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the Parish of St. Mark

O C E A N P A R K



August 3, 2025

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome!

We are so glad you have come to St. Mark's today!

In this place we do two primary things: we give thanks to God and pray for the world. If there is something on your heart you need to share with God, this is the right place to share it.

*You are God's Beloved Child, and you belong **here**.*

This morning in worship...

Today, we give thanks to God with a Service of Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer is an ancient prayer service that used to be the primary service of the Anglican Church until Holy Communion became more centralized. Instead of feasting on the bread and wine, we will feast on the Word of God, who, like the bread and wine, is Jesus. We welcome **Michael Klaver** as our presider and Children and Youth Pastor **Sarah Autio** as our preacher.

These flowers are given this week by Brian Steel and Marsha Klinger to the glory of God and "Remembering the blessings of our parents, John, Annamarie, David, and Margaret who raised us in Christian loving homes." To dedicate flowers, connect with Kathryn at 778.549.0858 or hkmasmithshaw.ca

Today's Scripture

From Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett.

Hosea 11:1-11 Hosea, as a caring father to his children, compares their wilfulness to the disobedience of the people of God. In this historic context this refers to the people of the northern kingdom, Israel.

Colossians 3:1-11 In a society where morality had a few boundaries Paul urges the Colossians to live according to Christ's ethical standards.

Luke 12:13-21 The parable of the farmer who accrued wealth for the sake of himself.

For Children

Children will gather after the opening songs for a commissioning and then return for communion. All of our staff and volunteers have had a criminal record check and have been approved for ministry with vulnerable people.

For Youth

Following the opening songs, the youth will gather for a spiritual conversation.

Coffee Hour

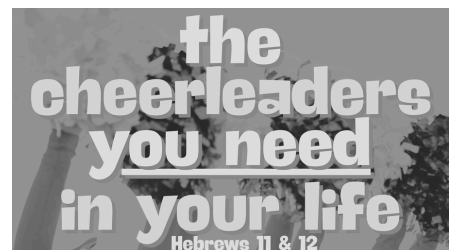
Please gather in the hall for coffee and refreshment following the service.

Next Week: August 10

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Psalm 50.1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

The Reverend David Taylor preaches & presides.



the Gathering of the Community

Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Source of all being,
eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Psalm 95
Come, sing to the Holy One !
Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!
Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!
Raise our voices in joyful hymns!
Truly the Holy One is a great God,
**supreme above all gods,
in whose hands are the ends of the earth
and the heights of all the mountains.**
The sea belongs to God who made it,
whose hands formed the dry land.
Come, worship and bow down;
kneel in the presence of our Creator.
Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,
whose people we are, all in God's pasture.

Common Praise 499

**Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus
going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
leads against the foe;
forward into battle,
see, his banners go.**

***Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus
going on before.***

**At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee:
on, then, Christian soldiers,
on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver
at the shout of praise;
brothers, lift your voices;
loud your anthems raise.**

**Crowns and thrones may perish,
kingdoms rise and wane,
but the church of Jesus
constant will remain:
gates of hell can never
'gainst that church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise,
and that cannot fail.**

**Onward, then, ye people,
join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song:
glory, laud, and honour
unto Christ the king,
this through countless ages
men and angels sing.**

Commissioning of the Children

We have a wonderful program for your child this morning. They will return for Communion. Please note that all our children's workers have had a criminal record check and are approved by the Diocese of New Westminster to work with vulnerable people.



the Proclamation of the Word

We have large-print versions of the Scripture available for those who need one. Please ask a greeter for one.

The Book of the Prophet Hosea (11:1-11).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalms 107

Give thanks to the Lord who is good,
and whose mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom
the Lord has redeemed proclaim
**that God redeemed them
from the hand of the foe.**

The Lord gathered them out of the lands;
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes;
**they found no way to a city
where they might dwell.**

They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
who delivered them from their distress.

The Lord put their feet on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to you,
O Lord, for your mercy
**and the wonders you do
for your children.**

For you satisfy the thirsty
and fill the hungry with good things.
Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
**and consider well
the mercies of the Lord.**

Paul's Letter to the Colossians (3:1-11).

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In the Garden

Charles Austin Miles

**I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.**

***And he walks with me,
and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there
none other has ever known.***

**He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.**

**I'd stay in the garden with him
tho' the night around me be falling;
but he bids me go, thro' the voice of woe;
his voice to me is calling.**

A reading from the Gospel according to
Luke (12:13-21).

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Sermon

With Followers of Jesus around the world, let us say the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; who descended to the dead. Who, on the third day, rose again; who ascended into heaven, who is seated at the right hand of the Father, and who will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

the Offertory Prayers

Please be seated as we gather our offering to present to God. You can give using an envelope, by signing up to our Pre-Authorized Debit program, or by using the terminal in the foyer.

Common Praise 619

**Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,**

**O thou the Godhead's human son:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**All fairest beauty
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.**

Let us pray to the Creator of the universe.

God of Israel, may this day be one
of fulfillment and peace.

holy one, hear and have mercy.

Teach us to love others
as you have loved us.

holy one, hear and have mercy.

Fill the world with your peace and justice.

holy one, hear and have mercy.

Strengthen and relieve those
who are in need.

holy one, hear and have mercy.

Renew the Church through
the power of your life-giving Spirit.

holy one, hear and have mercy.

Other prayers are added.

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

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.

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley Sr.

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.**

I'll fly away, O glory;

I'll fly away.

*When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.*

**When the shadows of this life have grown,
I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.**

**Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.**

Go in the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

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Financial Support

We are grateful for your stewardship of this place through your tithes and offerings. They ensure that St. Mark – Ocean Park will be a centre and a light to the community for generations to come.

If you would like to become a regular steward of the ministry of this place, please fill out a welcome card and give it to the greeter, or the priest.

Donations can be made

by **cash** or **cheque**

(made out to the Parish of St. Mark – Ocean Park),

by **Pre-Authorized Debit** (PAD),

at the **Electronic Donation Station** (EDS) in the foyer (please ask the usher for assistance),

by **e-Transfer** at stmark.op.treasurer@gmail.com, or

through **CanadaHelps** on our website.

If you would like donation **envelopes**, please connect with the office.

All donations will receive a tax-receipt in February of the following year.



The Pulse

This week at the Parish

Monday Office Closed for BC Day
Wednesday Holy Communion, 10 am
Saavy Seniors

Daily Gospel Readings

Mark 8:11-21	Monday
Mark 8:22-33	Tuesday
John 12:27-36a	Wednesday
Mark 9:2-13	Thursday
Mark 9:14-29	Friday
Mark 9:31-41	Saturday



Children Youth & Family Ministry

Did you know!

**St Mark's is hosting our annual Vacation Bible School
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

August 18th-22nd from 9am to 1pm

Grades K - 7

Cost is \$30.00 per participant

**(No one will be turned away, please reach out St Mark's
office for assistance**

604-535-8841)

Volunteers needed!

Contact Sarah at ymautio@gmail.com

Youth Group Fridays

Grades 8 - 12, 7 - 9 pm

Game night! Bring a
friend and come for fun
and fellowship!

All are welcome!

email

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with any inquiries.

Sunday Junior Church Program

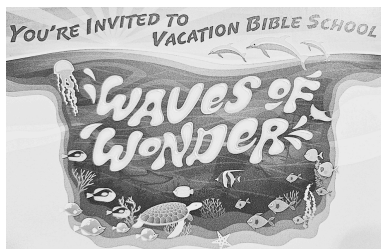
Come and explore the Gospel with us!

Group 1: Grades K to 7

Group 2: Grades 8-12

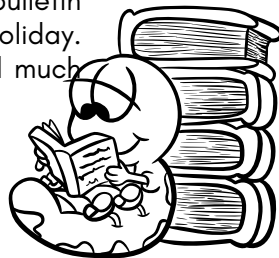
Jr Church is in the Family Room all Summer Long! Join us
as we explore the Gospel and Walk with Jesus.

***A sensory space is available for all those who would
like to use it.***



Library News

Have you checked out the Summer Reading Challenge? Information on the bulletin board in the Library. While you are there check out some books to read while on holiday. We have Inspirational, Biography, Thriller, Suspense, Romance, Easy Reading and much more. Something for everyone.



News & Events

Spiritual Practice Workshops

1st Sunday of the Month at 7pm
\$20 registration fee

Upcoming Workshops:

September 7: Embodied Prayer with the Reverend Jessica Schaap, Missioner for Christian Formation for the Diocese.

October 5: The Spiritual Practice of Chanting with the Reverend Andrew Halladay, Vicar of the Parish of St. Andrew, Langley.

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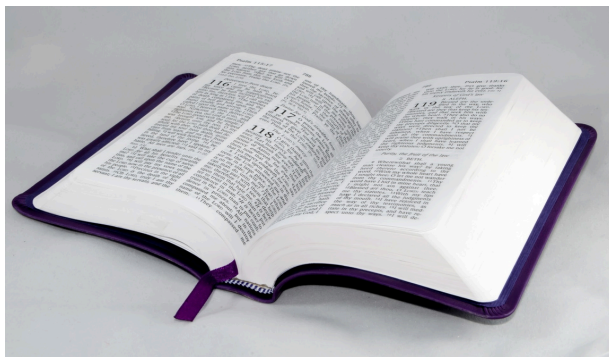
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Thank you

David is on Holiday

David is away for a holiday on Vancouver Island with his family. Thank you for giving him time and space to rest. If you have any pastoral needs, please let the office know.

Things to do in the summer: Volunteer

Giving your time is a powerful way to live out your faith and serve your community. Look for volunteer opportunities in local food pantries, homeless shelters, public space cleanup projects, or with local organizations like the Hunger Task Force farm. By dedicating your time and energy to helping others, you demonstrate Christ's love in action and make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.

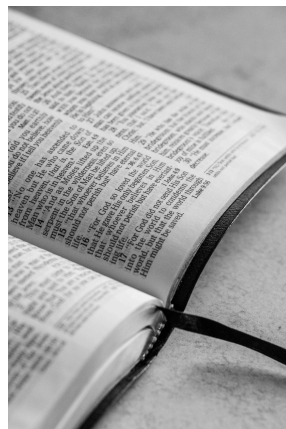


Email or Texting Scams

Remember, the church will never ask you for money over email or text. If you receive a notice that indicates it is from the church or from David asking you to email or text back, it is a phishing scam. Someone is pretending to be the church or David in order to steal money from you. Block the email or phone number and delete it! **If you have any questions or concerns about an email or text, please reach out to the office.**

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Lunch Baskets for Hungry Children

The Lunch Basket is provided this week by Laurie and Carol Scott given to glorify Our Lord and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.



Prayer Chain & Sunday Intercessions

If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer, please connect with **Lynne** at lynnehl@telus.net. She will share your request with a community of faithful intercessors!

To have a name mentioned in the Sunday Intercessions, please write their name on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary, connect with **Michael** at michaeleklaverrealtor.ca, or contact the office.

the Prayer Corner

A Light *Lectio Divina* for the Week

Spend some time with the Gospel reading from Sunday. Read, mark, and inwardly digest the spiritual food that is contained in it.

"Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

How to read in a spiritual manner (*Lectio Divina*).

1. Find a quiet spot and **read the words of the text slowly and out loud**.
2. After the first reading, notice when words or images jump out to you. **Connect with the ideas that inspire you.** You might even want to write them down in a spiritual journal.
3. After the second reading, **notice any words or images that you have questions or concerns about.** It is important to know that our hearts are often troubled by the words of Scripture. Maybe because they are ancient words and so removed from our time and culture. Maybe because they seem to ask for a response that we might not be willing to make. Maybe because the words have been used in the past to harm you. Whatever the reason, if there are words or images or ideas that trouble your heart and mind, write them down and give them to God.
4. After the third reading, **ask God to speak to your heart.** Pray, "Lord, what are you saying to me at this time and in this place through the Scripture."

Share your thoughts with a spiritual friend or with David. He loves to support you in your spiritual walk with Christ.

Remember the Scriptures are the words about the Word of God. Think of them like a stained glass window through which you get a glimpse of Jesus Christ, your friend and helper. Amen.



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