

On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

OCEAN PARK

November 15, 2026

The Twenty-Fifth 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, Jesus tells the story of three servants entrusted with their master's wealth. Two take the risk of putting what they have been given to work; one, afraid of his master, buries his gift in the ground. Jesus invites us to consider the relationship between **fear and trust**—and what becomes possible when we trust the One who has entrusted so much to us. **I wonder what God has placed in your hands, and what trust might invite you to do with it.**

The altar flowers are given today by **Margaret and Lorne Appleton** to the glory of God and in memory of parents Martha and Fred,and Margaret and Cecil. 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.

Judges 4:1-7 The conquest of Canaan was episodic and tribal rather than one grand campaign. Deborah, the prophetess, presents a strategy to Barak to defeat Sisera, a Canaanite general.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Paul continues to expand on how the Thessalonians should prepare for the Second Coming of Christ.

Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus shares the parable of the talents.

Kids Club

Today is **Love 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: November 22

The Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Father Dara preaches.

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 393
**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest,
to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish,
but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Source of all glory
and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Majesty
Jack Hayford
**Majesty, worship his majesty.
Unto Jesus be all
glory, power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
flow from his throne unto his own,
his anthem raise.
So, exalt, lift up on high
the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty.
Jesus, who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.**

God of the Covenant,
even when we fall into sin, you remember that you have chosen us to be your servant people. Awaken us to the power and gifts you have bestowed upon us for the good of creation. May we be trustworthy in all things, working with purpose to increase your realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Mark's Kids Club

Love 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 Judges (4:1-7).
Listen for God's Word.
Our hearts are open.

Psalm 123
To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,
until you show us your mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more
than enough of contempt,
too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11).
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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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 25:14-30

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

Sermon

Sermon Notes

Invited to Stop Hiding

1. Stop hiding behind your _____.

What we believe about God shapes how we live. Let our certainty be tempered by humility, and let our theology lead us toward our neighbours in love.

2. Stop hiding behind your _____.

Fear can prevent us from doing what is right. Let our fear be tempered by love, empathy, and compassion.



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 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 619

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled
heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels
heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

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, holy 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.

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.

My Jesus I Love Thee
William Ralph Featherstone
My Jesus, I love thee;
I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer,
my Saviour art thou:

If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee, because
thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon
on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing
the thorns on thy brow.

I'll love thee in life,
I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long
as thou lendest me breath.
And say when the death dew
lies cold on my brow:

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering
crown on my brow:

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
Louisa M. R. Stead
Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, saviour, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.

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 380

O worship the King, all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour
and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath
the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path
on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation,
though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

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

November 20th is Movie Night!

Feeling Hungry?
Wanna play a game?
Let's HUNGER GAME!
At Caprice White Rock.

Let David know if you are coming. He'll purchase tickets.

Bring a friend!!



St. Mark's Kids Club

Today is Love Sunday!

Children are welcome to join the fun downstairs where there will be games, activities and a story about **the two most important rules!**

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 **Lorne and Margaret Appleton** to the Glory of God, the one who feeds us, and with gratitude for loving family and friends."



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!

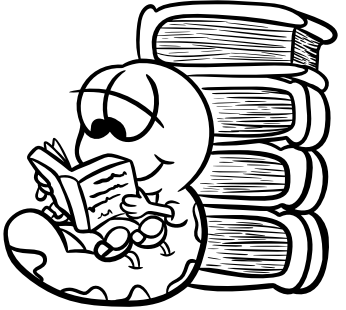
To have a name mentioned in the Sunday Intercessions, please write their name on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary, connect with **Michael** at **michael@klaverrealtor.ca**, or contact the office.

Library News

Project Solomon

by Jodi Stuber

Project Solomon is the true story of a lonely horse who finds a home at a therapy ranch. As Solomon begins to heal from the loss of his herd, Jodi is also facing her own grief. Together, they discover healing, hope, and the power of love and community. A touching story of resilience, sacrifice, and faith that reminds us of our value to each other and to God.



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

Memorial Service for Olive Pociwauschek
Friday, November 20, 1pm

A memorial service will be held at the church, followed by a reception in the hall.

Do you like wrapping gifts?

Our Outreach Committee is working with the Surrey Firefighters gift-wrapping project at Guilford Mall on December 4th. We are looking for volunteers to help for 2-hour shifts. All monies received will go towards our Lunch Basket for Hungry Children program. Please contact Brenda Horner at **brendah604@outlook.com** if you are interested. The more, the merrier!

Souper Sunday is next week.

Classic Turkey Soup is the soup for the month $12.00 per Litre and $6.00 ½ Litre. All the funds raised will go to the Community Outreach Ministry.

Have you returned your Soup Jars? - please return these to the kitchen.

Holly Berry Fair

Saturday, November 28, 11am to 2pm

Join us for our annual **Holly Berry Fair**! Enjoy a delicious lunch and browse a wonderful selection of home baking, handmade crafts, preserves, gift baskets, jewellery, treasures, collectibles, raffle prizes, and, of course, holly!

We'd love your help! Donations can be placed in the donation bin in the hall, and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex next Sunday.

To find out how you can help, please contact Linda at **lindaodee@hotmail.com**.

Come celebrate the season with us!



This Advent, Make Your Own Advent Wreath!

Bring a little Advent light into your home this year! Making an Advent wreath is a lovely way to slow down, gather with loved ones, and prepare your heart for Christmas. All you need is a circle of evergreen branches (real or artificial) and four candles—traditionally three blue or purple and one pink. Light one candle on the first Sunday of Advent, adding another each week as the light grows brighter. Whether you gather with family and friends or enjoy a quiet moment on your own, let the growing light remind you of God's promises of hope, peace, joy, and love. Each week, you'll find Advent prayers for the whole family in the Prayer Corner of our Sunday bulletin, helping you make this a simple and meaningful tradition at home. Be sure to use secure candleholders and never leave candles burning unattended.

Mental Health Moment

You don't have to carry everything at once; give yourself permission to rest, breathe, and take life one step at a time.

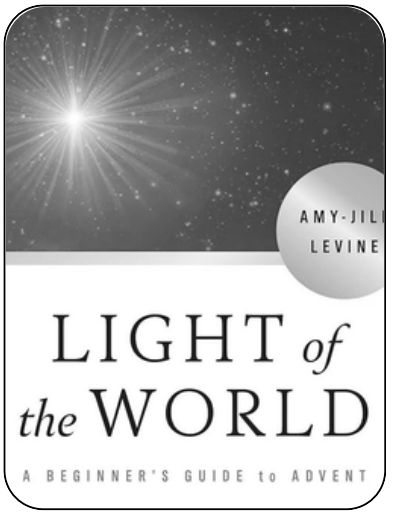
Coming this Advent

Tuesday evenings, 7pm online through December.

A book study with Father Dara on *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Amy-Jill Levine is a Jewish biblical scholar and internationally respected teacher of the New Testament, known for exploring Jesus and his teachings within their first-century Jewish context. Through her books and lectures, she helps Christians better understand the Jewish roots of their faith while challenging common misconceptions about Judaism and encouraging thoughtful dialogue between Jews and Christians.

Books can be purchased through the Church Office and are 30$ each.



Inspire CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Available Today:
Amos, Part 6 — **I Will Restore My People**



Coming Wednesday: Amos, Part 7 — **Becoming a Prophetic Church**

Throughout our journey with Amos, we have discovered that prophets are called to speak truth, challenge injustice, pray for God's people, and hold fast to the hope of restoration. In this final session, we bring these lessons together and wonder what it might mean for us, not simply to listen to the prophets, but to become a prophetic Church.

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

the Prayer Corner



The Invitation to Community

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
Matthew 18:20

Reflection

The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. Jesus gathers us into a community where we learn to pray together, care for one another, forgive one another, and carry one another when the journey becomes difficult. Community can be challenging because it asks us to make room for people we would not always choose for ourselves. Yet these imperfect relationships are one of the places where Christ promises to meet us. We belong to God—and because we belong to God, we belong to one another.

Spiritual Practice – Remembering Your Community

Sit quietly and bring to mind the people who have accompanied you in faith: those who taught you, prayed for you, challenged you, welcomed you, or simply stayed beside you. Picture their faces one at a time. Give thanks for each of them. Then ask: Who might God be inviting me to walk beside today?

Prayer

Pray slowly three times:
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ within me,
Christ among us.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Luke 16:19-31	Wednesday	Luke 17:11-19	Friday	Luke 18:1-8
Tuesday	Luke 17:1-10	Thursday	Luke 17:20-37	Saturday	Luke 18:9-14

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