

Guides for the Journey

Learning Faith from
Our Spiritual Ancestors

On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

O C E A N  P A R K

June 14, 2026

The Third 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...

We begin our Summer Sermon Series *Guides for the Journey: Learning Faith from Our Spiritual Ancestors*. Over the Summer we will follow the stories of our Hebrew spiritual ancestors as they encounter God and experience God's spiritual nourishment. We begin with Genesis 18:1-15, the story of Sarah and Abraham being promised a child.

Altar flowers are given today by **Maryellen Gallo** to the glory of God, in loving memory of her father, Michael, and her brother, Gordon—both deeply loved and long missed. To dedicate flowers, please sign up on the flower chart in the hall and let the office know your dedication.



Today's Scripture

From Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett.

Genesis 18:1-15 Abraham's warm hospitality to three visitors or messengers of God is rewarded with the news of Sarah's impending pregnancy.

Romans 5:1-8 Paul says, justification by faith involves Christ's suffering and sacrifice on the cross for all humanity. A new relationship with God is forged.

Matthew 9:35-10:8 This reading describes Jesus' Galilean ministry and the calling and mission of the Twelve disciples.

Kids Club

Today is **Kindness Day!** Through stories, games, activities, and conversation, children will explore how Jesus calls us to show kindness, compassion, and friendship to others. Kids Club is a safe, welcoming, and fun place to learn and grow in faith. Kids Club Crew are trained and approved for ministry with children and follow St. Mark's safe ministry policies.

Coffee Hour

Please gather in the hall for coffee and refreshment following the service.

Next Week: June 21

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Guides for the Journey:

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Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

The Reverend David Taylor preaches.

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Learning Faith from Our Biblical Ancestors

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 468

**To Abraham and Sarah the call of God was clear:
"Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair. You need not fear the journey, for I have pledged my word that you shall be my people and I will be your God."**

We Will Walk On

the Reverend David Taylor

We will walk on knowing God is always with us. The wilderness is holy ground. And through uncertainty there's so much possibility to be found.

Like Abraham and Sarah, who wandered far and wide, we make our pilgrim journey with God's fam'ly at our side. Through deserts of injustice, like Hagar, cast away, God will reveal a fountain to refresh us on the way. That's why we can say that...

Like Israel's descendants, set free from Pharaoh's hand, we walk through dangerous deserts to attain the promised land. We may not see the outcome. We may not understand. Still, God reveals fresh water strengthening our feeble hands. That's why we will stand and...

We walk within the footprints of those who've gone before. We journey with the outcast, crossing deserts with the poor. Refreshing hearts that wander with water from the well that springs up in the desert giving life to all who dwell in the path of hell. So...

Common Praise 468

We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid can journey to the future secure and unafraid, rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word, "That you shall be my people and I will be your God."

God of love,

in your compassion you reach out to the lost and helpless. Continue this work through us, so that your reign of justice and peace may increase; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. Amen.



We have a wonderful program for your child this morning. They will return for Communion. Please note that all our adult Kids Club Crew have had a criminal record check and are approved by the Diocese of New Westminster to work with vulnerable people. All our Youth Crew have completed a Safe Church Training through the Parish.

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 Book of Genesis (18:1-15).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalms 116

I love the Lord

**who has heard the voice
of my supplication,**

I believed, even when I said,

"I have been brought very low."

In my distress I said,

"No one can be trusted."

How shall I repay you, O Lord,

for all the good things

you have done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon your name.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord

in the presence of all the people.

Precious in your sight, O Lord

is the death of your servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant

and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon the name of the Lord.

Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:1-8).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Celtic Alleluia

Duncan

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

Glory to you,

Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 9:35-10:8

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Notes



The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; who descended to the dead; who, on the third day, rose again; who ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; who will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

*We collect our tithes and offerings and present them to the Lord. We give thanks to God for your generosity to the ministry of this community. 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 Eucharistic Prayer 4 from the BAS.***

Common Praise 347

**The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, Great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.**

**The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
forevermore.**

**The goodly land I see
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.**

**Triumphant hosts on high
give thanks eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!"
Hail Abraham's God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours
and endless praise!**

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.

Holy Holy Holy Lord

Peter Scholtes

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are filled
with your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, In the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes
in God's holy name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues in prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

the Reverend David Taylor

**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.

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

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.**

I Lift My Eyes Up

Brian Doerkson

**I lift my eyes up to the mountains.
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from you,
maker of heaven, creator of the earth.
Oh how I need you, Lord.
You are my only hope.
You're my only prayer.
So I will wait for you
to come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.**

Common Praise 82

***Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts
are filled with gladness!
Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts
are filled with gladness!***

**Christ the Lord to us said,
"I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread.
Give to all who thirst and hunger."**

**Now He sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

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 486

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art:
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Go in peace to live the gospel,
extending God's invitation to all.
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

Youth News

Youth Group
Grades 8 - 12
Fridays from 7 - 9 pm

This Week:

Summer Night

To celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of Summer, let's have a **fight!**
A **water** fight!

Bring a worthy opponent!



Today is Kindness Sunday!

Children are welcome to join the fun downstairs where there will be games, activities and a story about one of God's Children, Tabitha.

Sunday Videos!

Check out our YouTube channel each Sunday for great videos to watch with your children!

[est.mark-oceanparkanglicanc3043](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCst.mark-oceanparkanglicanc3043)

The Lunch Basket is given this week by **Marsha and Brian Klinger** to the glory of God and: James 2:15-16 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?



Prayer Chain & Sunday Intercessions

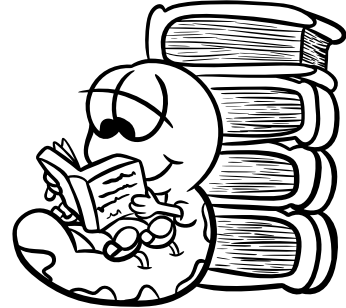
If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer, please connect with **Lynne** at lynneh1@telus.net. She will share your request with a community of faithful intercessors!

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

The Bible Jesus Read by Philip Yancey

Explores the Old Testament and asks an important question: What did Jesus see in these Scriptures? Why the Old Testament Matters. Many Christians find the Old Testament difficult and confusing. Jesus himself was deeply shaped by the Hebrew Scriptures. Yancey combines personal stories, cultural observations, biblical reflection, and practical application in this conversational and reflective book.



News & Events

This week at the Parish

Tuesday	Guild Meeting 2 pm
Wednesday	Holy Communion, 10 am
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Friday	Sr. Youth Group 7:00 pm
Saturday	ACW Spring Sale & Strawberry Tea



ACW (Anglican Church Women) **Spring Fair with Strawberry Tea**

Saturday, June 20th, 1-3:30 pm

Raffle, Baking, Crafts & Treasures

Tickets will be sold after church today.



Get an email asking for help? Think Before You Click

Scammers count on urgency. Pause before you act.

STOP — Don't send money or share personal information.

CHECK — Verify independently and take your time.

TALK — Contact your bank or someone you trust.

Common email or phone scams:

- Fake GICs with unusually high returns
- Crypto or trading schemes promising easy profits
- Precious metals investments with "guaranteed" gains

Remember: St. Mark's clergy, wardens, and staff will never ask for banking information, passwords, gift cards, or money by email, text, or phone. If in doubt, call the Parish Office directly.



Men's Club Celebrates 40 years!

On Tuesday, Men's Club members, old and new, celebrated 40 years of ministry at St. Mark's with a BBQ. We give thanks to God for all the ministry of the men of this parish over the years, and we look forward to seeing how God will continue to use the men of this place to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ, to serve their neighbours with compassion, and to help build God's kingdom in our community for many years to come.



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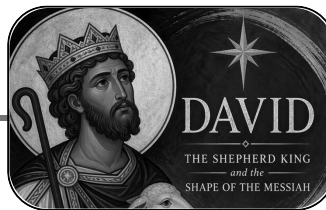
BURSARY FUND



Each year, we hope to bless graduating students from our parish with a bursary from St. Mark's. To support this ministry, Parish Council has established the **St. Mark's Bursary Fund**. Donations to the fund may be made at any time throughout the year.

Bursaries will be awarded each June to graduating students who are active members of the congregation. Eligibility includes regular participation in Sunday worship and involvement in the life of the parish community.

This year, through the generosity of the **Ian Norman Shaw Bursary**, we were pleased to present a bursary to **Jonathan Fetterly** as he prepares to begin his studies at Carleton University in Ottawa this fall. We offer Jonathan our congratulations and prayers as he begins this new chapter of life and learning.



Inspire is St. Mark's pathway for lifelong Christian formation, offering opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith, deepen their relationship with Jesus, and participate in the life of God's kingdom. You can check past studies at

stmarkbc.org/podcasts/worship/series

including **How to Read the Bible**, **Has God Abandoned Us** (a study of the Book of Revelation), and **The 5 Foundational Stories of Our Faith**. This September we begin a new study on **David: the Shepherd King and the Shape of the Messiah**.

Spiritual Practice: How to Pray for Young People

1

Pray for good and safe friendships:
Pray for friends who can encourage them in their walk with Christ. Pray for friendships where they can share their hopes and fears without worry of judgment or condemnation. Pray for friendships where they can imagine their place in God's kingdom together.

2

Pray for a growing appetite for God's word:
As you encourage young people to dig into the Bible on their own, pray that their appetite for God's word would steadily grow. Pray that they would learn to read Scripture with critical thought and care for God's saving message. Ask them what they have learned. See what you can learn from them.

3

Pray for influential voices between your age and theirs:
Pray that they would find leaders, friends, preachers, and teachers who would help them discern what God's word and mission are in their daily context. Pray that they would find voices who would help them in their struggles and celebrations.



Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Matthew 17:14-21	Wednesday	Matthew 18: 1-9	Friday	Matthew 18: 21-35
Tuesday	Matthew 17: 22-27	Thursday	Matthew 18: 10-20	Saturday	Matthew 19: 1-12



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