

LITURGY AT SAINT MARK'S



HOLY EUCHARIST
August 31, 2025

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ELW 3

PRELUDE *Give Me Jesus/There is a Balm in Gilead* Billingham

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.

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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

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. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

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

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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 before the prayer.

O God, you resist those who are proud
 and give grace to those who are humble.
 Give us the humility of your Son,
 that we may embody the generosity of
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Sirach 10:12-18

A reading from Sirach.

- ¹² The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
- ¹³ For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities
and destroyed them completely.
- ¹⁴ The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers
and enthroned the lowly in their place.
- ¹⁵ The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations
and planted the humble in their place.
- ¹⁶ The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations
and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.
- ¹⁷ He removed some of them and destroyed them
and erased the memory of them from the earth.
- ¹⁸ Pride was not created for human beings
or violent anger for those born of women.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows.

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

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APOSTLES' CREED

The assembly stands.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.

We pray for the leaders of the church. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the well-being of creation. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures. Provide for cattle and creatures who rely on the land for nourishment. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the leaders of towns, cities, states, and nations. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies. We give you thanks as we celebrate the 105th anniversary that granted women the right to vote in this nation. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Comfort the students, teachers, staff, and families impacted by the shooting at Anunciation Catholic School and all others impacted by gun violence. Stir our nation to action that ends all violence. Accompany all who need assurance of your loving presence, (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the hospitality ministries of this congregation. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors. Bless those who feed and nourish us and those in our community, especially volunteers with Shalom Ministries, Crosswalk, and Bite2Go. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the saints who rest from their labors. We pray for the family of Elly Chestnut at the time of her death. With them, we praise you, O God, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident in your presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to you, O God, 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.

*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, 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
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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OFFERTORY 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

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.

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

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD

The bread is broken for communion.

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

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

After all have received, 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 presiding minister proclaims God's 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.

SENDING HYMN

Oh Christ The Same



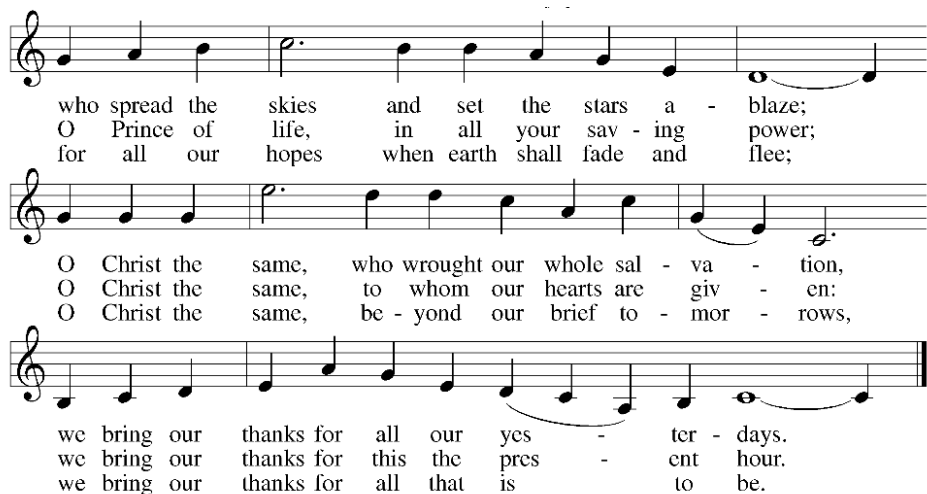
1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

c - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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The assembly turns to face the cross as we are dismissed into the world for service.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible

Welsh Hymn Melody

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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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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