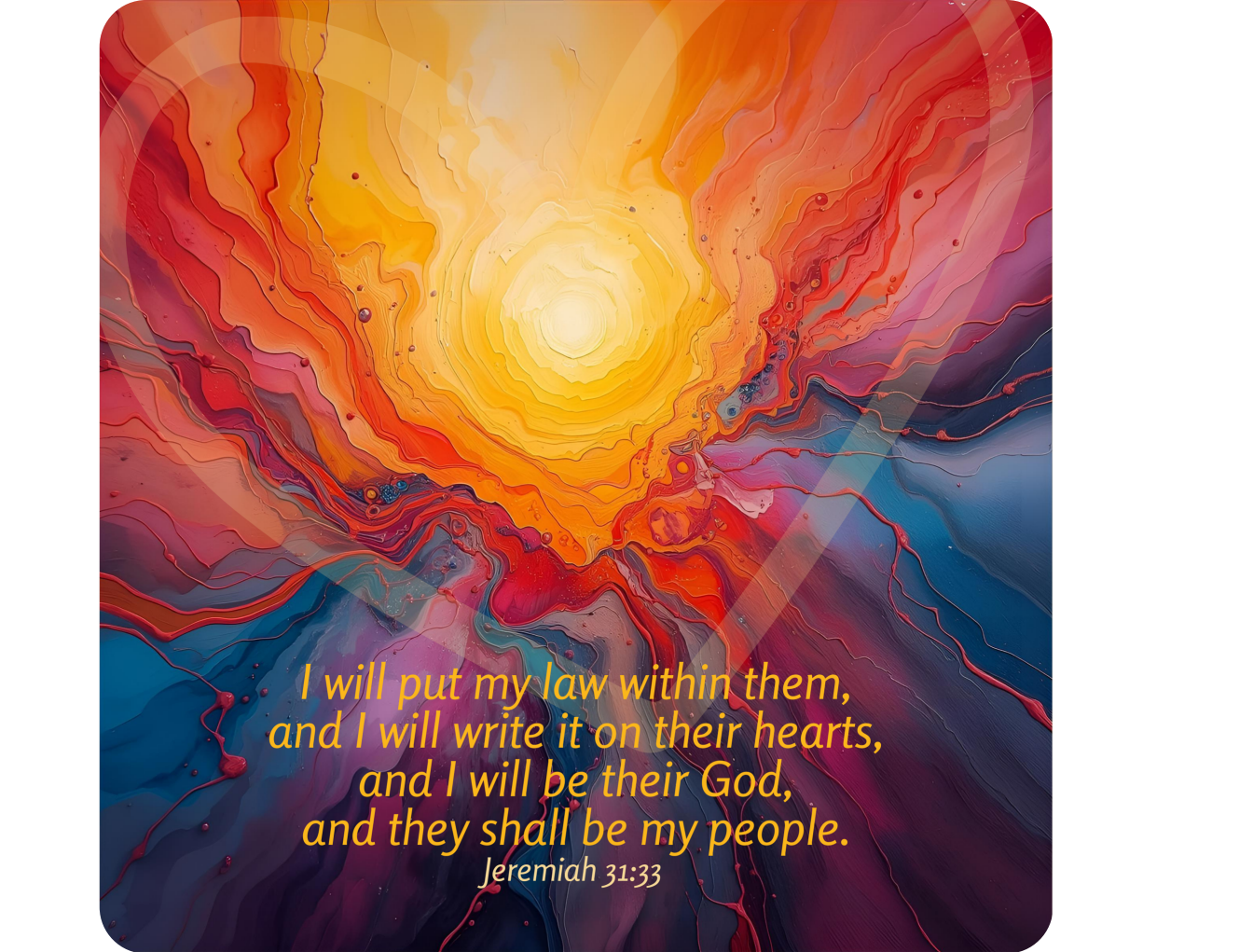




I will put my law within them,
and I will write it on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33

On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

O C E A N  P A R K

October 19, 2025

The Nineteenth 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 is Vision Sunday; an opportunity for us to consider what we will do together in the coming year as we conclude the Year of Joy and begin **the Year of Invitation**.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Margot McDermott "A time to give thanks to God for all His blessings and for the love of family and friends." To dedicate flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the hall.

Today's Scripture

From Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett.

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Jeremiah sees the collapse of both kingdoms, Judah and Israel, as the end of the old covenant. But he foresees a new covenant with God that is both corporate and personal.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 The writer encourages his colleague in his preaching ministry, based on the scriptures.

Luke 18:1-8 Jesus' teaching about being persistent in prayer.

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 26

The Feast of Dedication & Stewardship Sunday

1 Chronicles 29:6-19; Psalm 122; 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10;
Matthew 21:12-16

the Reverend David Taylor preaches and presides.



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 384

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of Creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.**

Common Praise 382

**Praise to the Lord,
all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name
of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!**

**There is none like our God
in the heav'ns or on earth,
who lifts the weak out of dust,
placing them with the mighty,
who stoops to raise the weak and low:
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!**

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris

**He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
and I will praise his name!
He is the Lord,
forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth
rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high.**

Almighty and everliving God,
**increase in us your gift of faith, that
forsaking what lies behind and reaching
out to what is before, we may run the way
of your commandments and win the crown
of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever.**

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 Prophet Jeremiah (31:27-34).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalms 119

Oh, how I love your law!

All the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me
wiser than my enemies,

and it is always with me.

I have more understanding
than all my teachers,

for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders,

because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way,

that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgements,

because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste!

They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments

I gain understanding;

therefore I hate every lying way.

The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (3:14-4:5).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Alleluia!

Norah Duncan

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

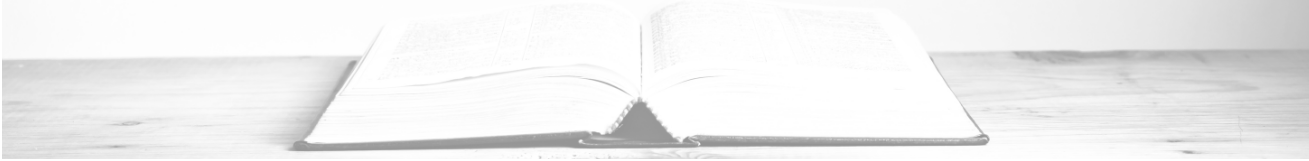
Luke 18:1-8

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Notes



The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven: who by the power of the Holy Spirit became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. Who for our sake was crucified under Pontius Pilate; who suffered death and was buried. Who, on the third day, rose again in accordance with the scriptures; who ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Who will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and whose kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 a Eucharistic Prayer 5 in the Book of Alternative Services, page 204

Stewardship Moment

Common Praise 371

**To God be the glory,
who great things has done!
God so loved the world
freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory!
Who great things has done!*

**O perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God:
that when the offender
repenting believes,
through Jesus' atonement
God's pardon receives.**

**Great things God has taught us,
great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher,
and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness,
when Jesus we see.**

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.

Common Praise 735

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

The priest continues in prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

the Right Reverend Gordon Light

**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.**

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.
Prayer for healing is offered during communion on the right side of the sanctuary.*

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Keith Green

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from
thy presence, oh Lord,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me;
restore unto me
the joy of thy salvation
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Refiners Fire

Brian Doerksen

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold,
pure gold.**

*Refiner's fire: my heart's one desire,
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my Master;
ready to do your will.*

**Purify my heart, cleanse me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin,
deep within.**

Common Praise 505

**Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art—
thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father;
thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling;
and I one with thee.**

**Riches I heed not,
nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven,
when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.**

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 425

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest.
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

**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

Did you know!?

The DYM is hosting the first DYM event of the year

LIGHT THE NIGHT!

on Saturday November 22nd
4-8pm at Trinity Lutheran Church
in Delta

11040 River Rd Delta, BC V4C 4V2

Ages 11-18

Free event!

Connect with Sarah to Register!

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.



The Lunch Basket is given this week by June and Robert Verrett to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Douglas Rodwell.



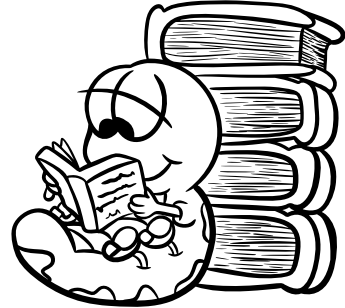
Prayer Chain & Sunday Intercessions

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.

Library News

Sent to Brotian as a spy, Cilla plans to assist the allies instead. Found on the shores of Scotland and turned in to be executed, British intelligence decides to employ her to radio misleading messages to the Germans. Can she be trusted or will she betray the Allied cause? Midnight on the Scottish Shore by Sarah Sundin eill have you burning the midnight oil to find out what happens.



News & Events

This week at the Parish

Tuesday	Guild Meetings 2pm
Wednesday	Holy Communion, 10 am
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Friday	Sr. Youth Group 7:00 pm

SOUPER SUNDAY is next Sunday

\$10.00 per Litre and \$5.00 ½ Litre.

Your Community Outreach Ministry is back in the kitchen! "Savoury Lentil Soup" is the soup for the month. All the funds raised will go to the Community Outreach Ministry.

Spiritual Practice Workshops

1st Sunday of the Month at 7pm

\$20 registration fee

Upcoming Workshops:

November 2, Visiting with
the Saints with Father Dara.



Mission to Seafarers Donations

The ACW is collecting items to send to the Mission to Seafarers. Please place your donations in the baskets before the altar.

The donations being sought include: *Socks, Mitts, Gloves, Toques, Cowls (no scarves), Various Toiletries, Magazines (Canadian content), Calendars, Canadian Souvenirs, Stuffed animals to take home to children, etc.*

Visit **flyingangel.ca** for more information!
Or connect with Kathryn at
hkmasmith@shaw.ca.

Offering Envelopes

If you are new to St. Mark's and wish to give using pew envelopes, please note that we will be ordering the 2026 envelopes by the end of October. These are numbered to keep donors' information anonymous and are available for either weekly or monthly donors. If you would like a set, or if you wish to discontinue using envelopes, please contact the Donations Secretary, Brenda Horner via email (bhenze@shaw.ca) or notify Maryellen in the office at 604-535-8841.

If you are unsure, please consider signing up for Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD), where offerings are debited directly from your bank account or credit card. Brenda can help you choose the method that works best for you. Many thanks to all for your generosity.



This Sunday we are taking a brief glance into the future. The leadership teams of the Parish have agreed that beginning on Advent 1 (The Christian New Year) we will launch a new community intention: **The Year of Invitation.**

Throughout the coming year we will

- create opportunities to respond to the invitation of Jesus in prayer and action,
- we will practice becoming Spiritual Ambassadors to our families, friends and neighbours,
- and we will consider how we can integrate people into the mission and ministry of the Parish of St. Mark by highlighting our ministry together and inviting people to participate.

As we prepare for this year, let us take all the joy we have built up over the last year and use it as an energy source for the ministry God is inviting us to.

Here are some things to think about for the Year of Invitation.

- How is Jesus inviting me into a deeper relationship or communion with God?
- What most deeply inspires me to continue saying “yes” to God’s invitation to be part of St. Mark’s?
- Who do I know that would spiritually benefit from an invitation to the spiritual community of St. Mark’s?
- Is there something about St. Mark’s that might prevent me from inviting someone here?

John’s great vision of the holy city of God is that it is a place to invite all who are thirsty for love, justice, peace and joy to come and be satisfied. We have food and drink to share! Come!



This week: **The Book of Revelation (Part 5)**

Peril continues to surround God’s Children, yet God ensures the trumpets of hope ring out louder still.

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

the Prayer Corner



Stewardship of our Hearts

Stewardship is just a fancy word meaning taking responsibility of the things that are important to us. Over the stewardship season we will explore stewardship of a variety of things in our lives.

Our spiritual ancestors called the centre of our being *our hearts*, or even sometimes, *our guts*.

Our hearts are the inner parts of our lives where we develop things like **faith** and **hope**. It is the place where God's Spirit nourishes **joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness** and **self-control**. But above all our heart is where we develop the foundational Christian practice of **love**.

All of these things take time to nourish and develop. And if we don't steward our heart, they will never grow.

This week, let's consider how to steward our heart.

First, do a heart check-up. Are you feeling anxious, afraid, angry? Do you find yourself snapping at the people you love? Are you losing hope in the future? Or is everything fine? Make a list of the things that concern you and the things that give your delight.

Second, feed your heart. Fill your heart with things that will nourish joy and wonder. Fast from things that raise your levels of anxiety. Read a good book. Listen to your favourite song. Spend time with a dear friend.

Remember, the world needs God's Children to steward their hearts well!

Daily Gospel Readings

Monday Matthew 11:16-24
Tuesday Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday Matthew 12:1-14
Thursday Matthew 12:15-21

Friday Matthew 12:22-32
Saturday Matthew 12:33-42



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