

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

Liturgy at SAINT MARK'S



HOLY EUCHARIST

Setting: ELW 3

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 5, 2026

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Easter Suite

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands to face the cross, at the back, as it enters in procession.



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace the risen 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-lc - lu - ia,



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



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



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



Al-lc - lu - ia, al - lc - lu - ia, al - lc - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

(from The Message)

A reading from Acts.

³⁴⁻³⁶ Peter fairly exploded with his good news: “It’s God’s own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he’s doing it everywhere, among everyone.

³⁷⁻³⁸ “You know the story of what happened in Judea. It began in Galilee after John preached a total life-change. Then Jesus arrived from Nazareth, anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action. He went through the country helping people and healing everyone who was beaten down by the Devil. He was able to do all this because God was with him.

³⁹⁻⁴³ “And we saw it, saw it all, everything he did in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem where they killed him, hung him from a cross. But in three days God had him up, alive, and out where he could be seen. Not everyone saw him—he wasn’t put on public display. Witnesses had been carefully handpicked by God beforehand—us! We were the ones, there to eat and drink with him after he came back from the dead. He commissioned us to announce this in public, to bear solemn witness that he is in fact the One whom God destined as Judge of the living and dead. But we’re not alone in this. Our witness that he is the means to forgiveness of sins is backed up by the witness of all the prophets.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be restored and renewed by Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards to care for all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, let the nations and their leaders acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, transform and redeem those in authority by your holy and life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Holy Comforter, like the women at the empty tomb, we grieve, we are lost, we are afraid. Draw near to those who are ill, in pain, or grieve. Reveal yourself to us once more as the Risen One. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community of St. Mark's, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. 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 the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We invite you to greet one another, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Ride On, King Jesus*

arr. Moses Hogan


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 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 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.

OFFERING 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

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 image shows a musical score for 'Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The melody is simple and uses quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

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.

The image shows a musical score for 'Sanctus' in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has three measures: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff has three measures: 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The third staff has four measures: 'san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who'. The fourth staff has four measures: 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'. The melody is more complex than the Thanksgiving section, using eighth and sixteenth notes with slurs.

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.

This is the day that in joy and delight
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,
all holy and mighty and glorious God.

For Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.
This is the day that, you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and
brought us your peace.

The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,

for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

On the night before he died,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

On this day send the power of your Holy Spirit.
Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.
Illumine our lives with your presence,
and shine your Christ light over the whole human race:
Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,
and we praise your victory through all time and space,
for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

Amen and amen.

Amen and amen.

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 TO COMMUNION

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. 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. A communion minister will offer you a wafer. Dip the wafer into either the chalice of red wine or white grape juice before consuming, an ancient practice known as intinction. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

S E N D I N G

BENEDICTION

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
 where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccatà

Widor



Today's Musicians

St. Mark's Choir

Director

Piano/Organ

Trumpet

Trumpet

Percussion

Ann Benson

Carol Miyamoto

Jim Phillips

Alexis Hochberg

Kristina Phillips

Easter Flowers

**Thank you to the following people for providing
Easter flowers for the sanctuary**

†††††

- ❖ Rick Allmon in honor of his mother, and in memory of his dad and brother
- ❖ Carolyn Alm in memory of Jacob Alm and Brian Alm
- ❖ Deanna & Dave Anderson in memory of Jon, Norman & Rosemary Anderson, and Robert, Harley & Virginia Yake
- ❖ Sue Ankenbrand and Bret Ankenbrand
- ❖ Rich Bailey in memory of Pastor Lori Cornell
- ❖ Barb & Randy Belstad in memory of their fathers, Ivan & Darrell
- ❖ Mary and Norm Boehnke in memory of their son, Paul
- ❖ Neal and Tiina Buckaloo in memory of loved ones
- ❖ Matt Daly & Camille Sturdivant-Daly in memory of Olivia Janelle Daly
- ❖ Holly & Steve Dornfeld in memory of Ava & Carter Desrosiers
- ❖ Foxie Evans in loving memory of her parents, Jacqueline and John Storey
- ❖ Janet Farness & Rick Young in memory of Ray & Kay Farness and Mike Young
- ❖ Donna Fender in memory of loved ones
- ❖ Alicia Fuhrman & Dan Rediske in loving memory of Eugenie Fuhrman, Alicia's mom
- ❖ Yvette Graham in memory of Bob Graham and family
- ❖ Liz Grosen and Tom Stebbins in memory of their parents
- ❖ Pat Gunderson in memory of Lorna & George Gunderson
- ❖ Rev David & Bishop Lorna Halaas in memory of Rusty and Mary Helen Halaas
- ❖ Debbie and Jeff Halstead in memory of John Halstead, Lois Rex and Wally Rex
- ❖ Tim and Debbie Hansen in honor of, and in gratitude for, the St. Mark's Choir
- ❖ Mary Hyde in memory of Neil Hyde
- ❖ Georgia Lang in memory of her husband Leo, brothers, Clayton & Eric, and sister Mona
- ❖ Sue Luppert in memory of Shelley Barnard

- ❖ The MacKelvies (Wilsonville, OR) in memory of Connie Walker
- ❖ Ron Mehlert in memory of Karen
- ❖ Pam Mueller in memory of Al & Elaine Mueller
- ❖ Janet, Caroline, Mark, and Donna in memory of Mom and Dad, John and Eileen Nelson
- ❖ Joe Nevill
- ❖ Jeannie Norton in memory of Ted Norton
- ❖ Bob and Judy Palrud in memory of Ethan Faurot
- ❖ Susan Pine in memory of Julie Smith and Clay Worst
- ❖ Cynthia Price in memory of her parents, Joan and Dick Adams
- ❖ Bernie Rodseth in memory of Buzz Rodseth
- ❖ St. Mark's Staff in memory of Lori Cornell
- ❖ Kib and Pattie Servine in memory of loved ones
- ❖ Mary Toutonghi in memory of her husband, Mike Tougonghi

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