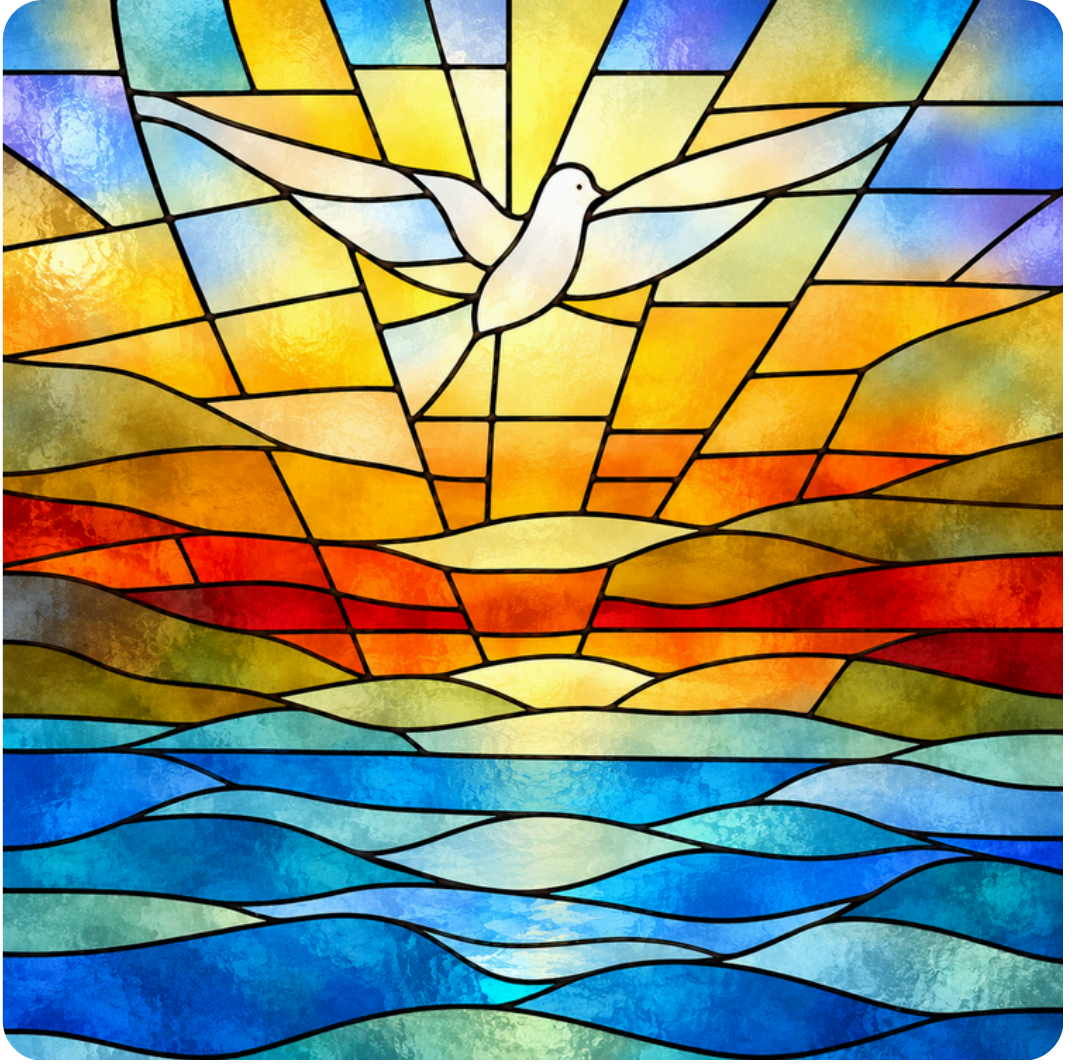

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the Parish of St. Mark

OCEAN PARK

October 18, 2026

The Twenty-First 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 we have the joy of celebrating Holy Baptism, as Melissa and Cooper are welcomed into the household of God. In baptism, we are joined to Christ and to one another, and begin a life of following Jesus together. As they make the promises of baptism, we will renew our own promises and remember that none of us lives the Christian life alone.

The Altar flowers are given today by **Mildred Marsden** to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of my granddaughter Cooper Marsden and her mom Melissa Marsden. 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.*

Exodus 33:12-23 Moses intercedes with God (Yahweh) on behalf of the Hebrew people on their wilderness journey toward the land of Canaan.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul was hustled out of Thessalonica in Macedonia by irate orthodox Jews. The fledgling church he established is encouraged by this letter.

Matthew 22:15-22 Jesus summarises for the Pharisees the essence of the commandments.

Kids Club

Today is **Prayer Sunday**! Through stories, games, activities, and conversation, children will discover to pray how Jesus taught us. 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: October 25

The Feast of Dedication

Genesis 28:10-17; Psalm 84; Revelation 21:1-4, 22-22:5; John 20:19-21

the Reverend David Taylor preaches.

Invited to Peace

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.

There is one body and one Spirit,
there is one hope in God's call to us;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Common Praise 1
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee,
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Come, Now is the Time to Worship
Brian Doerkson
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time
to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue will
confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for
those who gladly choose you now.

Common Praise 1
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in
earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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.

St. Mark's Kids Club

Helper Sunday!

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 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 Exodus (33:12-23).
Listen for God's Word.
Our hearts are open.

Psalm 99
The Lord reigns;
let the people tremble;
the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion
and is high above all peoples.
Let them confess your name,
which is great and awesome;
you are the Holy One.
"O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before the footstool of God;
the Lord is the Holy One.
Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those
who call upon your name,
they called upon you, O Lord,
and you answered them.
You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies
and the decree that you gave them.
"O Lord our God,
you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship upon the holy hill of God;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (1:1-10).
Listen for God's Word.
Our hearts are open.

Common Praise 82
Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts are filled with gladness!
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All our hearts are filled with gladness!

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

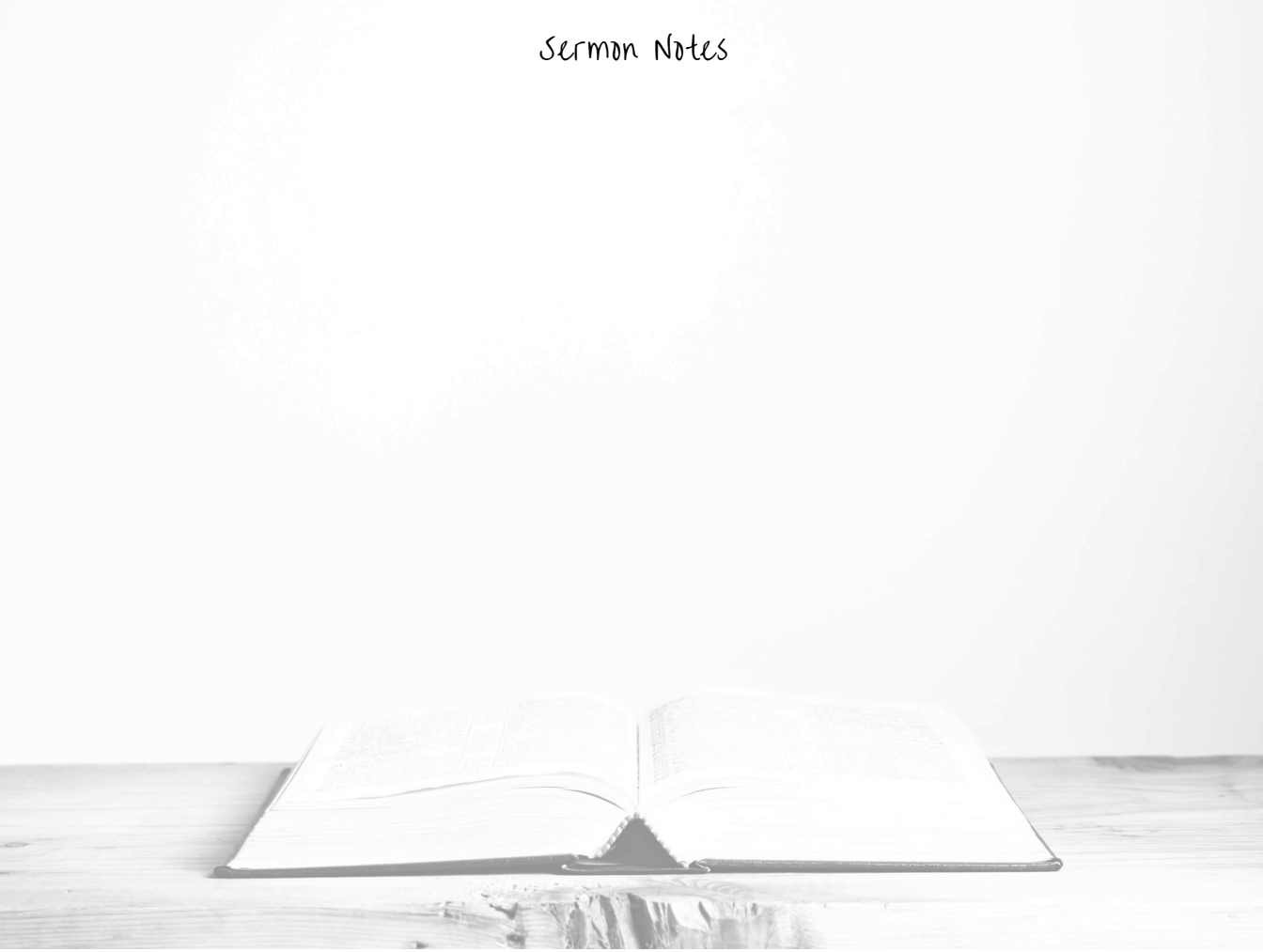
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 22:15-22

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

Sermon

Sermon Notes



Holy Baptism
If you would like to learn more about how you can be baptised, please talk to the priests!

Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.
Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you!

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 1.***

Common Praise 522
to the tune of TOPLADY

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

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

Thou Art Worthy
Pauline Michael Mills

Thou art worthy, thou art worthy,
thou art worthy, O Lord
to receive glory, glory and honour,
glory and honour and pow'r.

For thou hast created,
hast all things created,
thou hast created all things,
and for thy pleasure
they are created,
thou art worthy, O Lord.

I Love You Lord
Laurie Klein

I love you, Lord,
and I lift my voice
to worship you,
O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my king,
in what you hear:
may it be a sweet, sweet sound
in your ear.

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.

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 385

Worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience
and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him:
the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay
thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows,
and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter
his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth
thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty
and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings
to lay on his shrine.

These though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy
give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling,
and hope for our fear.

Worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience
and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him:
The Lord is his name!

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

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Financial Support

Thank you for your faithful stewardship through your tithes and offerings. Your generosity helps St. Mark – Ocean Park continue its ministry and serve our community.

If you would like to become a regular giver, please complete a welcome card and give it to a greeter or the priest.

Ways to Give:

- Cash or cheque (payable to The Parish of St. Mark – Ocean Park)
- Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD)
- Electronic Donation Station (EDS) in the foyer (ushers are happy to help)
- e-Transfer to **give@stmarkbc.org**
- CanadaHelps through our website

If you would like donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Tax receipts are issued each February for donations made during the previous calendar year.

The Pulse

Youth News

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

October 23rd is Karaoke Night

Nervous? Well Shake it Off!
Thinking of not coming? Call Me, Maybe.
Will it be fun? I Want it That Way!

Bring a friend!!





Today is Prayer Sunday!

Children are welcome to join the fun downstairs where there will be games, activities and a story about **Jesus teaching us how to pray!**

Sunday Videos!

Check out our YouTube channel each Sunday for great videos to watch with your children!
@st.mark-oceanparkanglicanc3043

The Lunch Basket is given this week by **Ian and Betty-Ann Bainbridge** to the Glory of God and with gratitude for the generosity, kindness and compassion of the parishioners in our church.



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 **michael@klaverrealtor.ca**, or contact the office.

Library News

The Surprising Rebirth of Belief in God *by Justin Brierley*

Justin Brierley explores the renewed interest in questions about God, faith, meaning, and Christianity in today's increasingly secular culture. Drawing on conversations with well-known thinkers and his own experience engaging with Christians, atheists, and agnostics, Brierley considers why belief in God continues to be an important subject of discussion and invites readers to thoughtfully examine the reasons for and challenges to Christian faith.



News & Events

This week at the Parish

Tuesday	Guild meetings 2pm
Wednesday	Holy Communion, 10 am
	Savvy Seniors
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer 7 pm
	Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Friday	Youth Group 7 pm

ACW Mission to Seafarers Christmas Drive no until November 27

The ACW is collecting Christmas gifts for seafarers at the Port of Vancouver. Donations of **socks, toques, work gloves, cowls (no scarves), and toiletries** for men and women are welcome.

We are also collecting **Canadian magazines, puzzles, and small stuffed animals** that seafarers can take home as gifts for their families. Look for the collection area in the Narthex!

Souper Sunday is next week.

Comforting Lentil is the soup for the month. $12 per litre and $6 per ½ litre. All the funds raised will go to the Community Outreach Ministry. **Please return your soup jars to the kitchen!**



Alongside Hope Christmas Cards

Share a little hope this Christmas! Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) offers beautiful Christmas cards that celebrate the season while supporting its work with communities around the world. **Serena, the parish representative for Alongside Hope, is selling these cards, so be sure to speak with her if you would like to purchase some.** A lovely way to send Christmas greetings while making a difference!

Thursday Evening Centering Prayer, 7pm

Need a spiritual practice to help you navigate life's challenges? Join us Thursday evenings for a time of quiet reflection and rest in God's presence. We begin with 20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by Lectio Divina, a gentle way of praying with Scripture.

Think before you Click

Spot the Red Flags

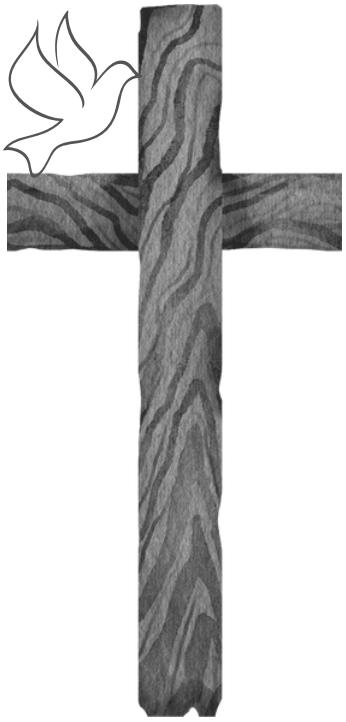
Be cautious if a message:

- Creates a sense of urgency.
- Asks for money or gift cards.
- Has spelling mistakes or an unusual sender address.

Think Before You Scan

QR codes are convenient, but scammers can use them too. Only scan QR codes from trusted sources, and check the website address before entering any information.

Remember: Pause. Think. Verify. Then Click.



The Gift of Baptism

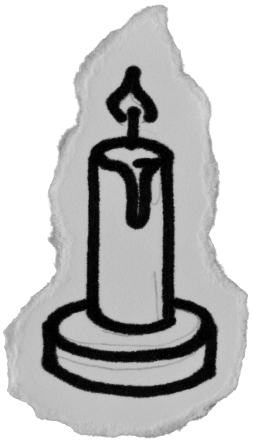
Baptism is a gift from God, a moment when we are splashed awake to the wonder and purpose of our lives. In the waters of baptism, we acknowledge that our very existence is a gift from God, our Creator, who has made us in love and for love. Yet we also recognize that our world is wounded by something our spiritual ancestors called sin or evil—a kind of spiritual virus that has infected humanity and distorted the goodness of God's creation. Baptism awakens us to both the beauty of God's gift and the brokenness of the world, inviting us to become part of God's great work of healing. Through baptism, we are joined to Jesus Christ and to a community of people learning to live in his way of love, forgiveness, justice, and peace. It is not a declaration that we have arrived, but the beginning of a lifelong journey of becoming who God created us to be.

If you have not yet been baptized, we warmly invite you to consider this beautiful gift and to speak with the Rector about beginning that journey. And for those of us who have already been baptized, the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant is an opportunity to remember who we are, whose we are, and the sacred calling we have received. May we take these promises seriously, trusting that the God who calls us will also give us the grace to live them.

The Feast of All Souls

On Sunday, November 8, at our 10am All Souls service, we will remember by name those whom we love but see no longer. Over the next few weeks, look for the Book of the Dead at church and add the names of loved ones you would like remembered in prayer during the service.

And remember to **make use of our new votive candle stand** as a spiritual practice. Light a candle in memory of someone you love, as a prayer for someone in need, or simply as a sign of your prayer continuing before God.



Inspire CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Available Today:
Amos, Part 2 — **Why is God so Angry?**



Coming Wednesday: Amos, Part 3 — **Prepare to Meet Your God**

*Again and again, Amos hears God say, "**Yet you did not return to me.**" What happens when we refuse to listen? And what might it mean for us to "**prepare to meet our God**"?*

Pick up the current study booklet at church or find all Inspire studies on our website.

the Prayer Corner



The Invitation to Hope

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1

Reflection

Before we can live by faith, perhaps we must first learn to hope – to glimpse the world as God dreams it might be. A saying often passed down among our spiritual ancestors imagines hope as having two beautiful daughters: anger at the way things are, and courage to believe they need not remain that way. Christian hope is not optimism. It is allowing God's promised future to capture our imagination – and beginning to live as though that future were already breaking into the present.

Spiritual Practice – Holy Imagination

Choose one place in the world that troubles you: your family, neighbourhood, church, or the wider world. Close your eyes and imagine it as God dreams it might be. Don't ask yet what you should do. Simply spend a few minutes looking at the world through the eyes of hope.

Prayer

End by praying the first part of the Lord's Prayer three time:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Luke 1:1-4	Wednesday	Luke 10:17-24	Friday	Luke 10:38-42
Tuesday	Luke 10:1-16	Thursday	Luke 10:25-37	Saturday	Luke 11:1-13

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