

# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK

“Drawing People to the Light”

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**5TH SUNDAY of EASTER**

**May 2, 2021**

**10:00 am Holy Communion**

*We acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather to worship on the territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and Coast Salish Peoples.*

*We are grateful for our growing relationship with the Qualicum First Nation. As part of the Anglican Church of Canada, a church of Settlers and First Nations, we commit ourselves to a journey of truth and reconciliation between the indigenous peoples of this land and the non-native peoples of Canada.*

## **Prelude**

### **Processional Hymn: CP60 I come with Joy**

1. I come with joy, a child of God,  
Forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall,  
In love laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near  
To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love,  
In Christ's communion bread.

### **The Gathering of the Community**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People            The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

**People:            May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant        Almighty God,

**People            to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.**

### **Gloria: CP 365 Glory to God on High**

1. Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.  
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

2. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,  
Have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

*Text: Glory to God (Gloria in Excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson (1932-) ©  
Music: John Darwall (1731-1789)*

### **The Collect of the Day**

**All            O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.  
Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know  
the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Reading: Acts 8:26-40**

**Reader: Marion Jagger**

**Gradual Hymn: CP 547 I Sought the Lord**

1. I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew  
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;  
It was not I that found, O Saviour true,  
No, I was found of thee.

2. Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea,—  
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold,  
As thou, dear Lord, on me.

**The Gospel** (*Please stand as you are able*)

Reader     The Lord be with you

**People     And also with you.**

Reader     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 15, verses  
1-8.

**People     Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become[c] my disciples.

Reader     The Gospel of Christ

**People     Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon             The Venerable Elizabeth Northcott**

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

Celebrant        Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God  
welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All**        **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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People**    **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**    **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 482 Come and Journey**

1. Come and journey with a Saviour  
Who has called us from our birth,  
Who has washed us in the waters,  
And who loved us on the earth.

*Refrain: Come and journey, come and journey*

*With a Saviour who has come.*

*We are all God's sons and daughters;*

*In the Spirit we are one.*

2. Come and journey, journey inward,  
Come and seek him deep within,  
Where he meets us in our living,  
In our striving and our sin. [*Refrain*]

Celebrant        The Lord be with you.

**All:**            **And also with you**

Celebrant        Lift up your hearts.

**All:**            **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:**            **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Loving God, according to his command,

**All We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are your, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All**            **Our Father who art in heaven, ...**

Celebrant        Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All**            **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant        We were buried in your tomb.

**All**            **Now, we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant        Live in us, that we may live in you.

*(The Priest receives the Host...then continues,)*

### **Prayers after Communion** *(congregation please stand as you are able)*

**All**            **God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised to us in this Easter celebration. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant        Glory to God,

**All**            **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

#### **Recessional Hymn: CP 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**            **Thanks be to God.**