

LITURGY AT SAINT MARK'S



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12 & 13, 2025

setting: Now The Feast and Celebration

PRELUDE

Voluntary

Boyce

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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.

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

GATHERING SONG

God is Here!

ELW 526

GREETING

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

In peace, in peace,

Presider *Congregation (Refrain)*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - - - cy.

For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all . . . (Refrain)

For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your Word . . . (Refrain)

Presider

Help, save and de - fend us O God.
A - - - - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for
ev - er - more!

Verse 1

Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

Refrain

Verse 2



Refrain

Verse 3



Refrain

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

O God, maker and sovereign of all,
your mercy delights us,
and the world longs for your loving care.
Hear the cries of everyone in need,
and turn our hearts to love our neighbors
with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (NSRV)

⁹ [Moses said:] “The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14 (First Nations interpretation)

¹ From Small Man (Paul), chosen by the Great Spirit to be a message bearer for Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One, and from He Gives Honor (Timothy). ²To the Great Spirit’s holy people and sacred family members who live in Village of Giants (Colossae) and have been faithful to walk the path of the Chosen One. We greet you with the great kindness and peace that comes from our Father, the Great Spirit.

³When we send up prayers for you, we always give thanks to the Father of our Honored Chief, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One. ⁴We thank him for the good words we have heard about your trust in Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One and your deep love for all his holy family members. ⁵This love and trust come from the hope you have in Creator’s promises kept safe for you in the spirit-world above. It is the same hope you heard about when you were told the words of truth found in Creator’s good story.

⁶The seeds of this good story have been planted throughout the whole world, and now the message is growing and bearing good fruit. In the same way, it took root and began to grow in you, when you first heard and understood the truth about the gift of Creator's great kindness. ⁷Walks in Beauty (Epaphras) was the seed planter who first taught you these things. He is a faithful servant of the Chosen One, for your sakes, and also a much-loved helper who walks beside us on the road of life. ⁸He is the one who told us about the love of the Spirit that is in you.

⁹Ever since we heard about you, we have never stopped praying for you. When we send our voices to the Great Spirit, we ask that he will fill your heart and mind with the knowledge you need to walk in his ways with all spiritual wisdom and understanding. ¹⁰That you will walk in a manner that is worthy of our Honored Chief, making his heart glad and bearing good fruit as you walk the path he has chosen for you. In this way, you will grow wise in your understanding of our Great Creator. ¹¹⁻¹²We pray that you will grow strong with the strength that comes from the honor and shining-greatness of his power. Then you will be able to stand firm in a calm and unhurried manner, as you give thanks with glad hearts to the Great Spirit who is our Father from above. For he is the one who has made you ready to take your place on this road of life, a place he prepared for you among all the holy ones who walk in his light.

¹³The Giver of Life has set us free from the dark ruler of this world. He has brought us safely onto his good road to walk it together with Creator's much-loved Son. ¹⁴He is the one who paid a great price to release us from our bad hearts and broken ways.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 (NSRV)

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

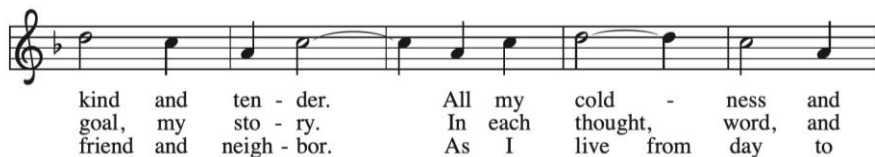
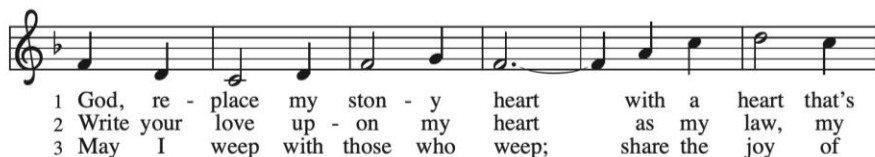
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Refrain



Refrain



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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The assembly stands.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and agricultural workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with compassion and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially migrants, the poor, and those seeking healthcare. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing especially Alice, David, Liesl, Sue, Jon, Lori, Debbie, Keith, Anita, Eldine, Chris, Terria (pronounced Terry), Eric, Roger, Robert, Carla, Fleet, Ben, Julie, Connie, Ryan, Hope, Jack, John, Lisa, and Sean. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known, especially Ryan McNamee, grandson of Alma Vogt. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church within and beyond St. Mark's.

Thank you for your generosity. You may 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. You can also text the word “give” to 509.612.7647 and you will receive a link to complete this process.



AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Saturday night only sings first verse.

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The musical score is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are distributed across the staves, with alternating parts for the Presiding Minister and the Congregation.

Staff 1: *Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

Staff 2: you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We

Staff 3: lift them to the Lord. *Presider:* Let us give

Staff 4: thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

Staff 5: right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

*The presiding minister continues the thanksgiving.
The assembly joins the angels' song.*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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.

We invite you to respond with these acclamations during the Thanksgiving:

We praise and magnify you, O God.

We praise and magnify you, O God.

We praise and magnify you, O God.

We praise and magnify you, O God.

...today, tomorrow, and forever.

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

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



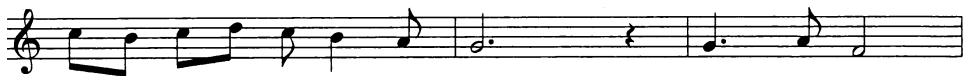
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
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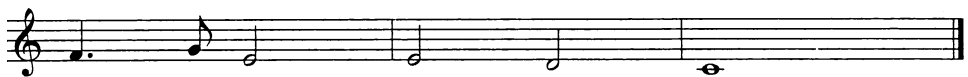
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Christ is present in the bread and cup. Please come up the center aisle to the altar rail, as directed by ushers. (If you desire a gluten-free bread 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 assistant 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 held by an acolyte or located at a side aisle before returning to your seat.

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

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

Thank you for gathering us at your table
to drink 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

COMMISSIONING OF HOME COMMUNION VISITORS

Home Communion Visitors and the presiding minister come forward and face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly and then the Home Communion Visitors. Finally, the presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, speaking on behalf of the entire St. Mark's community, I ask you: will you support these siblings in Christ in their service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

BLESSING

The assembly stands.

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 SONG

Bind Us Together



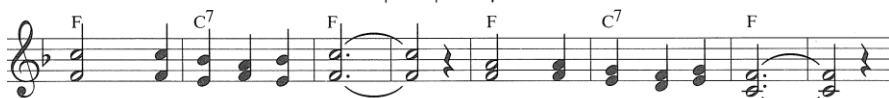
Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.



1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam-ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.



There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.



Refrain

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thanks be to God

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