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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 28TH, 2025

10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION (BAS)

We acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather to worship on the territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchah-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

Prelude “ Away in the Manger” – James R. Murray and J.E. Spillman. arr.
Frances L. Callahan. Bell choir directed by Janet Goos

Processional Hymn: CP 139 The First Noel

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People and also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

People to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 63: 7-9

Psalm 148 page 907 BAS

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 10-18

Gradual Hymn: CP 159 Brightest and Best vs 1,2,3/4,5

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15

Reader The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon **The Venerable Elizabeth Northcott**

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our**

neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP 148 See Amid the Winter Snow

Prayer over the Gifts

Generous Creator, in faith and joy we celebrate the birth of your Son. Increase our understanding and our love of the riches you have revealed in him, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven as we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Loving God, according to his command,

**All We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer –

(David Haas)

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God is here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Hymn after Communion CP 130 Born in the Night

Prayers after Communion

**All Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
**All 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

Tribute to Elizabeth

Recessional Hymn: CP 150 On this Day

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Announcements

Please join us in the hall following today's service for a hot lunch as we give thanks for the faithful ministry of Elizabeth amongst us.

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A BIG thank you to all who have supported our Outreach to Manna Ministries this season through your donations of new clothing on the Manna Tree, other clothing suitable for colder weather and your monetary donations toward the Manna lunch program. Your gifts represent acts of kindness and concern for the disheartened, poor and hungry in our community.

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The Altar Flower Calendar for 2026 is now posted on the bulletin board in the hall next to the kitchen hatch. Please choose your special date to honour loved ones or mark a special occasion.

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Next Sunday, January 4, we will welcome The Reverend Deb Rivet as our preacher and celebrant as she begins her time as Interim Priest at St. Mark's. Deb will be with us on Sundays, and will be available in her office on Tuesdays and Wednesday morning prior to mid-week Eucharist. You are welcome to make an appointment or simply drop in to see her.

For pastoral care needs, please contact the church office 250-752-5414 (Tuesday-Thursday mornings)

St Marks Calendar

Dec 29th-Jan 4th

Monday Dec 29th

Tuesday Dec 30th

9:00am – 3:00pm – Friendship Quilters

3:30 Handbells

Wednesday Dec 31st

3:30pm 52 Ways to Reconcile

5:30pm -7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday Jan 1st

Happy New Years

Office Closed

Friday Jan 2nd

4:00PM – 5:00PM Manna Lunch Preparations

Saturday Jan 3rd

9:30am – 11:00am – Discernment Team

Sunday Jan 4th

First Day with the Reverend Deb Rivet