

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

*"Drawing People to the Light"*

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## EPIPHANY

JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

10:00 am Holy Communion BCP

*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 Communion**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p.67*

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

**Opening Hymn: CP 160 As with Gladness Men of Old**

**Collect for Purity**

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**Collect of the Day: Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14**

Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**May he judge your people with righteousness  
and your poor with justice.**

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**

In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute;  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

**For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy  
and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

**Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12**

**Gradual Hymn: CP 158 Earth Has Many a Noble City**

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12** *(Please stand as you are able)*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of  
the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the  
first verse.

*People*            **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:  
And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Priest*  
*People*

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

### **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-be-gotten son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: CP 153 Good Christians All Rejoice

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Confession

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Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, make of all things, judge of all: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Eucharistic Prayer (*sit, stand or kneel*)

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The Peace

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood. And that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## The Communion

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### Prayer after Communion

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### Blessing

### Recessional Hymn: CP 154 Joy to the World

### Dismissal

<i>Leader</i>	Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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## Announcements

Today we welcome The Reverend Deborah Rivet as our preacher and celebrant as she begins her time as Interim Priest at St. Mark's for the immediate future. Deb will be with us on Sundays, and also will be available in her office on Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings prior to mid-week Eucharist. You are welcome to make an appointment or simply drop in to see her. For pastoral care needs, please contact the church office 250-752-5414 (Tuesday-Thursday mornings)

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St. Mark's continues to support the disheartened, poor and hungry in our community through the Manna Lunch Program one Saturday a month. We appreciate your monetary donations toward purchase of food and the homemade cookies provided each month. If you would like to bake cookies or be part of a team that prepares the lunches, please speak to Wendy de Candole.

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"52 Ways to Reconcile" discussion group continues every Thursday in the Church Hall at 3:30pm. All are welcome.

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The Altar Flower Calendar for 2026 is now posted on the bulletin board in the hall next to the kitchen hatch. Please choose your special date to honour loved ones or mark a special occasion and sign up on the calendar. We respectfully request a minimum donation of \$70 to purchase flowers.

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Please return your "Intention" form by January 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have misplaced it, there are extras in the Narthex.

## Coming Up

The next **Repair Cafe** will take place at St. Stephen's United Church on Saturday, January 24 from 9:30am-1:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to get those items that need repair handled by willing volunteers. Items include small electronics, tools, clothing, china, etc. For more information, speak to Lally Grauer.

The " **Quarantones Male Chorus**", a small, auditioned, male voice choir from the Comox Valley, will perform in concert at St. Mark's on Sunday afternoon, January 25 at 3:00pm. This concert, "Songs in the key of "Eh"", will feature Canadian music, musicians and composers. Tickets are \$25 and will be available at the door.

## **St. Mark's Calendar**

**Jan 5 to Jan 11**

**Monday 5th**

Thinking Garden returns

**Tuesday 6th**

9:00am – 3:00pm -Seaside Quilters

9:15 Garden Group

3:30pm- Handbells

**Wednesday 7th**

10:00am- 11:00am - Sermon Circle

11:30am – Holy Communion

5:30pm – 7:30pm - Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am to 3pm – PKS Quilter Guild

11:15am-Choir Practice

3:30pm -52 Ways to Reconcile

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am to 3pm – PKS Quilter Guild

**Saturday 10th**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of the Lord**

8:30am Holy Communion - BCP

10:00am Holy Communion – BAS