Liturgy at SAINT MARK'S

HOLY EUCHARIST SETTING: ELW 4
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

PRELUDE *Communion No. 2* Guilmant

A time of silence is kept in preparation for worship. Please silence cell phones.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

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

GATHERING SONG *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* ELW **436**

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God of justice and love,
you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son
and give us rest through the night.
Give us the light we need to awaken us to the needs of others,
and stillness in the darkness to hear again your voice;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

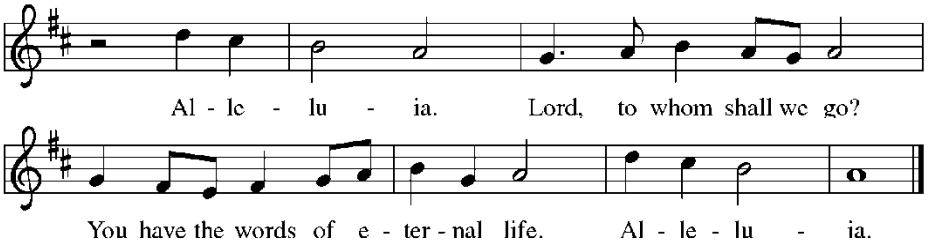
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who
have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have
died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we
who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no
means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a
cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of
God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will
rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in

the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women

came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12] But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*





Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance and make us careful stewards of our shared home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You establish peace in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them, especially those whose lives are touched by trauma. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down upon the lowly and powerful. Guide judges, court staff, and all who serve the work of justice, especially when they are called to consider questions of elections. Grant them patience amid pressure, clarity amid changing circumstances, and courage to serve justice with humility. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for... God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Thank you for Martin* and witness all your saints. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Martin, Bishop of Tours *(†397) Martin, the son of a pagan officer in the Roman army, was himself conscripted into military service in Gaul. While still a soldier, he encountered a beggar shivering in the cold and cut his cloak in half to share with him. That night, Martin dreamed of Christ wearing the half of the cloak he had given away, telling the angels gathered around him, "Martin, though still a catechumen, has clothed me with this garment" (Matthew 25:40). Deeply moved by this encounter, Martin was baptized and eventually left military service, declaring his loyalty to Christ alone. He later lived as a monk and missionary before being called to serve as Bishop of Tours.*

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

CHOIR ANTHEM *(8:30 a.m.)* *More Love* Kevin Seigfried

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 table is set. The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY



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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Great Thanksgiving is begun by the presiding minister.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

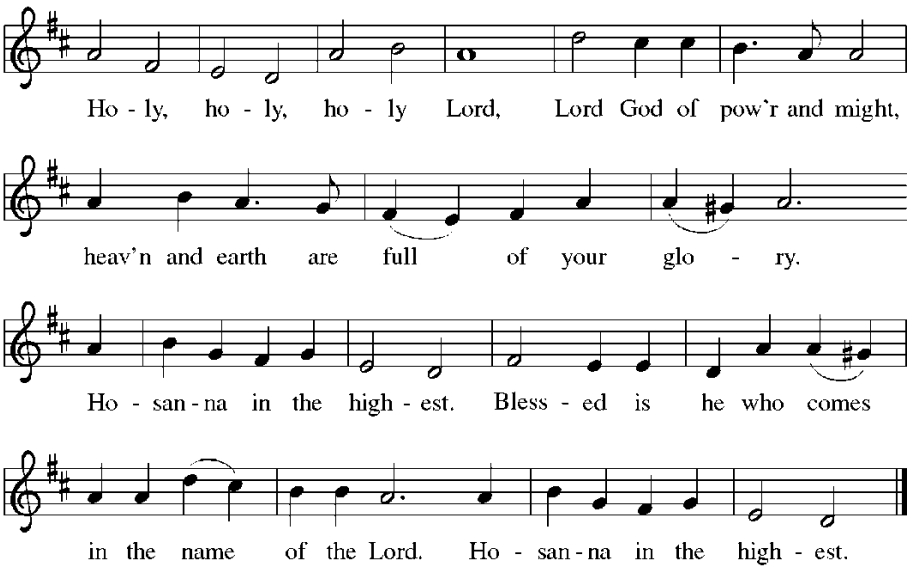
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues the thanksgiving with the preface.

The assembly joins the angels' song.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

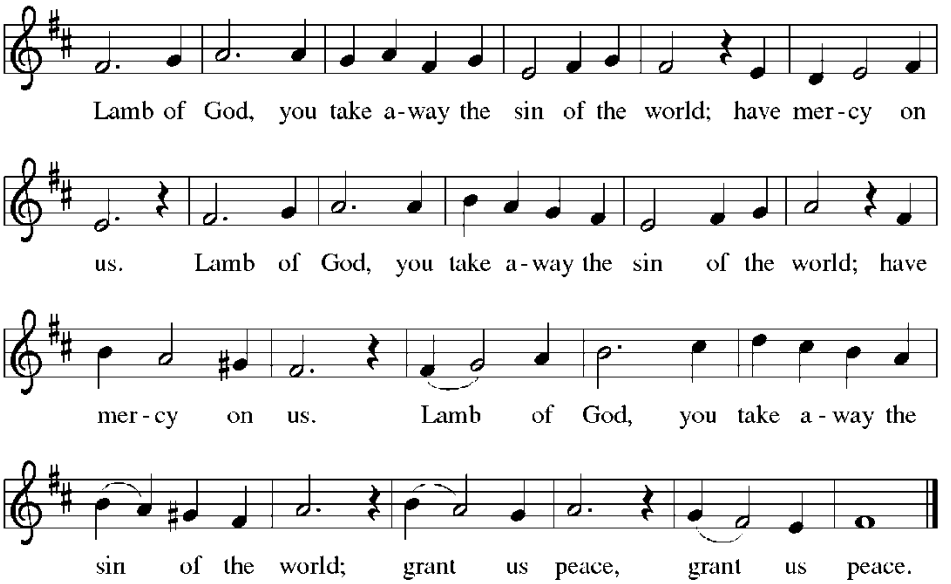
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,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

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

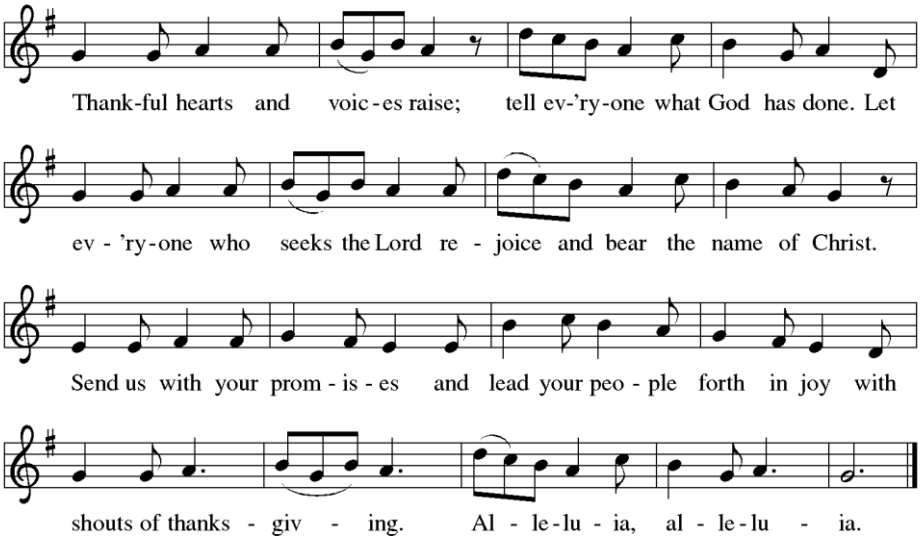
Christ, our Host, welcomes all to the table—where we feast on his promise of forgiveness and life in the bread and wine. Those wishing to receive communion come up the center aisle to the altar rail. If you desire a gluten-free option, please take a wafer from the paten on the small table at the head 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.**

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Build Us Up, Lord* ELW **670**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sing Praise to Our Creator* Norris

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