

# FEAST OF ST MARK

Evangelist & Martyr



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## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

### **Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country**

### **Processional Hymn**

*We praise, we worship you, O God [TIS 98]*

### **The Easter Greeting**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **Scripture Sentence**

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Mark 16.15

### **Prayer of Approach**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **Confession**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true heart.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Hymn of Praise, *Gloria in excelsis***

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect for Saint Mark.**

Almighty God,  
by the inspired witness of Mark the evangelist  
you have given to your Church the gospel  
of Jesus Christ your Son:  
strengthen us by this saving message  
that we may not be carried away with every changing wind of  
doctrine  
but be firmly grounded in the truth of your word;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 62:6–12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you

have labored, but those who harvest it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up an ensign over the peoples. The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "Look, your savior comes; his reward is with him and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD," and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 89:1–9**

1 Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses:

**my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness  
throughout all generations.**

2 I have said of your loving-kindness

that it is built for ever:

**you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.**

3 The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen:

**I have sworn an oath to my servant David.**

4 'I will establish your line for ever:

**and build up your throne for all generations.'**

5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord:

**and let your faithfulness be sung  
in the assembly of the holy ones.**

6 For who amidst the clouds can be compared to the Lord:

**or who is like the Lord amongst the gods?**

7 A God to be feared in the council of the holy ones:

**great and terrible above all that are around him.**

8 O Lord God of hosts, who is like you?:

**your power and your faithfulness are all about you.**

9 You rule the raging of the sea:

**when its waves surge, you still them.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 5:5b–14

And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark.

Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Celtic Alleluia* [TIS 257]

***Alleluia, alleluia.***  
***Alleluia, alleluia.***

## The Gospel

Mark 16:16–20

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will

accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **THE BAPTISM COVENANT**

#### **The Presentation**

Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me. Do not stop them’. We thank God for [Names] who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church. So I ask you all:

Will you support them as they begin their journey of faith?

**We will.**

Will you help them live and grow within God’s family?

**We will.**

*The priest then addresses the parents and godparents*

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak for these children today. Will you pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?

**We will.**

## The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

## Prayer over the Water

Loving Father,  
we thank you for your servant Moses,  
who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you for your Son Jesus,  
who has passed through the deep waters of death  
and opened for all the way of salvation.

Now send your Spirit,  
that those who are washed in this water  
may die with Christ and rise with him,  
to find true freedom as your children,  
alive in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

Let us affirm,  
together with *these* who *are* being baptized,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.



Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### **The Baptisms**

[Names], I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[Names], I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as disciples of Christ:

fight the good fight,

finish the race,

keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
look for his coming in glory.**

God has brought you out of darkness  
into his marvellous light.

**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome you  
as a member with us of the body of Christ,  
as a child of the one heavenly Father,  
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

### Greeting of Peace

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn *She sits like a dove* [TIS 418]

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE 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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

And now we give you thanks  
that you raised him to life triumphant,  
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,  
the reign of sin is ended,  
a new day has dawned,  
a broken world is restored  
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name.  
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**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 for ever. Amen.**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

### **Agnus dei**

**Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### **Invitation to the Table**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy.**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**To the glory of God the Father.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### Notices

### Mission Hymn

*Thanks to God whose Word was spoken [TIS 431]*

Eternal God,  
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.  
May we who celebrate this holy feast  
walk in his risen light  
and bring new life to all creation.

Most loving God,  
**you send us into the world you love.**  
**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage**  
**in the power of your Spirit.**

### Blessing

God give you grace to follow Mark and all the saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!**

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