

*before you were born
I consecrated you*

Jeremiah 1:5

Love has come, what joy to hear it

David Crowder

On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

O C E A N O P A R K



August 24, 2025

The Eleventh 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, David will "interview" the Reverend Dara so that we can get to know her better. Father Dara will be our Curate for the next two years. She will use her spiritual gifts to lead, pray, preach and minister in various ways. Today, we will get to know a little about how Dara came to be ordained and what she sees as God's call on her and us.

These flowers are given this week by Elli Mitchell and Nick Timms to the Glory of God and for God's many blessings. To dedicate flowers, connect with Kathryn at 778.549.0858 or hkmasmith@shaw.ca

Today's Scripture

From Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett.

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Jeremiah's call to the prophetic ministry in about 627 BC.

Hebrews 12:18-29 The vivid and symbolic imagery in this passage reassures Christians that the new Mt Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem centred on Christ, is their arena of worship.

Luke 13:10-17 Healing someone on the Sabbath was considered a breach of divine law. hence Jesus' reaction when he is challenged.

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 31

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2.4-13; Psalm 81.1, 10-16; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14

The Reverends Sue Foley-Currie and David Taylor preside and preach at this service of **Holy Baptism**.

the Gathering of the Community

Rock of Ages

Augustus Toplady

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.**

**Not the labours of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.**

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

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**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.**

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha A. Hoffman

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path
grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Living God,

**you formed us in the womb and appointed
us to be prophets to the nations: stretch
out your hand to cure our infirmity and
dispel our fear, so that we may know the
freedom of serving you in Christ and
proclaim the wonders you have done.
Amen.**

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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

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 Jeremiah (1:4-10).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalms 71

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness,

deliver me and set me free;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock,

a castle to keep me safe;

you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God,

from the hand of the wicked,

**from the clutches of the evildoer
and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God,

my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained

by you ever since I was born;

from my mother's womb

you have been my strength;

my praise shall be always of you.

The Letter to the Hebrews (12:18-29).

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Open our Eyes Lord

Bob Cull

**Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.**

**Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.**

**Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.**

**Open our hearts Lord,
That we might receive You,
Open our spirits,
And teach us to worship.**

**Open our lips Lord,
And teach us to praise You.**

**Open our eyes Lord,
We want to see Jesus**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 13:10-17

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Notes



The Affirmation of our Faith

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the People

While we have chiefly come to give thanks to God, our second purpose for gathering is to intercede for the world. We know that "the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

The Confession & Absolution

Almighty God, 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.

the Celebration of the Eucharist

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. ***Today we use Eucharistic Prayer 2 from the BAS.***

I Have Called You By Your Name

Daniel Charles Damon

**I have called you by your name,
you are mine;**

**I have gifted you
and ask you now to shine.**

I will not abandon you;

all my promises are true.

**You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.**

**I will help you learn my name
as you go;**

**read it written in my people,
help them grow.**

**Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.**

**I know you will need my touch
as you go;**

**feel it pulsing in creation's
ebb and flow.**

**Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe,
then let it go.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.**

**With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people
they are mine.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues in prayer.

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is
the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues in prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me

will never be hungry;

whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The gifts of God for the Children of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive Communion.

*If you would like to learn more about baptism, please connect with the minister.
Prayer for healing is offered during communion on the right side of the sanctuary.*

Common Praise 39

***You are God's work of art,
created in Jesus the Christ.***

**You have been enlightened
by the Lord.
Walk as children of the light.**

**Keep the flame of faith in your
heart, and may you meet him when
he comes.**

**Blessed be our God,
who chose you
in the light of Christ.**

In His Time
Diane Ball

**In his time, in his time,
he makes all things beautiful in
his time.**

**Lord, please show me ev'ry day
as you're teaching me your way,
that you do just what you say
in your time.**

**In your time, in your time,
you make all things beautiful
in your time.**

**Lord, my life to you I bring;
may each song I have to sing
be to you a lovely thing in your
time.**

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin.
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

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.

Blessing

Common Praise 434

**The love of Jesus calls us
our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings
we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings,
unasked yet still received,
and for the generations
who faithfully believed.**

**The love of Jesus calls us,
that we may always be
companions on a journey,
where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom
which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty,
and every duty joy.**

**The love of Jesus calls us
to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits,
to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us,
that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom,
Christ opens every door.**

**The love of Jesus calls us
in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators
in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women
may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice
may give God's kingdom birth.**

**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

Tuesday Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Wednesday Holy Communion, 10 am
Thursday Community Outreach Meeting
10:30am

Daily Gospel Readings

John 1:43-51	Monday
Mark 13:28-37	Tuesday
Mark 14:1-11	Wednesday
Mark 14:12-26	Thursday
Mark 6:17-29	Friday
Mark 14:43-52	Saturday



Children Youth & Family Ministry

Did you know!
Vacation Bible School has finished!!

It is with sincere gratitude for all of the dedication from parishioners who donated time and funds, to volunteers behind the scenes and volunteers showing up daily with energy and enthusiasm to Play, Pray and share the Gospel with youth and children!!

This project would not be possible without you all!!

*Thank
♥ You ♥*

Sunday Junior Church Program Come and explore the Gospel with us!

Join us as we explore the Gospel
and Walk with Jesus!

Group 1: Grades K to 7

Group 2: Grades 8-12

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

Youth Group Fridays

Grades 8 - 12, 7 - 9 pm

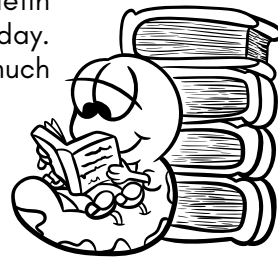
Ice Cream Night!!

All are welcome!

email yministryrsvp@gmail.com with
any inquiries.

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.

Emergency Preparedness Info Event & BBQ

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Saturday August 30th, 12pm to 2

We want to help prepare our neighbourhood to be self-sufficient in the event of an emergency or disaster. There have been a number of incidents in the past few years that have made us sit up and take notice. We have felt a couple of earthquakes, experienced local flooding, felt extreme temperatures, both hot and cold, and had smoky skies from forest fires.

34th Men's Club annual Salmon BBQ

Saturday September 13th, 5:30pm

\$20 each (Kids 12 & under free)

Salmon, corn, coleslaw, buns, scalloped potatoes, lemonade, tea & coffee.

Tickets on sale starting August 24th after the 8am & 10 am services (or contact the office).

Wednesday Eucharists in September

Salal+Cedar, the Watershed Discipleship Community of the Diocese of New Westminster is offering Communion and Conversation at St. Mark's in September.

As part of the Season of Creation, we will celebrate 10am Holy Communion in the forest chapel (weather permitting). Following the service, we will meet in the Family Room for refreshment and conversation guided by the Reverend Laurel Dykstra. Each participant will receive a free copy of Laurel's book, *Wildlife Congregations: A Priest's Year of Gaggles, Colonies, and Murders by the Salish Sea*. All are welcome!



Mark your calendars:

BC Thanksgiving Food Drive - participate in your community from Sat, Sept 6 to Sat, Sept 20. **More details to come**

CHRONIC CONDITIONS SELF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 6-Session FREE Workshop starting Thurs Sept 18th to Oct 23rd 1-3:30pm at the Parish of St Mark Ocean Park.

More details to come

Praying on the Go: Spiritual Senses as Medicine



Loon Lake Retreat

September 12-14 with the Reverends David Taylor, Lorie Martin and Jessica Schaap

Explore the Spiritual Senses as taught by the church founders as we enter into a variety of spiritual practices such as conscious prayer movement, pilgrimage, mindful eating, imaginal prayer and healing sound to enable a deeper, more holistic engagement with reality. Expressive art stations, labyrinth, and one-on-one spiritual care will be offered as it is available

Registration:

Private Room (limited number) **\$575**

Shared Room **\$475**

Day Rate - Saturday only - \$200

Scholarships are available at lorie@loriemartin.com

Register at **thecentreforspiritualrenewal.org**



This Fall renew your heart and mind with Inspire, a homiletical Christian Formation Program developed for personal or group use.

How to Read the Bible

Two parts beginning September 10th

The Book of Revelation: A Letter of Hope

Ten parts beginning September 24th

Visit **stmarkbc.org** for the video link and the study resource.

Lunch Baskets for Hungry Children

The Lunch Basket is the primary program of your Community Outreach Ministry. 7 Mothers and 14 children are directly impacted by the funding that we at St. Marks are providing them each month to ensure that young children don't go to school hungry. Sign up in the hall or reach out to Barb Gantham.



Prayer Chain & Sunday Intercessions

If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer, please connect with **Lynne** at lynneh1@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 michael@klaverrealtor.ca, or contact the office.

the Prayer Corner

A Light *Lectio Divina* for the Week

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

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

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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