

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

"Drawing People to the Light"

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ADVENT 1
NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025
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: *Pippa Williams*

Welcome

The Beaux and Belles handbell choir: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
~ Forest Green arranged by Lloyd Larson

Processional Hymn: CP 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

vs 1,2,6,7

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Officiant: Today is the first Sunday in the Season of Advent. Advent means "coming". In our recent history we have changed the colour we use in Advent from purple to blue. Though we look at the ways we can be better servants of God, our focus is not on penitence as in Lent, but on anticipation of the full realization of the kingdom of God coming into the world. Our Advent wreath reminds us of the blessings that Christ already brings to the world as well as those to come.

People: **The Advent wreath includes many symbols. The wreath is in the shape of a circle, with no beginning and no ending. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no ending to God and that God's love and caring for us never ends. The branches are evergreen, a sign of God's love ever alive. The candles tell us of the light which came into the world with Jesus Christ. The blue candles symbolize anticipation. The white candle, which we light on Christmas Eve, signifies the coming of Christ.**

Officiant: Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope.
(First candle is lit)

People: **The people of Israel heard of God's promises through the prophets. The prophet Jeremiah spoke words of hope to Israel. He proclaimed the coming of a leader through whom God's promise of Shalom would be fulfilled. We too hope and pray for a world of peace and harmony.**

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: God of all hope, we continue to hope in your promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with love and joy and peace. We thank you for the light of hope. As we prepare for Christ's coming, help us to share our hope with others.

Christ, Be Our Light!

Choir: Verse 1

Congregation: Refrain

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

The musical notation is for a congregational refrain in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final measure on the fourth staff that has a long horizontal line indicating it continues.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Church gath - ered to - day. _____

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Choir: Verse 2

Congregation: Refrain

The Community Gathers before God

Celebrant: In this time and place
We gather on the ancestral lands of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchah-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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

The Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**²Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

**³Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.**

⁴To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

**⁵For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.**

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.

**⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers.”**

⁸For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”

**⁹For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.**

The Reading from the New Testament Letters: Romans 13:11-14

<i>Reader</i>	The word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Gradual Acclamation: CP 110 Sleepers Wake vs 1-2 /3

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Celebrant The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Jesus Christ.**

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The Ven. Elizabeth Northcott

Anthem Grant Us Thy Light

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 88 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

The Sacred Meal is Shared

Prayer over the Gifts: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this 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

(see insert)

Darryl Nixon

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.*

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb

1.Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,

Slain for us: and we remember:

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this Bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice,

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King.

2.The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

3.The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

4.And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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 114 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Dismissal

Leader

Go from this place seeking Christ in all people:

People

We go to love and serve our neighbours as ourselves.

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

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.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Wendy Carriere
in loving memory of Rene Carriere

Special Christmas Communion

Please save the date of Wednesday December 17th at 11:30 am for our, now traditional, Christmas Communion, followed by our Christmas Tea. Everyone is welcome as we sing the carols of Christmas and share bread and wine at the table of the Lord.

Once again, our quilters have provided placemats for us to adorn our own tables and this is a gift that is truly festive. Come and join in meeting friends and celebrating the Christmas miracle of new birth.

Anglican Calendars

Anglican Calendars are available at the office for the low-low price of \$10. Please see Marianne in the office.

From our Treasurer

Please ensure that any outstanding receipts are forward to our treasurer Wendy Carriere before the end of the year. Please remember tax receipts are distributed in the new year.

2025 Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all who were involved in the very successful 2025 Christmas Bazaar, whether you helped plan, baked goodies, donated books, clothing, crafts or treasures or came to shop!

The Bazaar is a success because of the dedication and enthusiasm of those who organized the tables – Sue Smith, Diane Hutchison, Caroline Adam, Cynthia Preyser, Anne Douglas, John Smith, Kay Forsyth, Serena House, Nina Antoniuk and Kate Knappet. Thank you to Lilian Burrows for organizing refreshments and to Barb Hicks for advertising, Simon Burn for playing his harp and to our greeters, Maggie and Neil Vennard, Sandy Morter and Richard de Candole.

It is always a pleasure to work with all of you in support of our church and our community.

Thank you, thank you!

Wendy de Candole

Christmas Mailing

At the back of the church, please pick up your Christmas letter from Elizabeth.

Lessons and Carols of Christmas

Please reserve Sunday Afternoon of December 21st, 2025 for a special service of Lessons and Carols of Christmas. Joining us will be Bishop Logan McMenemy and Dignitaries from the community. Following the service will be a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall hosted by the St Mark hospitality team.

St. Mark's Calendar

Dec 1 – Dec 7

Monday 1st

9:00am - 3:00pm Wreath group

Tuesday 2nd

9:00am – Garden Group

9:00am – 3:00pm -Off Kilter Quilters

3:30pm- Handbells

Wednesday 3rd

10:00am- 11:00am - Sermon Circle

11:30am – Holy Communion

1:00pm Annual Fire Inspection

5:30pm – 7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday 4th

11:15am-Choir Practice

3:30pm -52 Ways to Reconcile

Friday 5th

5:30pm – 8:30pm Fellowship Night NAC

Saturday 6th

11:00am – 2:00pm – Thinking Garden holiday party

11:00am – 3:00pm Chess Club

Sunday 7th Second Day of Advent

8:30am Holy Communion - BCP

10:00am Holy Communion – BAS

Advent Quiet Day

Advent Quiet Day will be held at St Edmunds on Saturday December 6th. It's an opportunity to slow down before the rush in the coming weeks - a chance to think and doodle and walk and just be together.



Advent Gathering
A day for Creative Reflection

December 6, 2025 9:30am - 3pm

St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville

Join us for a day of colourful reflection as we prepare
for the coming of Christ through scripture and sharing
the story of God with Us!!

All are welcome to attend
No artistic ability required just an open mind and open heart!
Please bring a bag lunch - coffee and tea will be provided



To register please email
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