

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

"Drawing People to the Light"

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ADVENT 2

DECEMBER 7TH, 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 directed by Janet Goos

"T'was in the Moon of Wintertime" arranged by Frances L. Callahan

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

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

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

The musical notation for the Congregation part is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using half and quarter notes. 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 first line ends with a double bar line, and the second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line, and the fourth line ends with a double bar line.

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hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
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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 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

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

Gradual Acclamation: CP 108 Hark a Herald Voice is Sounding vs 1,2,3/ 4,5

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.
<i>People</i>	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 103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

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)

F Dm Gm7 C F Bb

Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come.

C F Gm7 C Gm7 F F Dm

your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day

(F) Gm C F Bb C F Dm G7

our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-

gainst us. Save us from the time of tri- al and de-liv-er us from

e- vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours

now and for- ev- er. A- - men.

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 97 Jesus Came, The Heavens Adoring

Dismissal

<i>Leader</i>	Go from this place seeking Christ in all people:
<i>People</i>	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.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Wendy and Richard de Candole. To the Glory of God and in memory of our parents and sisters
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Christmas Hampers in the Hall

Sunday December 14th is the deadline for getting the food and gift certificates for the hampers to the church hall. They will be distributed on Dec 15th.

Holy Roller Apple Pies

Are still for sale. \$20.00 (unbaked) Instructions on the box. Will be on sale after 10:00 am Sunday service up until December 21st or until supplies last.

St. Mark's Calendar

Dec 8 – Dec 14

Monday 8th

Tuesday 9th

9:00am – 3:00pm -Seaside Quilters

10:30 Eagle Park Communion

3:30pm- Handbells

Wednesday 10th

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

11:30am – Holy Communion

5:30pm – 7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday 11th

9:00am to 3pm – PKS Quilter sew days

11:15am-Choir Practice

3:30pm -52 Ways to Reconcile

Friday 12th

9:00am to 3pm – PKS Quilter sew days

1:30PM 100 Anniversary team - Narthex

Saturday 13th

9:30am to 11:00am – Discernment Team

11:00am – 3:00pm Chess Club

Sunday 14th Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am Holy Communion - BCP

10:00am Holy Communion – BAS

Deadline for Christmas Hampers