

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

“Drawing People to the Light”

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4th Sunday after EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

10:00 am Holy Communion in the Celtic Style

Celebrant: The Reverend Deborah Rivet

Verger and Liturgical Assistant: Paul Gillan

Subdeacon: Michael King

Lay Worship Leader: Cynthia Preyser



“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me” *John: 10.14*

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

Call to Worship

L: The gate stands open, ready for us to travel onward.

P: But we are stubborn and fear to enter the gateway.

L: Listen for the voice of the true Shepherd.

P: His voice will we hear and obey.

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn: You, Lord are Both Lamb and Shepherd

CP 630

Opening Prayer (we say this together)

All: O Good Shepherd,
You desire to guide all
into safety, refreshment and peace.
Meet us here today and
Fill us with your love,
that we may look into your world with your loving knowledge,
welcome our sisters and brothers with your joy
and offer our lives with your generosity
as members of your beloved community:
in your name we pray, Amen.

written by Rev. Susan Blain, and posted on the Worship Ways website.

The Collect of the Day, as we say together:

All: O God of peace,
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Restoration (Quiet notes plays behind these words – silence is kept.)

Priest: Gracious God. You call us in love to live in integrity, to manifest in our lives the gospel values we claim as our guiding principles. We ask forgiveness for the times we behave in ways contrary to those principles.

All: **O Holy One, as wonderful as you are to us, we have become lazy. We do not do your will, much less delight in it. We take advantage of others; we do not work for what we have nor participate in community and sharing with others. From others we take houses we have not built. From others we take what they have planted and worked hard for thinking that we deserve it more than they do. We worry so much about today, and cannot**

see what you have planned for us. We are not ready to walk forward in your name much less be persecuted for it. Help us to come closer to you. Help us come closer to each other. Please forgive us our sins that we may be released to live in these new heavens and new earth that you have planned for us. Amen.

Adapted prayer from Worship Works

Silence is kept.

All: Grant us the courage to live in alignment with our beliefs, to be impeccable in our words and actions.

Assurance of Pardon

Priest: God, you promise us life in abundance and life everlasting. We accept your promise and claim it as our own.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Priest: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of holy Scripture.

People: Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Introduction to the reading: This reading from Acts paints a vivid picture of the early church as a community devoted to teaching, fellowship, shared meals, and prayer. These verses invite us to reflect on how the Spirit forms a people marked by generosity, unity, and joyful worship.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23: "The Lord is My Shepherd"

CP #519

Second reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Introduction to the reading: This reading from 1 Peter reminds us that Christ's suffering was not only redemptive but also an example of patient endurance in the face of injustice. These verses call the church to follow in His footsteps, entrusting ourselves to God while living out His healing grace.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CP 520 v 1,2,3

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer – (sung)

David Haas

Sharing the Peace “Shalom” (sung)

Priest: May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

**All: Shalom, good friends, shalom, good friend, shalom,
shalom, May peace be with you, God's peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom!**
(The Peace is exchanged.)

Priest: Many grains were gathered together to make the bread we will offer for your table.

All: Many grapes were mixed to make this wine, which we will offer for your table. So we who are many, are one in Christ. Amen

Offertory Hymn: Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear

CP 521

Monetary gifts are brought forward on the last verse of the hymn. Presenters offer these gifts before the following prayer.

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Invitation

*Priest: The table of bread and wine has been made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.
So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.*

The Story of the Last Supper

Priest: *Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, given to you. In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.*

Priest: *Let us pray,*

All: *Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ, and one with each other, we offer ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.*

(The sung parts of the Eucharist today are set to the tune "Kingsfold" which you may know as "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say" CP 508)

The Great Thanksgiving (sung)

Priest: *The Lord be with you, with you all*

All: *And also be with you*

Priest: *Lift up your hearts, oh lift your hearts*

All: *We lift them to the Lord*

All: *Oh let us give our thanks to God, our God of gracious light.*

It is right to give our thanks and praise, our grateful hearts delight.

(spoken)

Priest: *We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we cry out to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with Michael and the host of heaven; with all the saints before and beside us, with Mary of Nazareth and John of Patmos, Columba and Brigid, Patrick, Mark and Margaret, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us we join in the song of your unending greatness.*

**All: *O Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space,
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!***

The Prayer of Consecration

Priest: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

**All: Sing Christ has died and Christ is ris'n, and Christ will come again.
Sing Christ has died and Christ is ris'n, and Christ will come again.
Amen, Amen O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen Amen
Amen O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Priest: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Priest: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion

Priest: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Celebrant: This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
Come, not because it is I who invites you - it is the invitation of the Lord.
It is his will that those who want should meet him here*

**All: Blessed be God: Giver of the Bread of Life
Amen**

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, including children. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

**Communion at the Altar Rail commences
with the Choir Members followed by the Congregation**

**The Healing Ministry Prayer Team and Eucharistic Team
will proceed to the Altar first for Communion.**

If you would prefer Holy Communion brought to you in the pew, please stand and the Eucharistic Ministers will come to you.

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.

Music during Communion and Ablutions

Post Communion Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

CP 525

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Lord,

All: We have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Responses

Celebrant: Christ's food in our souls

All: Our food shared like his
Christ's life in our hands
Our lives shaped by his
Christ's love in our hearts
Our love warmed through his

Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Dismissal

Sub Deacon: Christ's peace on our path

All: Our path following his

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today.

Celebrant	Rev. Deborah	Greeters:	Serena & Al
Crucifer & Assistant:	Paul	Reader:	Lally
Chalice:	Paul and Michael	Musical Director: Guitarist:	Pippa Richard
Intercessor:	Sue	Altar Guild:	Perry
Coffee Volunteer	Terry	Coffee Volunteer	Jennifer

*Flowers on the altar today are given by Peter Fairchild,
in loving memory of a wonderful life with his wife Ann Fairchild*

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It is a pleasure to have you visit with us today. If you would like to learn more about our church and how we can serve you or become a member of our parish family please fill in your name/phone number and our priest will be happy to contact you.

Name _____ **Phone No.** _____

Cell No. _____ **email** _____

(Please detach and hand to one of the Greeters or Place on the Offering Table)

St Mark's Parish Announcements:

* Welcome to our service this morning on the fourth Sunday of Easter. Please join us following the service in the parish hall for a time of celebration for the service Rev. Deborah Rivet has given to St Marks.

Our **Spring Plant and Bake Sale** takes place on Saturday! We are still looking for contributions and help in several areas. **Sign up sheets are posted in the church hall.** In particular, the Garden stall needs perennials, floral and vegetable seedlings, cuttings, and garden tools & equipment, etc,

Richard de Candole - 250-752-5384

* At the Annual Vestry meeting in February, our Treasurer Wendy Carriere noted that if everyone gave another \$2.25 per week in their offering, we could meet the budget for 2026 and eliminate our deficit. Please consider what you can do to make this happen.

* As a lay worship leader, and as a member of our Pastoral Care team in charge of services at retirement and care facilities, Cynthia Preyser will be leading worship at the Eagle Park Care facility and other senior's residences in QB. Upcoming dates will be available soon. She would be very appreciative of some "helpers". Please consider being available for this ministry and contact Cynthia at 250-954-9122 if you are interested.

S01t Mark's Calendar April 27 – May 3rd

Monday April 27

9:00 - 12:30 MIFAC

1:00-4:30 Alpine Gardeners

Tuesday April 28

9:00 – 3:00 Seaside Quilters

9:15 – Men's Book Study

4:00- 5:00 - Handbells

Wednesday April 29

10:00 - Sermon Circle

11:30 – Morning Prayer BAS

5:30 - NAC

Thursday April 30

11:15 - Choir Practice

3:30- 52 Ways to Reconcile

Friday May 1

Plant and Pie Sale set up

Saturday May 2

9:00 -12:00 Plant and Pie Sale

Sunday May 3

8:30 – Morning Prayer - BCP

10:00 – Holy Eucharist BCP

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*We draw the circle wide so all will find a home in the House of God
...and a place at the table of the Lord*