



On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

O C E A N  P A R K

October 5, 2025

The Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Animals



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 celebrate the life and ministry of St. Francis. Francis loved animals, and so today we offer God's blessing on our pets and the animals that we have learned to call friends and family. Today is also a Wonder Sunday. We will listen for God's Word together in the Gospel reading and in our conversation.

The altar flowers are given this week by the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of New Westminster to the Glory of God. To dedicate flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the hall.

Today's Scripture

From Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett.

Luke 17:5-6 Jesus speaks about faith and says that serving God earns no earthly merit or privileges.

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: October 12

Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4.4-9;
John 6.25-35

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.*

Philippians 4:4

the Gathering of the Community

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.

Common Praise 355

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia!**

**Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!**

**Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
Stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia!**

**Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia!**

**Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way.
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show: alleluia!**

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerkson

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time

to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship.

Come, just as you are before your God.

Come.

One day every tongue will

confess you are God.

One day every knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains

for those who gladly choose you now.

Common Praise 355

**Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia!**

Almighty God,

grant us, after the example of your holy servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you, O God most High; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

the Proclamation of the Word

We read the Gospel reading three times. Please remain seated for the first two readings, and stand for the third. We will sing Halle, Halle Halle! in between each reading.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

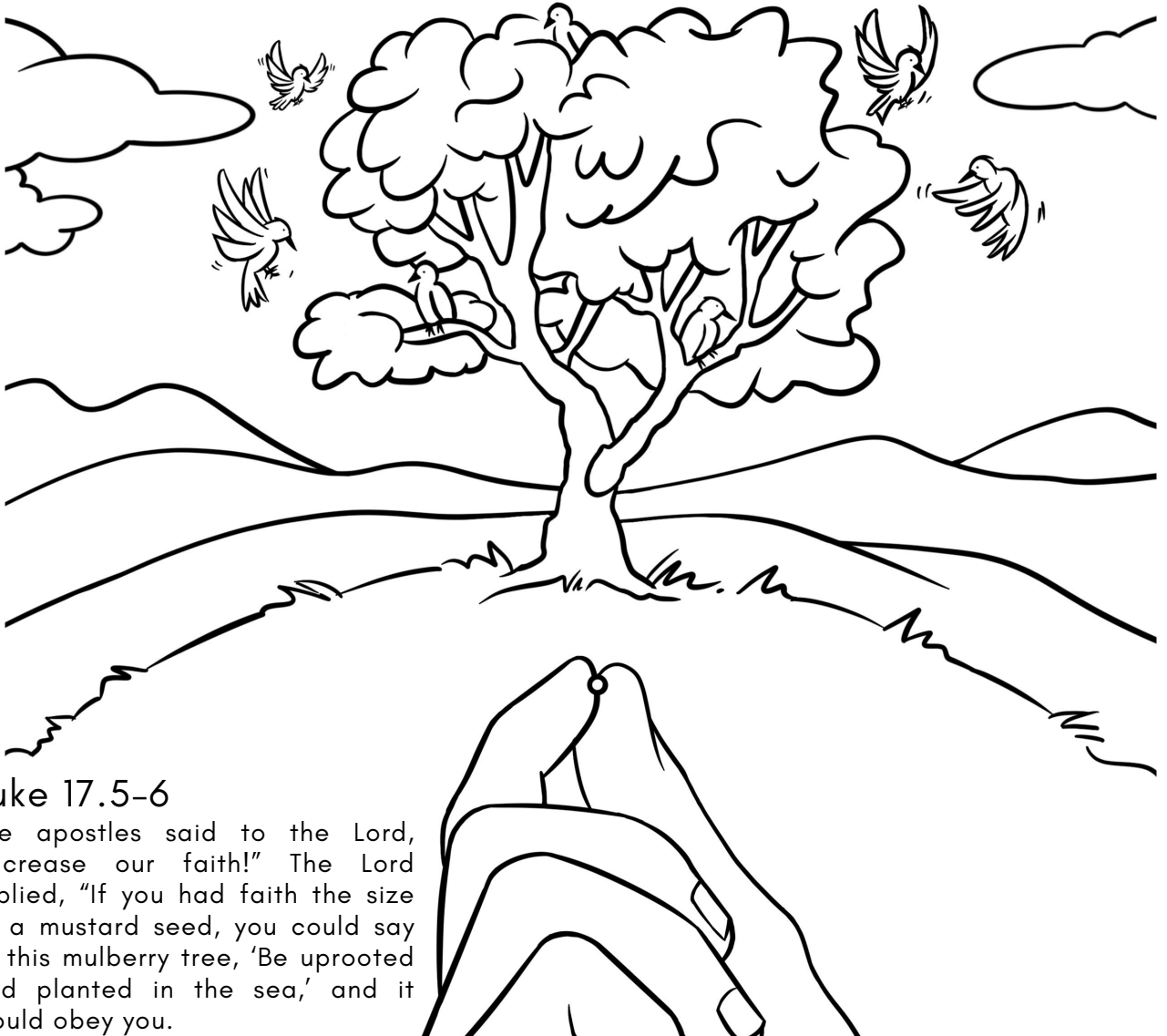
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

at the end of the third reading,

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Luke 17.5-6

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Wonder Sermon

I wonder what word or phrase jumped out to you that gives you joy.

I wonder what word or phrase gives you pause, or concerns you.

I wonder what God is saying to God's Beloved Children today.

The Affirmation of our Faith

Wonder 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 Blessing of the Animals

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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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 a Eucharistic Prayer developed by Salal+Cedar***

Instruments of Your Peace

Kirk Dearman & Deby Dearman

***Lord, make us instruments of your peace,
where there is hatred let your love increase;***

***Lord, make us instruments of your peace,
walls of pride and prejudice shall cease
when we are your instruments of peace.***

**Where there is hatred,
we will sow his love;
where there is injury, we will never judge.**

**Where there is striving,
we will speak his peace
to the people crying for release.
We will be his instruments of peace.**

**Where there is blindness,
we will pray for sight;
where there is darkness,
we will shine his light.
Where there is sadness,
we will bear their grief,
to the millions crying for release.
We will be his instruments of peace.**

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 to the repeat-
after-me Sanctus and the repeat-after-
me Lord's Prayer.*

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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.*

Be Still My Soul

Catharina von Schlegel

**Be still, my soul! for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:
leave to your God to order and provide,
who through all changes
faithful will remain.**

**Be still, my soul!
your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways
leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul! for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence,
let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul!
the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed their fury long ago.**

**Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment,
grief, and fear are gone,
love's joys restored,
our strivings all shall cease.**

**Be still, my soul!
when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed
we shall meet at last.**

Common Praise 541

**As longs the hart for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for you, O God;
my soul does thirst for the living God:
when shall I come to see your face?**

**My tears have fed me day and night,
while others said, "Where is your God?"
But I recall, as my soul pours dry,
the days of praise within your house.**

**Why do I mourn and toil within,
when it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to God,
who is my help, who is my God.**

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

St. Francis

**Make me a channel of your peace,
where there is hatred
let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your healing pow'r,
and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace,
where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, every joy.**

*O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to all that we receive
and in dying that we're born to eternal
life.**

Announcements & Celebrations

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

His Eye is on the Sparrow
Charles Gabriel & Civilla Martin

**Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

*I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free;
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.*

**"Let not your heart be troubled."
His tender words I hear;
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubt and fear.
Tho' by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow;
and I know he watches me.**

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

Children Youth & Family Ministry

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

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

All are welcome!

email yministryrsvp@gmail.com with any inquiries.



Lunch Basket for Hungry Children

We, at St. Mark's are doing our best to help these amazing young mothers and their families, and we could use your support. These families are identified through Sources Women's Place, and they're all working hard to get their lives back on track. It's truly inspiring! If you're interested in signing up, you can do so at the Church Hall. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Karen Buchanan, Barb Grantham, or any member of the Outreach Ministry. They're all there to help!



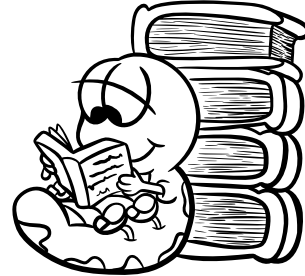
Prayer Chain & Sunday Intercessions

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 michael@klaverrealtor.ca, or contact the office.

Library News

Book 3 in the Emissaries series by Angela Hunt has just arrived. The Daughter of Rome is reliant on a group of Christians after the fire that burnt most of Rome. When Nero begins his Golden House and points to the Jews as the cause of the fire, Calandra must make an impossible choice.



News & Events

This week at the Parish

Wednesday	Holy Communion, 10 am
Thursday	Hazel Parker Memorial 1pm Adults Chronic Conditions Workshop 1pm Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Friday	Sr. Youth Group 7:00 pm

Spiritual Practice Workshops

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

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

Lawrence Stephenson Memorial

Wednesday, October 7th, 10am

Hazel Parker Memorial

Thursday, October 8th, 1pm

The Altar Guild will be decorating the Altar for Thanksgiving

Saturday, October 11th at 10am

We would like donations of fresh fruit and vegetables. They can be left at the Church in the Narthex during the week or brought to the church Saturday morning.

We are also looking for a volunteer to deliver the produce to Sources food bank. If you could do the delivery please talk to me (Kathryn 778-549-0858)

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Friday, November 7th, 5:30-6pm

We are looking for HOSTS and GUESTS!

A member of the organizing team will be in the Narthex before and after the 10 am service starting to answer questions and record the names of those who are wanting to participate either as a HOST or a GUEST.

There is a posting up about this event on the community bulletin for more details!

Connect with Cory Paige 604-536-2789 for more information!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - THANK YOU!

St Marks donation to Sources Food Bank for the Thanksgiving Food Drive was 34 bags totaling 458 pounds of groceries.

We helped to make a difference!

Thank you for your support!

St. James Anglican Church

Presents Manuel Piazza, the assistant organist and choir master at St. Thomas's Anglican Church in Toronto

Experience his musical brilliance on Wed Oct 15th 7 - 8:15pm

303 E Cordova Street

Vancouver 604.685.2532

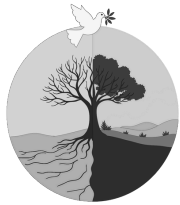
2025 Stewardship Campaign

Growing in
GRACE,
Giving with
JOY.

This fall, we are focusing on the stewardship of our ministry at St. Mark's.

Because of the postal strike, we're unable to mail out our introductory letters. Please pick yours up from the Narthex—and, if you can, deliver one to a neighbour or friend as well.

Our campaign begins on October 26th, at the Feast of Dedication. This ancient celebration is a time to rededicate our worship space and our hands for ministry. It is also a chance to renew our hearts in the grace of Jesus and to reflect on how each of us can take part.



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

SALAL + CEDAR
A WATERSHED DISCIPLESHIP COMMUNITY

As the Season of Creation comes to a close, we invite you to visit seasonofcreation.org to see how Christians around the world have been commemorating it.

Here at the Parish of St. Mark, Ocean Park, we celebrated this season in partnership with Salal + Cedar, the diocesan watershed discipleship community (salalandcedar.com). Each Wednesday, the Reverend Laurel Dykstra, leader of Salal + Cedar, led Holy Communion in the forest. On the first Wednesday in October, we gathered at **Kwomais Observation Point** to celebrate the life of Jesus beside the Salish Sea.

Salal + Cedar is always welcoming those who feel called to support or join their community. If their ministry speaks to your heart, you might consider making a donation or attending a future service. You can find details about giving, upcoming gatherings, and their mailing list on their website.

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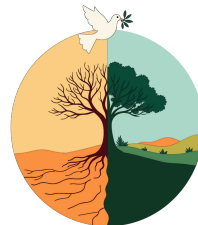
This week: **The Book of Revelation (Part 3)**

John shares his vision of God who was, and who is and who is to come as a reminder that God always was, is and always will be on the throne.

Go to STMARKBC.ORG and click on the Weekly Video & Guide Button for this week's video.

the Prayer Corner

This Ecological Examen is a tool for prayer, reflection and action for individuals and communities to deepen the call to care for creation and the most vulnerable. After each step, take a moment of reflection and prayer.



1. I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made. Where did I feel God's presence in creation today?
2. I ask for the grace to see creation as God does - in all its splendor and suffering. Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?
3. I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable. What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?
4. I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation. Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?
5. I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions. How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?
6. I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.

Developed by the Office of Justice and Ecology of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States & Ignatian Solidarity Network.

Daily Gospel Readings

Monday Matthew 8:28-34

Wednesday Matthew 9:9-17

Friday Matthew 9:27-34

Tuesday Matthew 9:1-8

Thursday Matthew 9:18-26

Saturday Matthew 9:35-10:4



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