

LITURGY AT SAINT MARK'S

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Bread of Life

August 3 & 4, 2024



SETTING: WOV 4
Light of Christ

PRELUDE

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren

Buxtehude

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, \ddagger the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

O Bread of Life from Heaven

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

I

Low Voices

II

High Voices

C

All

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. II Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: II Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and

might to God and the Lamb for- ev - er. A - men

C This is the feast of victory for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of victory for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love,
 you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied.
 Fill us and this world in all its need
 with the life that comes only from you,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When Christ ascended on high Christ made captivity itself a captive; and gave gifts to God's people."

⁹ (When it says, "Christ ascended," what does it mean but that Christ had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ The one who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that Christ might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into the one who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in common time with a treble clef. It contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The bottom staff is also in common time with a treble clef. It contains the lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia." The music includes various note values such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes, with some notes connected by beams.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” ³²Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation...
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...
for the gifts of relationship with others...
for the communion of faith in your church...
for what else do we give thanks?

Other thanksgivings may be spoken aloud by the assembly.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living lord. Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world and those who seek office...
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare...
for all who work for peace and international harmony...
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction...
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land...
for what else do we pray?

Other intercessions may be spoken aloud by the assembly.

We thank you, Lord God, for brave and believing people who planted your message in this place. We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who worked in them to gather and give order to this community, and who still sustains it. Remembering all those who have gone before us, we pray that we may follow as they followed, in the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and hope.

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

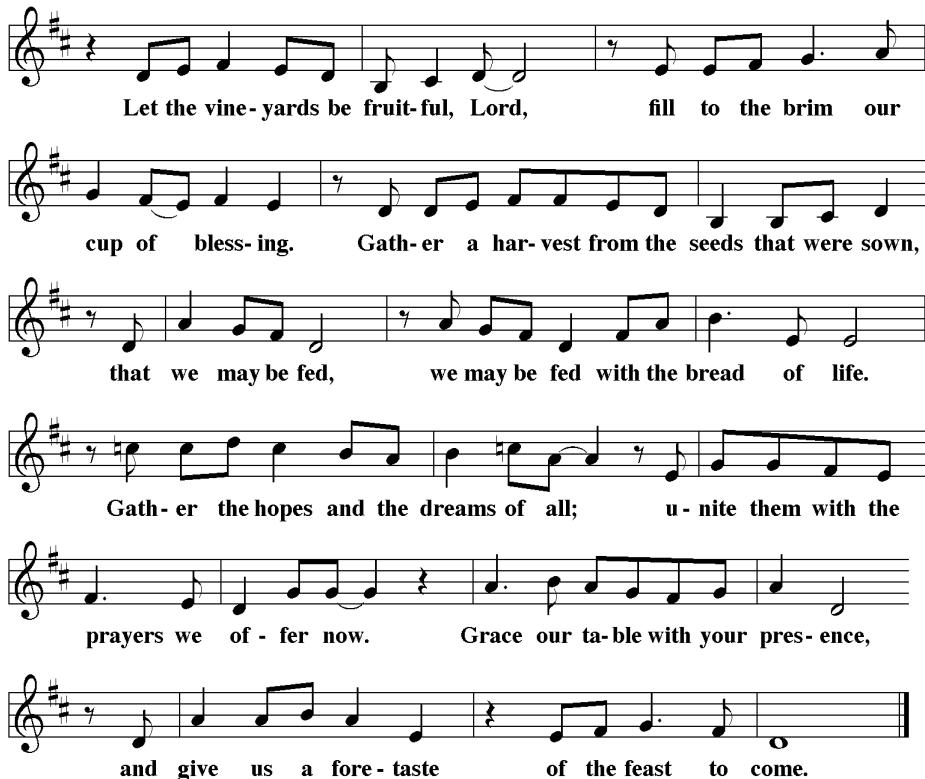
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church within and beyond St. Mark's.

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.



The table is set.

The assembly stands.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, 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, 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.

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
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.

SANCTUS

The assembly joins the angels' song.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, ³heav- en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer- cy on us, have mer- cy on us, have mer - cy.
Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

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.

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
☩ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

ST. MARK'S STAFF

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| Parish Administrator | Jane Somers |
| Communication Coordinator | Loris Stupel |
| Office Coordinator | Katie Kadlec |
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| Director of Music/Choral | Carol Miyamoto |
| Director of Children's Alleluia Choir | Ann Benson |
| Sexton | Lily Miller |
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