

## CYCLE OF PRAYER

December 4th, 2022

**ANGLICAN CYCLE:** The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

**DIOCESAN CYCLE:** Anna, our Bishop, St. Barnabas, Victoria – Travis O'Brian. Diocese of New Westminster – Bishop John Stephens.

NEXT SUNDAYS' READINGS
December 11th, Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:4-9 James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11