

# Liturgy at SAINT MARK'S



Sixth Sunday in Easter  
May 9 & 10, 2026

SETTING: WOV 5

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## PRELUDE

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!*

Bender

*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.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

*The assembly stands.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to God who reigns with the Son over all creation!  
**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the minister gives thanks.*

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

Thank you for the waters that nourish us: the Spokane River, Lake  
Coeur d'Alene, and the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

Thank you for your life-giving death and resurrection.

Praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

With saints and angels, we honor and praise you,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly turns to face the cross at the entrance of the nave. As a reminder of the  
gift of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

**ELW 449**

**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



C 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.



I 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.



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



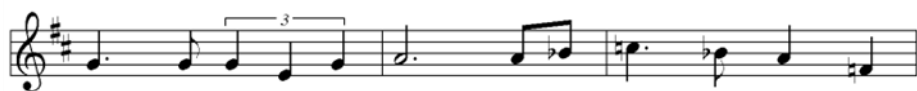
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II 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.



☐ 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.



① For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ 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,



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.  
In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children,  
and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

### READING: Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts.

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s

offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

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

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and God will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees God nor knows God. You know God because God abides with you, and God will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see

me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (st. 1-2)*

**ELW 392**

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (10:45 only)**

*Those joining the congregation are invited forward. The presiding minister addresses the assembly and then the new members, inviting them to continue in their baptismal covenant.*

*The presiding minister then addresses the assembly.*

People of God,  
Do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

℞ We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The assembly stands.*

## 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

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

*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.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. We pray for the members of All Saints Lutheran Church as they discern your calling through holy closure. Merciful God,

*The assembly responds in song:*

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

You create the universe and all that is in it. Shelter greening plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

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

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,

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

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. Merciful God,

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

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,

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

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God,

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

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.**

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

## **MEAL**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** (8:30 a.m. only) *Be Gone, Unbelief* Wesley Peters

## **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, 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](http://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



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.

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 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**

**Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.**

## 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

*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 the chalice, either the side with red wine or the side with white grape juice, before consuming. This is an ancient practice known as intinction. Return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*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.***

## COMMUNION HYMN Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW 752

## 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.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

*Excerpted and adapted from "The Magdalene's Blessing" by Jan Richardson*

Like the women at the tomb,  
You hardly imagined standing  
here,  
Everything you have ever  
loved and lost  
Suddenly returned to you,  
Looking you in the eye  
And calling your name.

So let the tears come  
As anointing,  
As consecration,  
And then  
Let them go.

Let this blessing  
Gather itself around you.

Let it give you what you will  
need for this journey.  
You will not remember the  
words — they do not matter.

All you need to remember is  
how it sounded  
When you stood in the place  
of death  
And heard the living call you  
name.

In the name of the + Triune  
God,  
May Christ's rising lift your  
spirits and gladden your  
hearts.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Festival of Praise*

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