

Liturgy at SAINT MARK'S

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2 & 3, 2025



SETTING: WOV 5

PRELUDE

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

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,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Christ.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

GATHERING SONG

Lead Me, Guide Me

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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

I

Lower Voices

II

Higher Voices

C

All



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



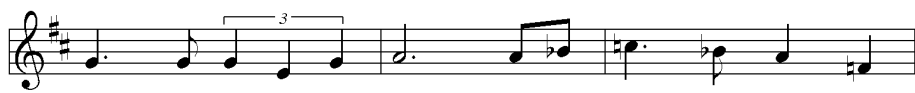
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God,
you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,
and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve.
Pour upon us your abundant mercy.
and give us those good things
that come only through your Son,
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4, 9b-11 (*First Nations Interpretation*)

A reading from Colossians.

¹ Since you have been raised up to a new life with the Chosen One, then keep looking upward toward him into the spirit-world above, where he sits in the place of greatest honor at Creator's right hand. ² Keep your thoughts and desires centered on the spirit-world above, not on the things from the earth below.

³ You died with the Chosen One, and now your life is hidden with the Chosen One in the Great Spirit. ⁴ When the Chosen One is revealed, then you will be revealed with him and share in his beauty and honor.

^{9b} The person you were has died, so quit walking the path like that worn-out person you used to be. ¹⁰ Instead, begin to walk in the ways of the new person you have been created to be. This new person is being created to look like the Great Spirit and to think his thoughts.

¹¹ In the Chosen One there are no longer Insiders or Outsiders, or those who ceremonially cut the flesh and those who do not. We no longer see ourselves or others as uncivilized, ruffians, slaves or free. For there is only the Chosen One. All are in him, and he is in all!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

When the Poor Ones

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assembly stands.

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

The assembly lifts our prayer in song.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Renew in your church the desire for life beyond worldly pursuits. Grow our embrace of life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

The assembly responds in song:

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Restore and protect wild places. Teach all to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals. Thank you for these gifts that make life possible. God of grace,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Speak wisdom to all in positions of power. End divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image. Establish equity and peace. God of grace,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Reveal your presence to those suffering with hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (*especially*). Give strength to those who give care. Equip them with compassion to make your love known. God of grace,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide our treasurer and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult or demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Thank you for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Guide us by their witness. Encourage us in love as we live in this world. God of grace,

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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

Amen.

The prayers conclude in song, repeating the whole hymn one final time.

MEAL

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."

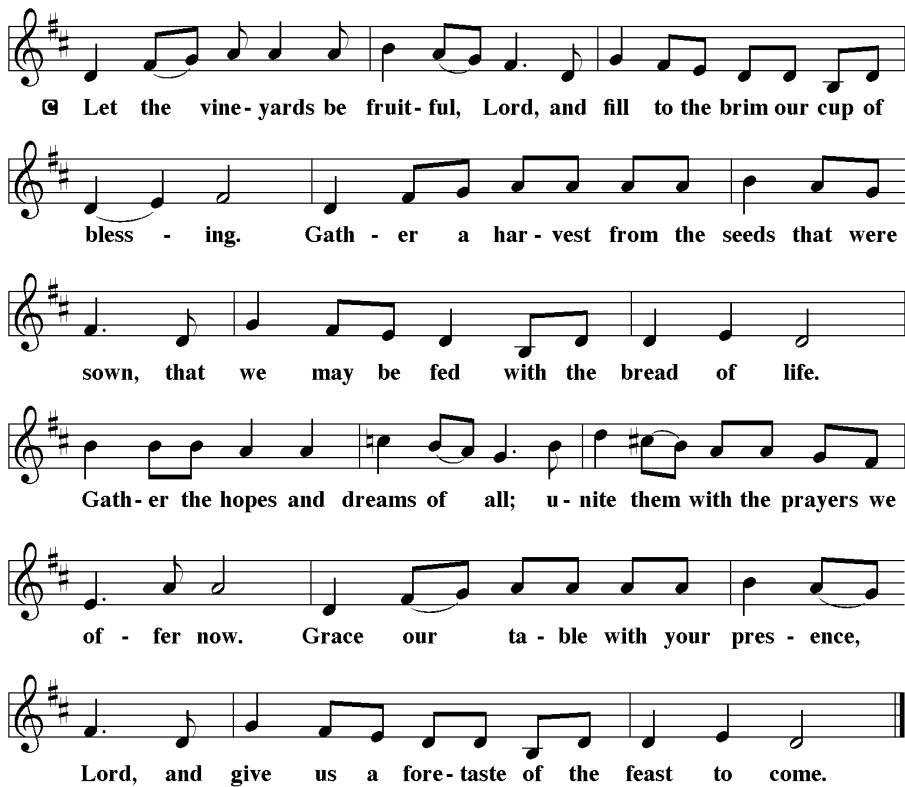
The assembly is seated.

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.

The table is set. The assembly stands.



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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

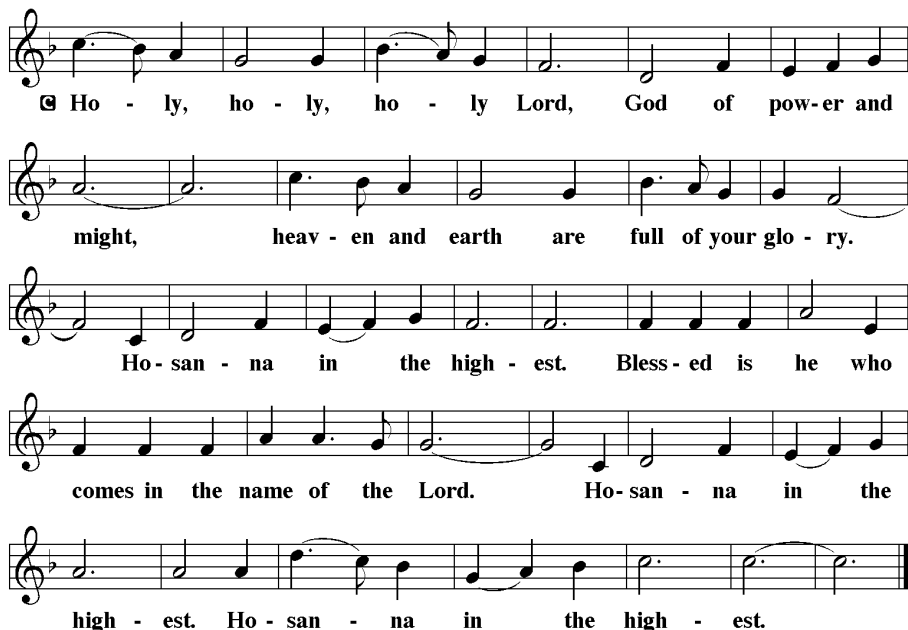
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The presiding minister continues the thanksgiving.

The assembly joins the angels' song.

SANCTUS



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

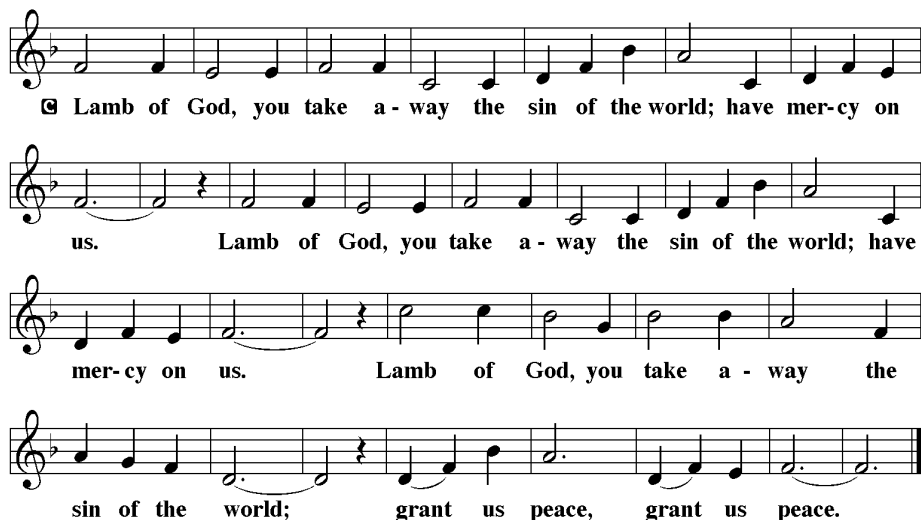
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,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

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Welcome to this meal of grace where Christ is host and we are guests. 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 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.***

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table once again
and we drank 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

BLESSING OF HOPE

So may we know
the hope
that is not just
for someday
but for this day—
here, now,
in this moment
that opens to us:

hope not made
of wishes
but of substance,

hope made of sinew
and muscle
and bone,

hope that has breath
and a beating heart,
hope that will not
keep quiet and be polite,

hope that knows
how to holler
when it is called for,

hope that knows
how to sing
when there seems
little cause,

hope that raises us
from the dead—

not someday
but this day,
every day,
again and
again and
again.

—Jan Richardson

from *The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief*

SENDING SONG

In Christ There is No East or West

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

To the Glory of God

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After listing all attendees (members and visitors) the card may be placed
in the offering plate.

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