

# LITURGY AT SAINT MARK'S

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**HOLY EUCHARIST**

Setting: ELW 3

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 24, 2025

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**PRELUDE**

*Voluntary II*

*Handel*

*A time of silence is kept in preparation for worship; please silence your cell phones.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## GATHERING

*The assembly stands.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**  
**You surround us with patience and generosity,**  
**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
**Do not give up on us.**  
**Heal us, break our bonds,**  
**and show us the path of life.**  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ☩ Christ,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross at the entrance of the nave.*

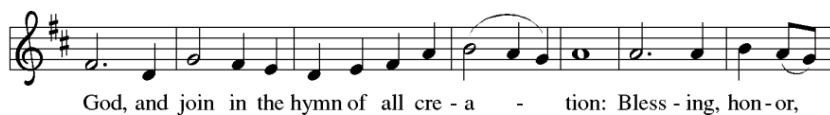
**GATHERING SONG**      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      **ELW 859**

## **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

O God, mighty and immortal,  
 you know that as fragile creatures  
 surrounded by great dangers,  
 we cannot by ourselves stand upright.  
 Give us strength of mind and body and spirit,  
 so that even when we suffer because of human sin,  
 we may rise victorious  
 through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

# WORD

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:6-14 (NSRV)

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you;  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the  
yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Psalm 103:1-8** (*First Nations Interpretation*)

A reading from Psalm One Hundred Three.

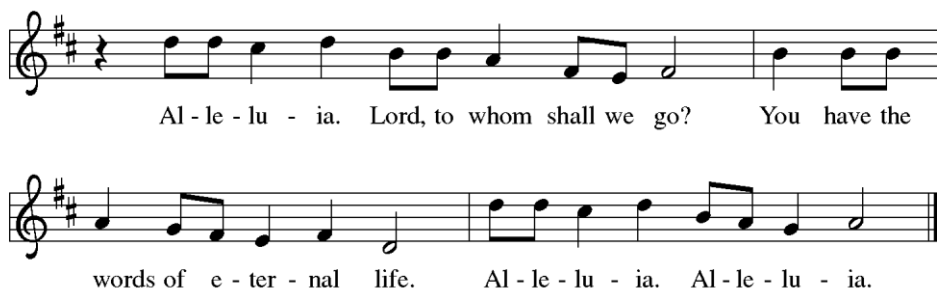
<sup>1</sup>I will bless Grandfather with my whole being, and all that is in me will bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup>With my whole being I will bless Grandfather and never forget all the good things he does. <sup>3</sup>He is the one who sets you free from all your broken ways and heals all your diseases. <sup>4</sup>He rescues your life from the pit of death and gifts you with the headdress of his love that remains faithful and true. <sup>5</sup>He completes your regalia with goodness, renewing your youth like the eagle. <sup>6</sup>Grandfather does what is right for all who have been unjustly pushed down and mistreated. He always decides in their favor. <sup>7</sup>He taught Drawn from the Water (Moses) how to walk his good road. He showed the tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel) his mighty deeds. <sup>8</sup>Grandfather is tender-hearted, merciful, slow to anger, and overflowing with faithful and true love.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17 (NSRV)**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY



E - ter - nal One, make our wor - ship true. Guide us  
E - ter - nal One, make our liv - ing true. Guide us  
E - ter - nal One, nev - er leave your child. Guide them

in the way that we should go, tend - ing to the needs of all, for  
in the way that we should go, turn us from the urge to blame,  
in the way that they should go, when they feel dried up and worth - less,

warmth and shel - ter, bread and clothes. When we light - en ev - 'ry bur - den and we  
give them strength deep in their bones. May they grow just as a gar - den, like a

loos - en ev - 'ry chain, you re - joice in our true fast - ing,  
lives would shine as day. Mak - ing real all you in - tend - ed,  
spring that won't run dry, bring - ing from what lay in ru - ins, a

liv - ing as we're called to be.  
whole - ness of strength, com - mu - ni - ty. Re -  
place of strength, a home of peace.

pair - er, Re - stor - er, Re - build - er, Re - form - er.

Bless - ed be the work of our souls, bless - ed be the work of Your soul.

Text: Gretchen Olson Kopp, b. 1968

Music: Gretchen Olson Kopp.

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*The assembly stands.*



## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Bless our Congregation Council with your wisdom and grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to restore ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness (*especially*). Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call us to delight in the Sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. We remember Connie Martin and pray for her family in their grief. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

# MEAL

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church within and beyond St. Mark's.*

Thank you for your generosity. You may send your offering to us by mail or go to our website, [www.stmarks-spokane.org](http://www.stmarks-spokane.org), and click on the “offering/giving” tab to make an offering digitally. You can also text the word “give” to 509.612.7647 and you will receive a link to complete this process.

*The assembly stands.*

*The table is set.*

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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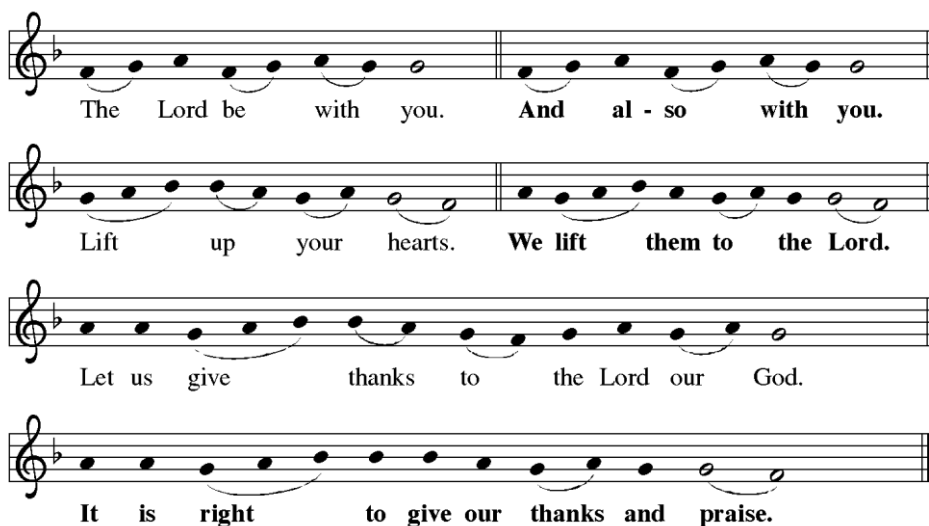
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,  
you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

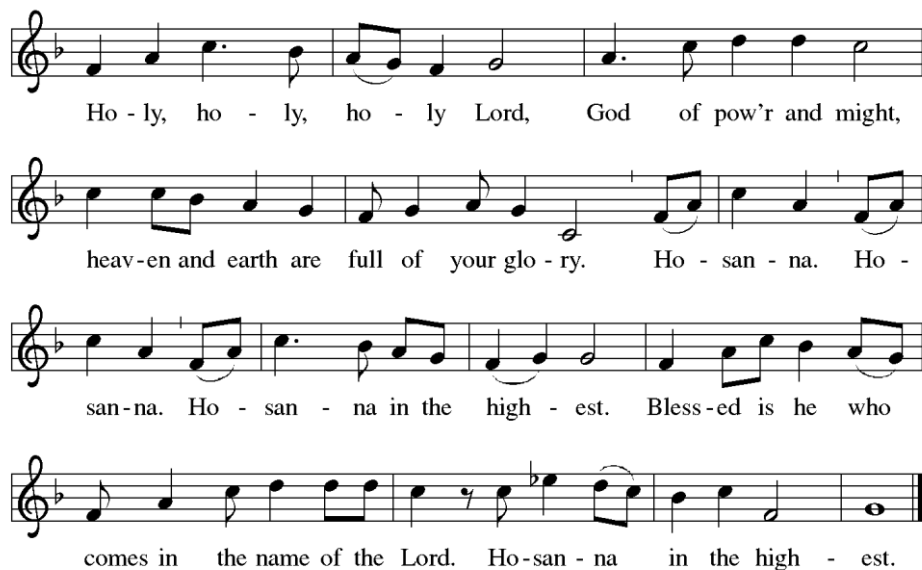
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The presiding minister continues the thanksgiving.*

*The assembly joins the angel's song.*

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

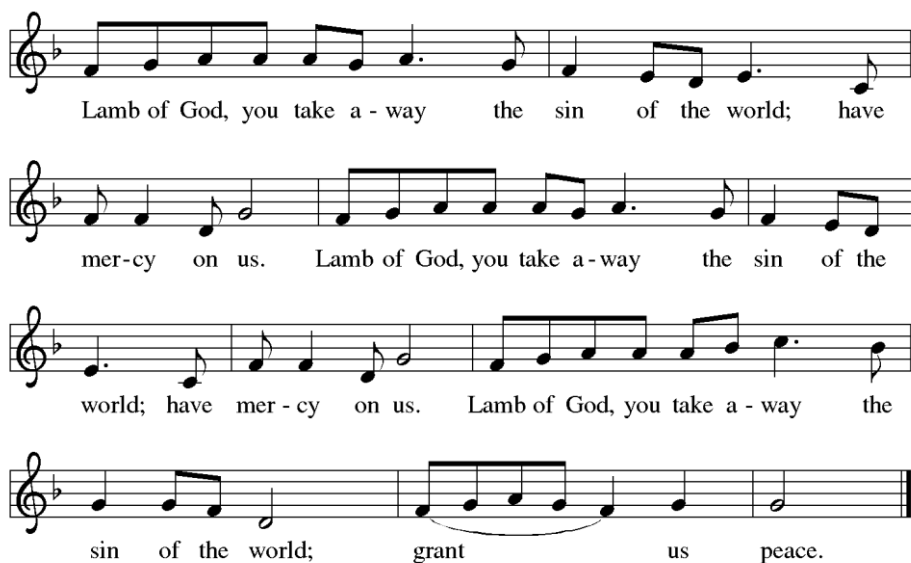
*The presiding minister continues the thanksgiving including praise for creation and salvation; remembrance of the crucified and risen Christ; and prayer for the Holy Spirit in this meal. The grace of God's gift is always proclaimed in Jesus' own words of command and promise.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## INVITATION



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## LAMB OF GOD

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Christ, our Host, welcomes all to the table—where we feast on his promise of forgiveness and life in the bread and wine. Those wishing to receive communion come up the center aisle to the altar rail. If you desire a gluten-free option, please take a wafer from the paten on the small table at the head of the center aisle. Kneel or stand at the rail, filling in from the center aisle to the sides. A communion minister will offer you bread, and you may choose either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Place your empty glass in the tray located at a side aisle before returning to your seat.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond: Amen.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assembly stands.*

Let us pray.

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

*ELW 535*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune*

*Albinoni*

# **Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

316 E 24<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spokane, WA 99203

Worship attendance cards are located in the pews.  
After listing all attendees (members and visitors) the card may be placed in the offering plate.

## **ST. MARK'S STAFF**

Pastors	Edwin Weber Gretchen Olson
Parish Administrator	Jane Somers
Communication Coordinator	Loris Stupel
Office Coordinator	Susan Hagen
Volunteer Coordinator	Gina Bloom
Pastoral Assistant/Visitation	Tom Fallquist
Youth Program Leaders	Calvin Moore Rachel Peterson
Alleluia Choir/Godly Play Coordinator	Kendra Chapman
Live Stream/Sound Coordinator	Randy Darst
Director of Music/Instrumental	Carol Miyamoto
Director of Music/Choral	Ann Benson
Sexton	Gib Dominguez

## **Church Council**

Council President: Ira Gardner, Jr.

Council Members: Ben Baker, Kate Bassett, Patti Berg,  
Janet Farness, Mary Hoenecke, Theron Miller,  
Michelle Phelan, Susan Pine, Pat Shelley,  
Michael Stolp, Gregor Thuswaldner

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