THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

138 Hoylake Road, Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1K3

The Reverend Diana Boland

First Sunday of Advent, 10:00 AM, Nov. 29, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST — Book of Alternative Services

In a state of openness, and with a desire to learn the truth of our shared history, we acknowledge that we worship on the unceded territory of the Qualicum First Nation. We give thanks for their careful stewardship of the forests, rivers, oceans, lands and air, so that we might walk with them and celebrate the gift of the Creator. We commit to a lifelong journey of respectful understanding.



Welcome & Announcements

Opening Sentence: Look up and raise your heads, because redemption is drawing near.

Opening Hymn: CP #89 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vvs 1, 2, 6, 7)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Officiant: Today is the first Sunday in the Season of Advent. Advent means "coming". In our recent history we have changed the colour we use in Advent from purple to blue. Though we look at the ways we can be better servants of God, our focus is not on penitence as in Lent, but on anticipation of the full realization of the kingdom of God coming into the world. Our Advent wreath reminds us of the blessings that Christ already brings to the world as well as those to come.

People: **The Advent wreath includes many symbols.**
The wreath is in the shape of a circle, with no beginning and no ending.
This reminds us that there is no beginning and no ending to God and that God's love and caring for us never ends.
The branches are evergreen, a sign of God's love ever alive.
The candles tell us of the light which came into the world with Jesus Christ.
The blue candles symbolize anticipation.
The white candle, which we light on Christmas Eve, signifies the coming of Christ.

Officiant: Today we light the first candle, the candle of hope.

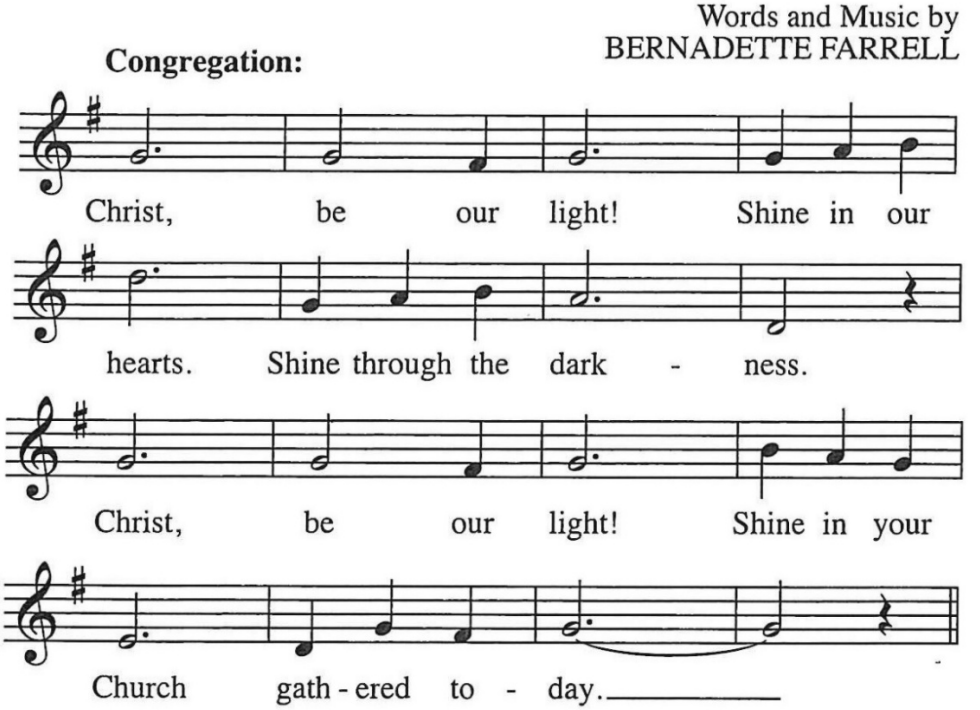
(First candle is lit)

People: **The people of Israel heard of God's promises through the prophets.**
The prophet Jeremiah spoke words of hope to Israel.
He proclaimed the coming of a leader through whom God's promise of Shalom would be fulfilled.
We too hope and pray for a world of peace and harmony.

Officiant: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we light this candle, we celebrate the hope the prophets proclaimed and the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

All: **God of all hope, we continue to hope in your promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with love and joy and peace.**
We thank you for the light of hope.
As we prepare for Christ's coming, help us to share our hope with others.

"Christ, Be Our Light!" (Choir: Verse 1; Congregation: Refrain)



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Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: ISAIAH 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 page 812

Second Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Gradual Hymn: CP #95 "O Come, Divine Messiah" (vv. 1)

Reader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark
People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel: MARK 13:24-37

Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ;
People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual Hymn: CP #95 "O Come, Divine Messiah" (vv. 2–3)

Sermon: The Rev. Diana Boland

Anthem: "Hands Shaped Like a Cradle"

COMPOSER: RON KLUSMEIER

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The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution page 191

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: CP #114 "Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending"

Prayer over the Gifts: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Our 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.

Eucharistic Prayer #3 page 198

Sanctus (Holy, Holy) — (sung — music CP #719)

The Lord's Prayer — (sung)

The Breaking of the Bread sentence #5 page 212

Post Communion Hymn: CP #91 "People, Look East! The Time Is Near"

Celebrant: God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

Doxology: Glory to God, **whose power…** page 214

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP #423 "How Great Thou Art"

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given today by Serena House. In loving memory of my beloved John and Nina.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Diana Boland: 416-569-1714

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Mark's this morning, especially any who are visiting. Please join us for coffee and conversation in the hall following the service.

Thank you to all who were involved in the very successful **2026 Christmas Bazaar**, whether you helped plan, baked goodies, donated books, crafts or treasures or came to shop!

The Bazaar is a success because of the dedication and enthusiasm of those who organized the tables — Sue Smith, Diane Hutchison, Caroline Adam, Cynthia Preyser, Anne Douglas, John Smith, Kay Forsyth, and Kate Knappett. Thank you to Louise Kelsey for organizing refreshments and to Barb Hicks for advertising. Thank you to Pippa Williams and Sandy Morter for organizing musicians to play in the Church and to our greeters, Maggie and Neil Vennard, Diana Boland and Richard de Candole.

It is always a pleasure to work with all of you in support of our church and our community. Thank you, thank you! Wendy de Candole

Thank you to the parish for all your loving support over the last nine months. Thank you to the Ven. Alan Naylor for the beautiful, personalized service and to the choir for singing all of Nina's favourite hymns. Thank you to Cynthia and her crew for the delightful reception and lunch for Nina's family and friends. Thank you all so much, we are all so grateful. Serena and family.

An **Advent Meditation Group** will meet in the library on Fridays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM with Rev. Diana and Cynthia. December 4th meditation will meet in Rev. Diana's office. December 11th and 18th will meet in the library in the church hall.

Christmas Hampers are being prepared for five families. Sign up lists are posted in the hall for food donations which are requested for December 12. They can be placed in the numbered hampers in the hall. Your contributions are greatly appreciated for this valuable community service.

Envelopes are still available at the back of the church for tax-deductible contributions toward the **Centennial window** project. Make cheques payable to St. Mark's Church with "Window project" on the memo line. To date we have raised approximately $15,000! Thank you for your support.

Donations of warm winter clothing for the **Manna Tree** are much appreciated by Oceanside's disadvantaged. Gifts of warm toques, gloves, mitts, long johns, tights, men's & women's underwear, socks and toiletries are requested. Just choose a cut-out tag from the tree in the Narthex, fill the request, and tuck it into or under the tree. Your Outreach committee will ensure Manna Ministries receives your thoughtful "comforts" for Christmas distribution. "Lord, when did we see you…?"

CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2027 are still available for purchase ($10) at the church office (Tues. to Thurs.).

FROM YOUR TREASURER

As we begin to consider our offerings to the church for 2027, the Stewardship Group thought that it might be helpful if I provided some idea about what our financial situation in 2027 might look like. This past year has been one of transition, and our financial results reflect that with an anticipated surplus of revenue to expenses of around $16,000. In 2027, we will return to our "normal" expenses — that is with a full-time incumbent, and a part-time office administrator and facility coordinator. Our salaries and benefits in 2027 will be less than in previous years, and our parish council is doing everything it can to minimize costs wherever possible.

But this has been offset by a significant drop in our offerings — again, part of this year of transition. The savings mentioned above will not be enough to offset this reduction in our revenue. My best estimate at this point is that if offerings continue at the same level as they are at present, we will be looking at a shortfall of revenue to expenses of around $19,500 in 2027, which is approximately 10 percent.

This is a large amount, but as I have said before, there are many of us and each of us can do our part, to the extent that we are able. If looked at on a per envelope/PAR basis, this translates into just less than $5.00 per week per envelope/PAR.

Please see me after church if you have any questions that I can answer, or you can email me at treasurer@stmarkqualicum.ca

Wendy Carriere

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST AND TEA



Wednesday, December 16, 2026
Eucharist: 11:30

Please join us for a celebration of Christmas with a Eucharist with Carols followed by tea with musical accompaniment by Pippa Williams and colleagues. Bring friends who might enjoy the company and fellowship.

CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6

Monday, November 30
12:00 – 3:30 PM — Alpine Gardeners

Tuesday, December 1
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM — Off Kilter Quilters
9:15 – 11:00 AM — Men's Study Group
3:30 – 4:30 PM — Handbells

Wednesday, December 2
10:00 – 11:00 AM — Sermon Circle
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM — Holy Eucharist
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM — NAC Christmas Event (hall)

Thursday, December 3
9:00 AM – 9:00 PM — Parksville Quilt House Sew Days
11:15 AM — Choir Practice

Friday, December 4
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM — Parksville Quilt House Sew Days
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM — Jenny Vincent Practicing
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM — Meditation (Meeting room downstairs)

Sunday, December 6
8:30 AM — BCP — Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM — BAS — Holy Eucharist