

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

"Drawing People to the Light"

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ADVENT 4
DECEMBER 21 TH, 2025
10:00 A.M. – A EUCHARISTIC LITURGY
FOR THE ISLANDS

We acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather to worship on the territories of the Kwakwaka'Wakw, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Coast Salish Peoples.

We are grateful for our growing relationship with the Qualicum First Nation.

As part of the Anglican Church of Canada, a church of Settlers and First Nations, we commit ourselves to a journey of truth and reconciliation between the indigenous peoples of this land and the non-native peoples of Canada.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

Musician: *Pippa Williams*

Welcome

Processional Hymn: CP 98 Hark the Glad Sound

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Officiant: Our first three candles remind us of the faithfulness of God and the blessings of hope, peace, and joy already in our lives. Today we will light the fourth candle in our Advent wreath. This candle reminds us that God gifts everyone with love because God is the source of all love.
(Fourth candle is lit)

People: **The Bible tells us that it is because God loved the world so much that Jesus came. Mary sings her song in praise of God's love and goodness. Because God loves everyone we are invited to join in God's work of love and care for others.**

Officiant: We are Jesus' disciples in the world today. Jesus came to show us God's way of love. This flickering candle reminds us that our love must be active. Love is shared warmly with others through both words and actions.

All: **Loving God, thank you for the depth and breadth of your love for us and all people. Thank you for sending us Jesus to show us the way of love. Help us to remember that your love will never end. Strengthen us to love others as you love us. Amen.**

Christ, Be Our Light!

Choir: Verse 4

Congregation: Refrain

Words and Music by
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Congregation:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Church gath - ered to - day.

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The Community Gathers before God

Celebrant: In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral lands of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchah-nulth
and Coast Salish peoples.

People: **From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.**

Celebrant: In this time and place

We are not alone

For we meet in the presence of the living God.

People: **For we meet in the presence of the living God.**

Celebrant: In this time and place
We are not alone
For the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

People: **The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.**

Celebrant: In this time and place
We are not alone
For the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

People: **The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.**

Celebrant: In this time and place
We are not alone
For we gather with the whole company of heaven,
In this time and in this place heaven and earth are one.

People: **In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Collect of the Day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

The Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10-16

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

**Stir up your might,
and come to save us!**

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

**But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.**

The Reading from the New Testament Letters: Romans 1:1-7

<i>Reader</i>	The word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Gradual Acclamation: CP 362 Tell Out My Soul vs1,2/3,4

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

Celebrant
People

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

Sermon **The Right Rev. Logan McMenantie**

The Creed

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
People **Though he was divine he did not cling to equality with God,
But made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave, He was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even death on the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above
every name: that at the name of Jesus , every knee should bow,
And every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Cf. Philippians 2: 6-11 from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles

The Prayers of the People (sit, stand or kneel)

Confession and Absolution

People **Jesus, forgive my sins.
Forgive the sins I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten.
Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted.
Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.
Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works.
Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others,
And the leniency I have shown myself.
Forgive the lies I told to others, and the truths I have avoided.
Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself.
Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.**

Early Irish from A Celtic Primer p.85

Celebrant **May the Lord of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins that you may behold the glory of his Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: CP 109 When The King Shall Come Again

The Sacred Meal is Shared

Prayer over the Gifts: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer (sit, stand or kneel)

Celebrant **The Lord be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right indeed that we should praise you,
God of love, our source and our fulfilment,
for you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being.
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.
You made us in your image.
And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself,
and in every age, promise liberation.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own
to nurture them in your way of compassionate love.
You sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,
and showed us the way of reconciliation.
Having lived among us
Jesus suffered the cross, died, and in rising again
became the firstborn of the renewed family.
And so we gather around your table, with saints of every age and your beloved
creation we raise our voices and sing:

(Sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are 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.**

Celebrant To you be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
when he had given thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you: do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
 when had given thanks,
 he gave it to them and said:
 This is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many;
 do this to remember me.
 Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died,
 Christ is risen,
 Christ will come in glory.**

Celebrant Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
 we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and
 wine that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.
 When all creation groans, unite us in Christ and give us your hope that we
 might be strengthened to do your work, as your body in the world.
 Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, all praise and glory
 be yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

The musical score is written for two staves in 6/8 time. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "Our Fath-er in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day". Above the first staff are the chords: F, Dm, Gm7, C, F, Bb. Above the second staff are the chords: C, F, Gm7, C, Gm7, F, F, Dm. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a repeat sign at the end of the first line.

(F) Gm C F B \flat C F Dm G7

our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-

Csus4 C Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C7 Fmaj7 Bbmaj7

gainst us. Save us from the time of tri- al and de-liv-er us from

Gm7 C F Dm Gm7 C

e- vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours

B \flat C F Fmaj7 B \flat F

now and for- ev- er. A- - men.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant Creator of all, who summons the salmon from the depths of the seas to yearn for the place of their origin.

People: **So may your Spirit stir in our hearts to return and find our home in you.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion — All are welcome to share in the blessed bread and wine or to come for a blessing.

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.

Post Communion Hymn: CP 117 Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Prayer after Communion: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

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

Recessional Hymn: CP 111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

Dismissal

<i>Leader</i>	Go from this place seeking Christ in all people:
<i>People</i>	We go to love and serve our neighbours as ourselves.

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Please join us for conversation and refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service.



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
St. Mark

Advent
 and
Christmas

Advent 4	Sun, Dec 21	10:00 AM	Eucharist with Handbell Choir
		2:00 PM	Lessons and Carols of Christmas
Wed, Dec 24		3:00 PM	Christmas Pageant All are welcome
		7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Eucharist
		11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist
Thu, Dec 25		10:00 AM	Christmas Day Eucharist
Sun, Dec 28		10:00 AM	First Sunday after Christmas Followed by a luncheon for Elizabeth's retirement
Wed, Dec 31		11:30 AM	Eucharist