

Liturgy at SAINT MARK'S



HOLY EUCHARIST

SETTING: ELW 4

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

PRELUDE

Prelude on “Slane”

Martin

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

MISSION MOMENT

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you, ✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are
forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit
you are set free to live into a new life.
Amen.

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

GATHERING SONG *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* ELW 327

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

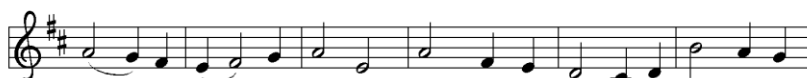
Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. 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, the protector of all who trust in you,
without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.
Embrace us with your mercy, so that,
with you steering and guiding us, we may pass safely
through what is temporary without losing what is eternal,
through Jesus Christ, our pilot and friend.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from Second Thessalonians.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, word of life.

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.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly stands.

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of roots and branches, defend your church as we proclaim the gospel through peace-making and truth-telling. Pilot the baptized through churning waters as we follow Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore creatures and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen us who provide aid to all in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in bodies of legislation, administration, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care and mercy that build up the common welfare. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, you dwell among the oppressed who sing their lament. Hear the cries of your people in Sudan, who endure the horrors of civil war. Where hatred burns, quench it with mercy; where displacement and fear divide your children, shelter the

innocent. Bring safety and hope to all who suffer, and strengthen those who labor for peace, that we may sing of the day when swords are turned to plowshares. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness especially Elizabeth*. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*** Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society** (†1231) *Born a princess of Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed in childhood to Ludwig of Thuringia and raised at the Wartburg Castle, where she later became his wife. Though their marriage was brief, it was marked by deep mutual devotion and a shared concern for the poor. After Ludwig's death, Elizabeth faced exile and hardship but remained steadfast in her faith. She used her remaining resources to build a hospital in Marburg, where she personally tended the sick and destitute. Remembered for her compassion and courage, Elizabeth's life embodied the gospel call to serve Christ in the least of these, transforming privilege into mercy and charity into justice.*

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 MUSIC
(8:30 a.m.)

O God Beyond All Praising

arr. David Schwoebel

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 by mail or go to our website, www.stmarks-spokane.org, and click on the "offering/giving" tab to make an offering digitally. Or text the word "give" to 509.612.7647 to receive a link to complete this process. Thank you for your generosity.

The table is set. The assembly stands.

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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

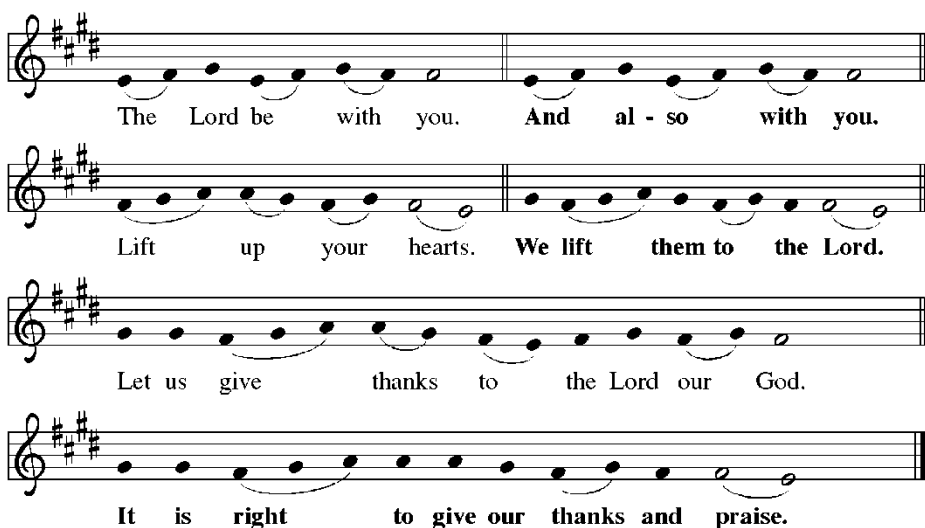
God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry and
promise to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus our Savior,
now and forever.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOG

The presiding minister continues the thanksgiving.



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

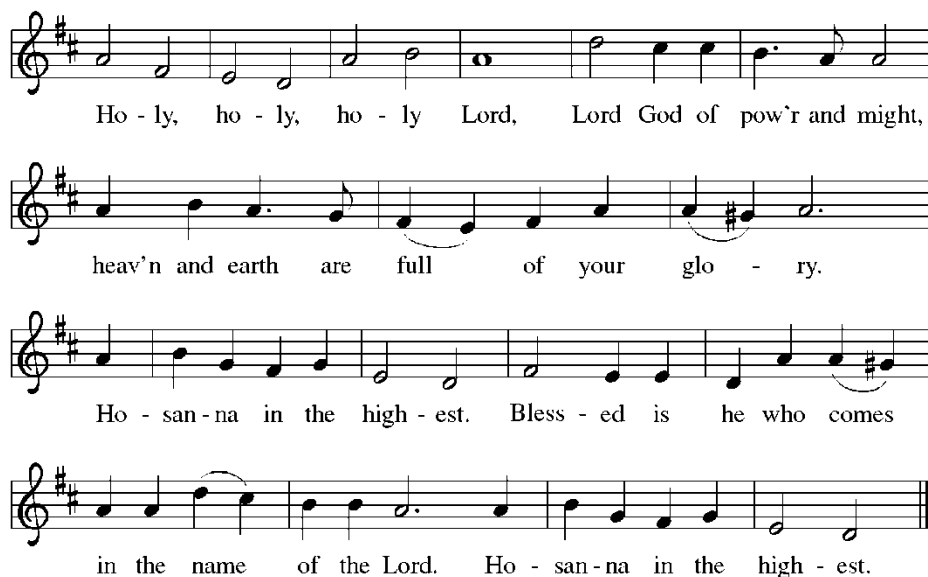
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The assembly joins the angels' song.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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

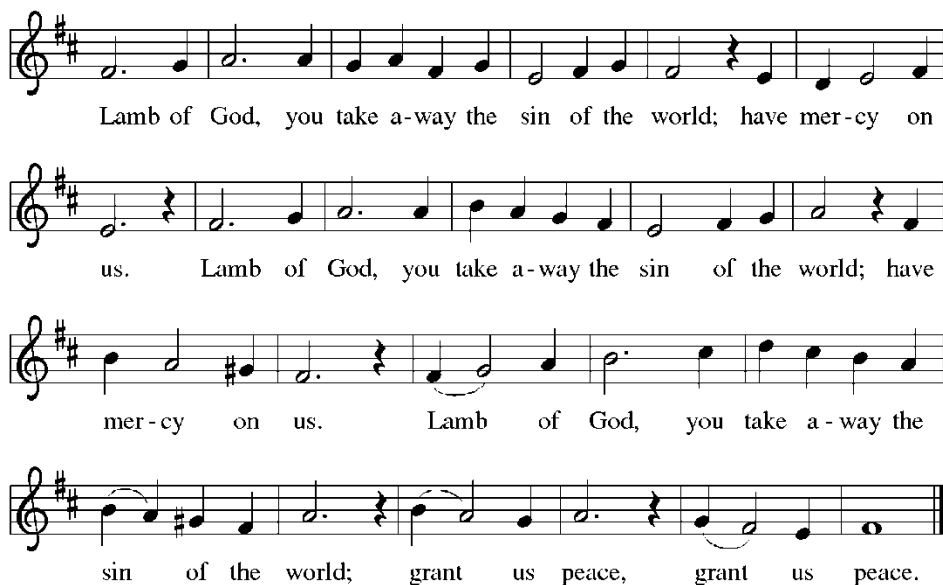
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Christ, our Host, welcomes all to this table of grace. Here at St. Mark's, we believe that in the bread and wine, Jesus is truly present drawing us into a community of love and mercy. You do not need to be a member of this congregation to receive. Come as you are, for the gifts of God are for you.

To receive, come up the center aisle to the altar rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please take one from the paten on the small table at the head of the center aisle. You may kneel or stand at the rail, filling in from the center toward the sides. Receive the bread from a communion minister, then choose either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Place your empty cup in the tray at the side aisle as you return 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.***

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to be your provision for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ✠
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

SENDING SONG

Soon and Very Soon

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Moderato

Piel

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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

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Gretchen Olson

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Loris Stupel

Office Coordinator

Susan Hagen

Volunteer Coordinator

Gina Bloom

Pastoral Assistant/Visitation

Tom Fallquist

Youth Program Leaders

Calvin Moore

Rachel Peterson

Live Stream/Sound Coordinator

Randy Darst

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Carol Miyamoto

Director of Music/Choral

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Sexton

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