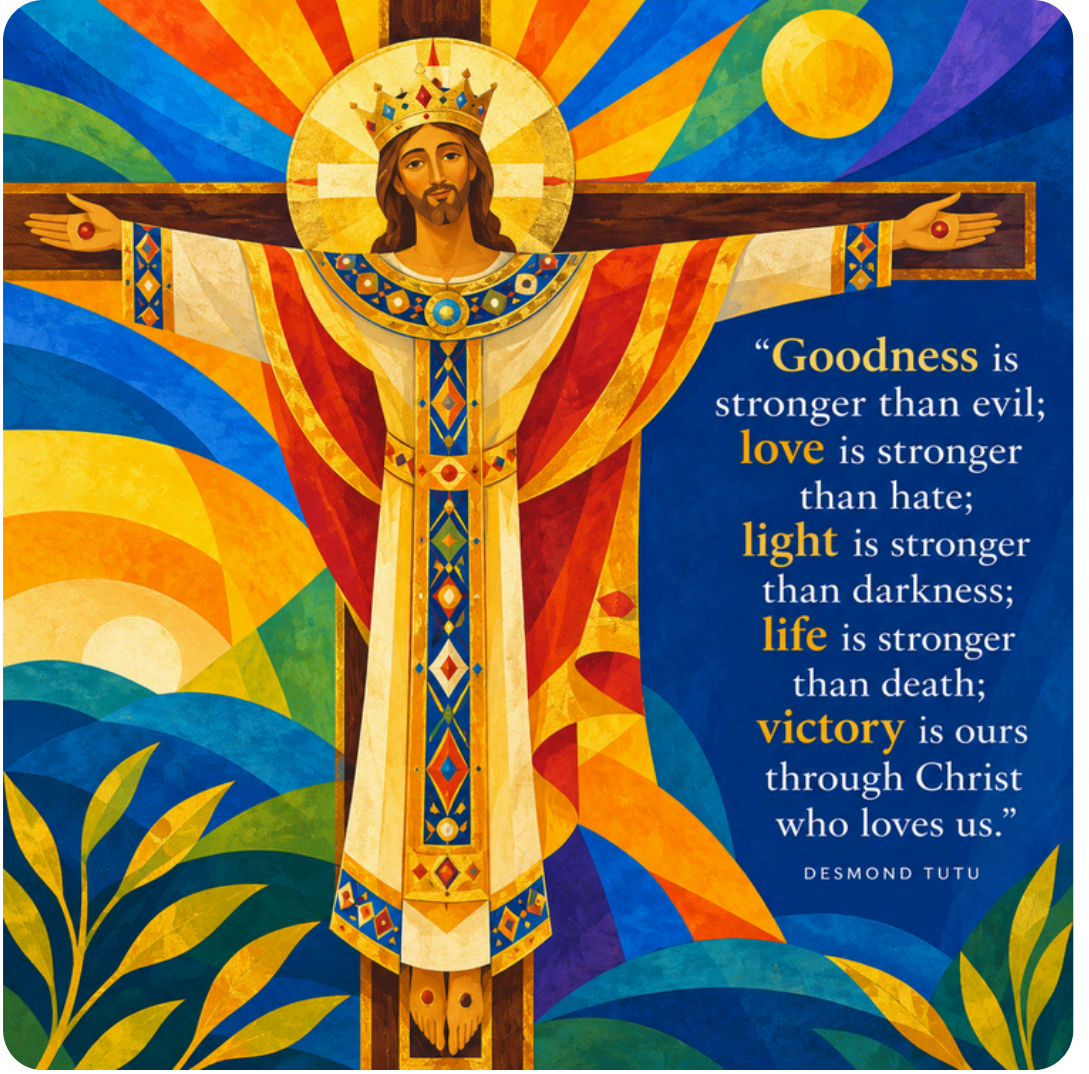


On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

OCEAN PARK

November 22, 2026

The Reign of Christ

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 is the Reign of Christ, the last Sunday of the Christian year, and **we joyfully celebrate the baptisms of James, Maddie, and Georgia!** As we welcome them into the family of Christ, we remember that God's kingdom is established not through power or violence, but through love. In baptism, we celebrate God's promise to make all things new and our invitation to share in the healing of the world.

The altar flowers are dedicated in celebration of Christ our King, whose kingdom is one of love, peace, justice, and hope. May we be guided by His light and seek to share His love in the world. 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.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 God is the good shepherd, gathering together the lost sheep in exile in Babylon.

Ephesians 1:15-23 The Ephesian Christians are warmly encouraged in their faith. For Paul this is a faith based on the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Matthew 25:31-46 This gospel is Jesus' powerful parable on the judgement of humanity and the vital importance of active compassion.

Kids Club

Today is **Healing 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

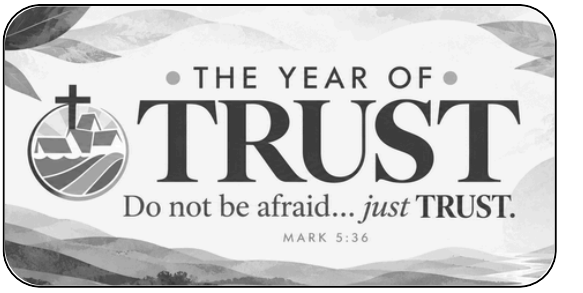
Please gather in the hall for coffee and refreshment following the service.

Next Week: November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

the Reverend David Taylor 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 589
**Come, O God of all the earth; come to us, O righteous one;
come, and bring our love to birth in the glory of your Son.**

***Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!***

**Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with righteousness;
teach us all to sing your name: may our lives your love confess.**

Common Praise 573
**O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.**

Common Praise 589
***Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!***

**Come, O Justice, come, O Peace: come and shape our hearts a new;
come and make oppression cease: bring us all to life in you.**

Common Praise 573
**Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

Common Praise 589
***Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you!***

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Healing 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 the Prophet Ezekiel (34:11-16, 20-24).
Listen for God's Word.
Our hearts are open.

Psalm 100
the Reverend David Taylor

We will celebrate for our God has made
This new day, this new creation,
this new chance to take
light to everyone for the morning has come
We will sing and celebrate

We will sing to the Creator;
worship with a joyful heart.
In God's presence is a choir.
Every creature with a part.

We belong to God our Maker
as the family of God.
We will gather with rejoicing;
We will gather with a song.

Give to God your morning singing
God is good and sings along
with a love that stays forever;
melodies the whole day long.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (1:15-23).
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.

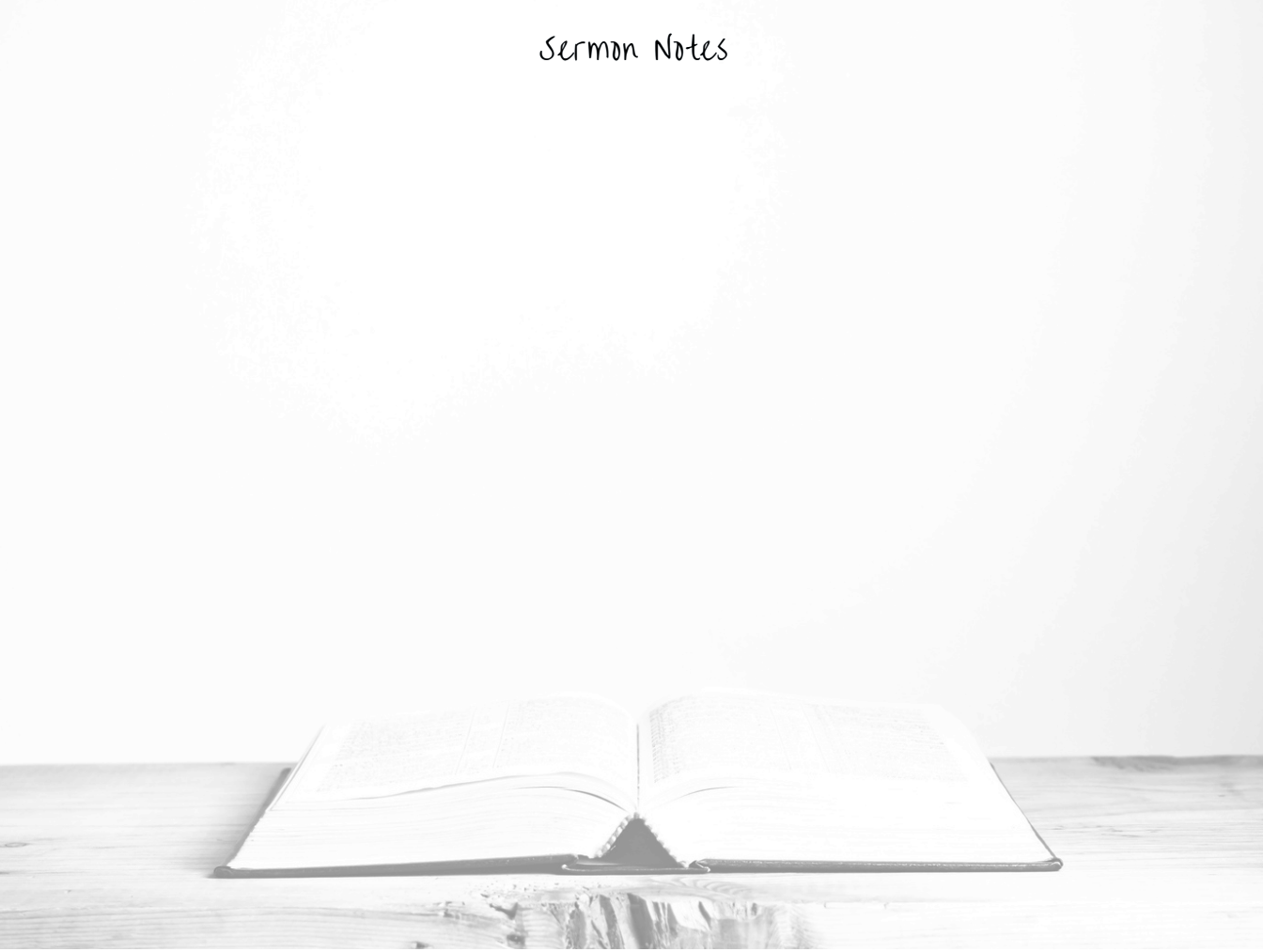
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 25:31-46

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.***

I Have Called You By Your Name
Daniel Charles Damon

**I have called you by your name,
you are mine;
I have gifted you
and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.**

**I will help you learn my name
as you go;
read it written in my people,
help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body, given long ago.**

**I know you will need my touch
as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's
ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe,
then let it go.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people
they are mine.**

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.

Thank You, Lord
Traditional

Thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

Been so good,
been so good,
been so good,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

All Heaven Declares
Noel Richards, Tricia Richards

All heav'n declares
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever he will be
the lamb upon the throne,
I gladly bow the knee
and worship him alone.

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain
to reconcile us to God.
Forever you will be
the lamb upon the throne,
I gladly bow the knee
and worship you alone.

Shout To The Lord
Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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 460

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze;
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow:
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me.

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 27th is Tree Night

Let's decorate!
Let's part-ay!

Bring a friend!!



St. Mark's Kids Club

Today is Healing Sunday!

Children are welcome to join the fun downstairs where there will be games, activities and a story about **how God is going to heal the world!**

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 **Maha Sarraf and Kingsley Griffin** with thanks to God for His great glory, and in gratitude for his love and many blessings.



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 Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

by C. S. Lewis

Four children discover a magical world beyond an old wardrobe, where they become part of a battle between good and evil. Filled with adventure, courage, friendship, sacrifice, and hope, this beloved Narnia story contains strong Christian themes and is a wonderful introduction to C. S. Lewis's classic series. Recommended for ages 8–12 and up, with plenty for adults too.



News & Events

This week at the Parish

Tuesday	Parish Council 7pm
Wednesday	Holy Communion, 10 am
Thursday	Contemplative Prayer 7 pm
	Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Friday	Youth Group at the Caprice Theatre, 7 pm
Saturday	Holly Berry Fair 11 am

Today is Souper Sunday.

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.

Gift Wrappers Needed

Our Outreach Committee is participating in the Surrey Firefighters gift-wrapping project at Guilford Mall on December 4th. We are looking for volunteers to wrap gifts in shifts throughout the day and evening. All monies received will go towards our Lunch Basket for Hungry Children program.

Please contact Brenda Horner at brendah604@outlook.com if you can help.

Christmas on the Peninsula
Saturday, November 21st 10am to 5pm

White Rock Community Centre

Christmas entertainment and activities, Christmas market, traditional carolers, town centre walkabout, Christmas Parade and tree lighting.

Visit **christmasonthepeninsula.com**.

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 is in the narthex.

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

Come celebrate the season with us!

Handels Advent Messiah
Thursday December 3rd from 7:30-9pm

Handel's Messiah, presented by Cantare Super Orchestram, with outstanding soloists. Tickets: chilliwacksymphony.com



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.

Quotation of the Week

Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr., Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? (1967).

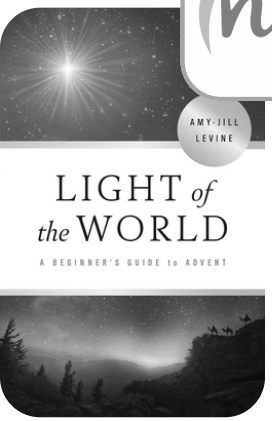
First Fruits — Winter Produce Boxes

Thanks to the generosity of those who supported our First Fruits Produce Table over the summer, we are delighted to offer fresh fruit and vegetable boxes to members of our community who would appreciate a little extra support this winter. Boxes will be available once or twice a month, as funds allow. There is no financial assessment or need to explain your circumstances. If a produce box would be helpful to you or your household, simply complete **a registration form, available on the Welcome Table in the narthex**. This is one small way we can share God's abundance with one another!



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Available Today:
Amos, Part 7 — **Becoming a Prophetic Church**



Coming this Advent, Tuesdays, 7pm, on Zoom

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 ***Father Dara*** *and are $30 each.*

the Prayer Corner



The Invitation to God's Glorious Future

Creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
Romans 8:21

Reflection

The Christian story begins with God's beautiful creation, but something has gone wrong. Our spiritual ancestors called it sin — a kind of virus that has infected God's good world, bringing suffering, injustice, and death. Yet God has not abandoned creation. In Jesus Christ, God has come among us as a healer, inviting us to participate in the healing of the world.

We believe that sin and evil will not have the final word. God will make all things new! As we conclude our Year of Invitation, we remember that God's greatest invitation is to trust in this glorious future and begin living as though it were already arriving.

Spiritual Practice - Imagining God's Future

Bring to mind something broken in our world:
a conflict, an injustice, or a place of suffering.
Now imagine it completely healed by God's love. What would that look like?

As you hold this vision, pray:
"**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**"

Finally, ask yourself:
What small part might God be inviting me to play in making that future visible today?

Daily Bible Readings

Monday	Luke 18:15-30	Wednesday	Luke 19:1-10	Friday	Luke 19:28-40
Tuesday	Luke 18"31-43	Thursday	Luke 19:11-27	Saturday	Luke 19:41-48

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