

LITURGY AT SAINT MARK'S



HOLY EUCHARIST

Baptism Of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

Setting: Keberle Jazz

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.

PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

arr. Keberle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.
Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

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

GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

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.

KYRIE

1. 4 Ky - ri - e _____ e - le - e - son.
2 Chris - te _____ e - le - i - son.
3 skip if no instr. solo

8 Ky - ri - e _____ e - le - i - son.
Chris - te _____ e - le - i - son.

15 Ky - ri - e _____ e - le - i - son. _____
Chris - te _____ e - le - i - son. _____

(Lord, have mercy)
(Christ, have mercy)

HYMN OF PRAISE

SWING SHUFFLE

3 This is the feast of the Lord _____

7 Al - le - lu - ia _____ This is the feast of the Lord _____ Al - le -

12 lu - ia _____ This is the feast of vic - to - ry! _____

17
1. Worth - y is Christ - the Lamb who was slain. —
2. Sing — with all peo - ple from all the - earth, —

41
— whose blood — set us free to be peo - ple of God! —
— and join — in the hymn of all cre - a - tion! —

66
Po - wer and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, —
Bless - ing and hon - or and glor - y are yours —

90
All — praise and hon - or and Glo - ry are His! This is - the
Praise — to the Lamb for — ev - er — more!

94
Feast of the Lord — Al - le - lu - - - ia — This is - the

98
feast of the Lord — Al - le - lu - - - ia — This — is the

43
feast of vic-to - ry! — This — is the feast of vic-to - ry!

48
2

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 our Father,
at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Make all who are baptized into Christ
faithful to their calling to be your children,
and empower us all with your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SWING

OPTIONAL SOLO, OTHERWISE
SKIP TO LETTER A

8 32 A

Al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le -

44 lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia! _____

49

Musical notation for voice part 49, featuring a treble clef, key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, with lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" repeated three times.

Al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al -

50

Musical notation for voice part 50, continuing from the previous staff. It features a treble clef, key signature of two flats, and a common time signature. The melody includes quarter notes, eighth notes, and a half note, with lyrics "le-lu Al - le-lu - ia!".

le-lu Al - le-lu - ia! _____

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly sits.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

The assembly stands.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 only)

From A New Zealand Prayer Book.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

You are our God. We worship you.

BAPTISM OF EMERSON BJERKESTRAND (10:45 only)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Restoring God, thank you for the life-giving waters of the Spokane River, the Salish Sea, and Waikiki Springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers, especially those who labor in Venezuela, Gaza, and Ukraine. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound, and for all those touched by violence in Minneapolis. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for Emerson, baptized this day, and for those who have gone before us. We pray for the family of Jim Bennett at the time of this death. May we trust that we will join with them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our 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.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you." The assembly is seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:45 am)

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Bob Chilcott

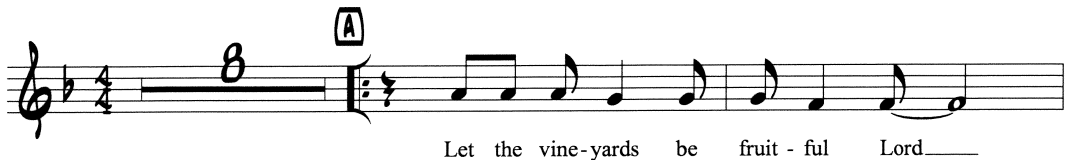
MEAL

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 table is set. The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY



OPTIONAL REPEAT TO A FOR SOLG

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Great Thanksgiving is begun by the presiding minister.

PASTOR *EVEN 8THS*

The Lord be with you.____

CONGREGATION

and al - so with you.____

P.

Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the

C.

We lift them to the Lord

P.

Lord our God.

C.

It is right to give our thanks and praise._____

PREFACE

The presiding minister continues the Thanksgiving.

The assembly joins the angels' song.

SANCTUS

DAN KESERLE

JAZZ WALTZ

SKIP TO 'B' IF NO HORNS

A **B**

8 16

Ho - ly Ho - ly

Ho - ly, Lord God of pow - er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord Ho - ly

Lord.

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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. After the blessing the assembly responds with the Great Amen:

GREAT AMEN

A - men, A - men A - men.

A - men, A - men A - - - men!

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther in heav - en,

hal - low - ed be your name. Your king-dom

come your will be done on earth, as in

heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - - -

ly bread. For - give us

our sins, as we for - give those who sin a -

gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us

46 from e - vil. For the king-dom the pow-er and the glo - ry are

56 yours now and for - ev - er. For -

57 ev - er. A - men.

63

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The assembly is seated.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

LAMB OF GOD

8 **A**

Lamb of God, _____ You take a - way _____ the

12 sin of the world, _____ have mer - cy on us _____ have mer - cy on us.

16 Lamb of God, _____ You take a - way _____ the

20 sin of the world, _____ have mer - cy on us _____ have mer - cy on us.

24 Lamb of God, _____ You take a - way _____ the

28 sin of the world, _____ have mer - cy on us _____ have mer - cy on

32 us. Lamb of God, _____ You take a-way _____ the sin of the world _____

37 grant us peace _____ grant us peace.

OPTIONAL REPEAT TO A FOR SOLOS

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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.**

After all have received, the assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thanks be to You Lord, for - ev - er more.



9 Thanks be to You Lord, For all Your Love! Praise to



14 You O God of mer-cy and love. Praise to You O



19 God of great faith - ful - ness. Thanks be to You Lord, For - ev - er

A SKIP TO 'B' IF NO SOLO



24 more. Thanks be to you Lord, for Your great love.

29
Thanks be to

62
You Lord, for - ev - er more. Thanks be to You Lord,

67
for your great love! _____

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Radiant God,
 we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
 In the sacrament of his body and blood
 you have drawn us to your heart.
 Send us from this table with delight,
 that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
 and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Blessed are you who bear the light
 in unbearable times,
 who testify to its endurance
 amid the unendurable,
 who bear witness to its persistence
 when everything seems
 in shadow and grief.

Blessed are you in whom the light lives,
in whom the brightness blazes—
your heart a chapel,
an altar where in the deepest night
can be seen the fire that
shines forth in you
in unaccountable faith,
in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines
every broken thing it finds.

In the name of the + Triune God.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Do Lord

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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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Communication Coordinator	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
Alleluia Choir/Godly Play Coordinator	Kendra Chapman
Director of Music/Organ	Carol Miyamoto
Director of Music/Choral	Ann Benson
Sexton	Gib Dominguez

Congregation Council

Council President: Ira Gardner, Jr.
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