

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

“Drawing People to the Light”

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**3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 25, 2026
10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

We acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather to worship on the territories of the Kwakwaka'Waku, 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.

Book of Alternative Services

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

Call to Worship

To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.
To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God's glorious presence has appeared.
God is indeed our light and our salvation.
We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.
Let us worship our God of light and promise.
Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

Processional Hymn: This is the Day

CP 359

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **and also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **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.**

Glory to God: CP 702

Glo - ry to God _____ in the high - est, and peace to his

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The Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity

Join our hearts together that it may be known that we are your children, that your presence will be among us, and we may keep unity in the bonds of peace, which you prepare in the covenant we have with your Son, Jesus Christ.

(Zephanie Kameeta, Namibia. In: "Why, O Lord?" © 1986, WCC, p. 47)

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the need of others, open my ears that I may hear their cries, open my heart so that they need not be without succour. Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor, because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to these places.

Open my eyes and ears that I may, this coming day, be able to do some work of peace for you.

(Shona prayer, Zimbabwe. In: "The Prayers of African Religion", John Mbiti © 1975 SPCK, London, U.K. In the US: Orbis Books, Maryknoll NY, USA, 1975, pp. 148-149.)

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 *(said responsively by the whole verse)*

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gradual Hymn: Lead Us, Heavenly Father (vs 1,2) Vs 3 after the Gospel CP 564

Reader The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23 (Please stand as you are able)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles--the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishers. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fisher of people. "Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Reader The Gospel of Christ

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon **Rev Deborah Rivet**

Choir Anthem: Compassion Hymn

(Words & Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)

Affirmation of Faith for the Week of Christian Unity

**I believe in a Father
who so loves his children
to wait in silence for their return
in order to give them the best robe,
kill the fatted calf
and celebrate the feast of reconciliation.**

**I believe in a Spirit
whose power is not revealed in the thunder of the gale
nor in the dread of the earthquake
but in the still, small voice.**

**I believe in a Son
who broke the power of Silence
with the piercing cry
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

**Dying on the cross he transformed the silence of death
into the death of every silence. (Massimo Aprile, Italy. In: *Rete di Liturgia*, 1996,
No. 2 © Rete di Liturgia.**

Prayers of the People

People – Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers

Confession

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: Most merciful 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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple CP 273

The Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant God is here.

All: The Spirit is with us.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts and minds.

All: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you,
God of love, our source and our fulfillment,
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 gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own,
to nurture them in the 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 as we gather around your table,

With saints of every age and your beloved creation we raise our
voices and sing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he 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 he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this all of you.
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.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 of 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. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer – (sung)

David Haas

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

Come to this table,
you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;
you who have been to this sacrament often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Gifts of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God.

*The Healing Ministry Prayer Team, please come first for Communion.
If you would prefer Holy Communion brought to you in the pew, please stand and
the Eucharistic Ministers will come to you.*

Communion at the Altar rail commences

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.*

Prayers after Communion

All Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **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 for the Week of Christian Unity

Dear Lord,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

Recessional Hymn: To God Be the Glory

CP 371

Dismissal

Liturgical Assistant Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**For Emergency Pastoral Care please contact:
Morag Atherstone @ 250-248-6353 or Cynthia Preyser @ 250-954-9122**

Reverend Deborah will be away January 28th through February 9th inclusive.

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today.

Celebrant	Rev. Deborah Rivet	Greeters:	Serena & Al
Crucifer & Liturgical Assistant:	Cynthia	Reader:	Paul
Chalice:	Maggie & Cynthia	Musical Director: Guitarist:	Pippa
Intercessor:	Bob	Altar Guild:	Christine & Anne

St Mark's Calendar Jan 26 - Feb 1

Monday 26th

Thursday 29th

11:15 – Choir (Church)
3:30 - 52 Ways

Tuesday 27th

9:15 - Men's Bible Study
9:00 – 3:00 – O.K. Quilters
1:00 – Parish Council (downstairs)
3:30 - Handbells

Friday 30th

Saturday 31st

Wednesday 28st

10:00 – Sermon Circle (Library)
11:30 – Morning Prayer led by Cynthia
5:30 - 7:30 - Narcotics Anonymous
(downstairs)

Sunday Feb 1

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
8:30 – Morning Prayer BCP

10:00 AM- Holy Communion –
Lutheran Liturgy, Rev. Bob Goos and
Rev. Faith Brace

Sunday, February 8th at 10:00 will be a combined 8:30/10:00 worship service as Bishop Anna will be us. There will not be an 8:30 service.

*A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today.
Please join us in the hall following the service for coffee and conversation.*

Parish Announcements:

TODAY at 3:00pm *Quarantones Male Chorus* from the Comox Valley performs "Songs in the Key of Eh" here at St. Mark's. Tickets are \$25 and available at the door.

Annual Reports from all Ministry leaders are due by Tuesday, February 10. Please submit your report by email to the parish office. admin@stmarkqualicum.ca

Parish Council meets on Tuesday, January 27 at 1:00pm. Please note the change of date. We will meet in the Sunday School room in the basement. Please enter through the door in the lower parking lot.

Next Sunday, February 1st, our 8:00 service will be Morning Prayer taken from the Book of Common Prayer, led by Michael and our 10:00 service will be from the Lutheran liturgy, led by the Rev. Bob Goos and the Rev. Faith Brace.

Our Bishop, the Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee will be officiating and celebrating on Sunday, February 8th. Please join us in welcoming our Bishop to St Mark.

During the week of February 9 - 13, the Parish Hall is being given a fresh coat of paint and will be closed to all groups. If you have a meeting scheduled for that week, please make alternative arrangements.

The first Pastoral Care Team meeting will be on February 15th at noon in the library.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are a small group who meet to knit or crochet shawls and share conversation the first Monday of the month. Please contact Morag Atherstone for more information

Welcome to St Marks!

It is a pleasure to have you visit with us today. If you would like to learn more about our church and how we can serve you or become a member of our parish family please fill in your name/phone number and our priest will be happy to contact you.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Cell No. _____ email _____

(Please detach and hand to one of the Greeters or Place on the Offering Table)