

# SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



## SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

Sunday, April 12, 2026

# LITURGY AT SAINT MARK'S



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HOLY EUCHARIST  
April 12, 2026

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ELW 3

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## PRELUDE

*Alleluia!*

Lorenz

*A time of silence is kept in preparation for worship. People may move about the worship space at any time to light candles at the prayer stations in the front or to write prayer petitions on the cards provided, placing them in the prayer walls at the back. Please silence cell phones.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

*The assembly stands.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to God who reigns with the Son over all creation!  
**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.  
We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

Thank you for the waters that nourish us: the Spokane River, Lake Coeur d'Alene, and the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
Thank you for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
Praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
With saints and angels, we honor and praise you,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

**ELW 377**

**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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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



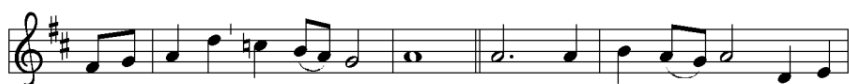
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*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.*

Almighty and eternal God,  
 the strength of those who believe  
 and the hope of those who doubt,  
 help us, who have not seen,  
 to trust in you, that the fullness of Christ would be deepened in us,  
 in the name of the Triune God.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# WORD

## FIRST READING: Exodus 15:1-11, 19-21

- <sup>1</sup> Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:  
“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him;  
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.
- <sup>4</sup> Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he cast into the sea;  
his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
- <sup>5</sup> The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.
- <sup>6</sup> Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power—  
your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy.
- <sup>7</sup> In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;  
you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble.
- <sup>8</sup> At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
- <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, ‘I will pursue; I will overtake;  
I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’
- <sup>10</sup> You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- <sup>11</sup> Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?
- <sup>19</sup> When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot  
drivers went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the  
sea upon them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry

ground.

<sup>20</sup> Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are

forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Be Not Afraid (3x)*

**ELW 388**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ to heal and redeem our broken world, we pray together for the needs of all creation.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our trust in you would be renewed each day. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from subatomic particles to ecosystems to galaxies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm. Open hearts to reconciliation. Strengthen leaders and citizens to work for peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who doubt, fear, or suffer in any way (*especially*). Reveal your presence. Assure all people that you are the source of abundant life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, make us a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another. Help us embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, thank you for faithful saints who have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness. Bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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.**

*We may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

### OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church within and beyond St. Mark's, including the care of those in need. You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed by the ushers. You may also 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. Or you can text the word "give" to 509.612.7647 and you will receive a link to complete this process. Thank you for your generosity.*

*The assembly stands. The table is set.*

## OFFERTORY



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



bles - sing. 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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

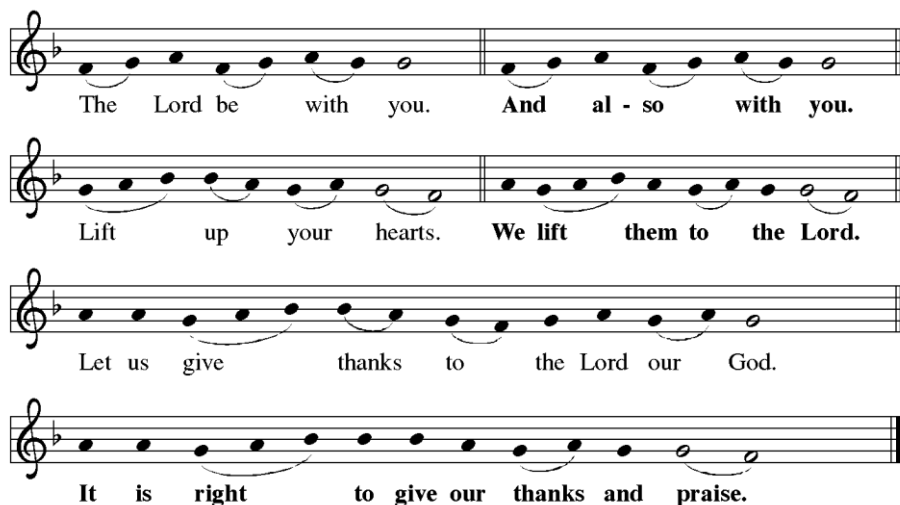
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE



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

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

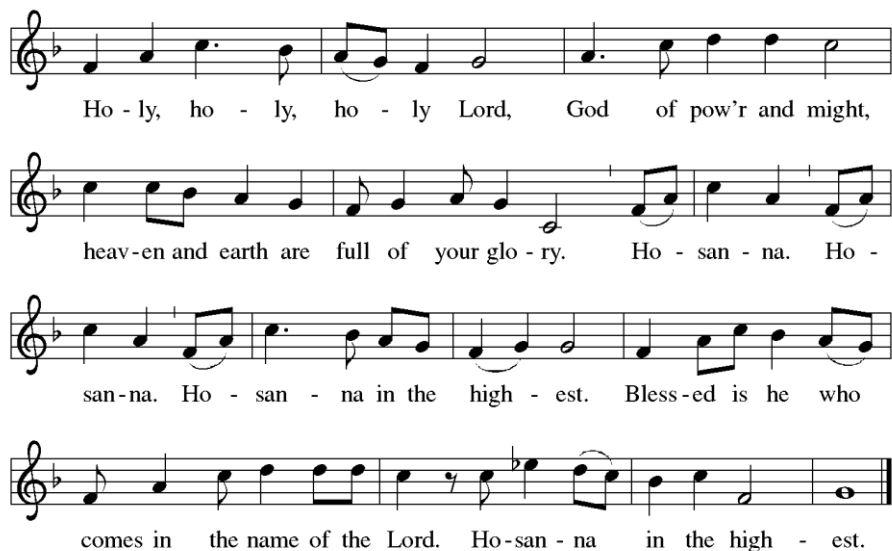
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

*The presiding minister continues the thanksgiving with the Preface for the day.*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.*

*The thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

## **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.**

## **INVITATION**

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

*The assembly is seated.*

# LAMB OF GOD

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.

# 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.*

*If you are unable to come forward, communion can be brought to you in your pew. Simply let an usher know.*

*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.***

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*The assembly stands.*

Let us pray.

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done* (st. 1,3,5) ELW 366

*The assembly turns to face the cross as we are dismissed to love and serve.*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the risen Christ. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

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After listing all attendees (members and visitors) the card may be placed in the offering plate.

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Director of Music/Choral	Ann Benson
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