



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

11:00 AM



Newcomers and visitors, the community of Saint Mark's welcomes you. We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available during the liturgy as well as greeters and clergy following, should you have any questions or concerns. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service. Children of any age are always welcome at Saint Mark's liturgies. In addition, child care during services is available in the Child Care Center, located in the west end of the cathedral building. You may reach the Child Care Center through the southwest doors of the nave, or by taking the elevator to the 5th floor. Ushers will guide you.

As part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet. The 8 AM, 9 AM, 7 PM, and 9:30 PM services are not livestreamed. We are grateful for your presence and participation in this community.

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

The Reverend Canon Cristi Chapman, Canon for Spiritual Growth and Stewardship, *Presider*
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark's Cathedral, *Preacher*

THE GATHERING

A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour invites all into quiet prayer and preparation.

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
[tune of Hymn #61, "Sleepers, wake! a voice astounds us,"]

A bell bids all to rise as able.

INTROIT *Redeemer of the nations, come* WORDS: attr. Ambrose of Milan (c. 340–397)
MUSIC: *Veni Redemptor gentium*, plainsong, Mode 1

Redeemer of the nations, come;
reveal yourself in virgin birth,
the birth which ages all adore,
a wondrous birth, befitting God.

From human will you do not spring,
but from the Spirit of our God;
O Word of God, come; take our flesh
and grow as child in Mary's womb.

You came forth from the eternal God,
and you returned to that same source.
You suffered death and harrowed hell,
and reigned once more from God's high throne.

With God the Father you are one,
and one with us in human flesh.
Oh, fill our weak and dying frame
with godly strength which never fails.

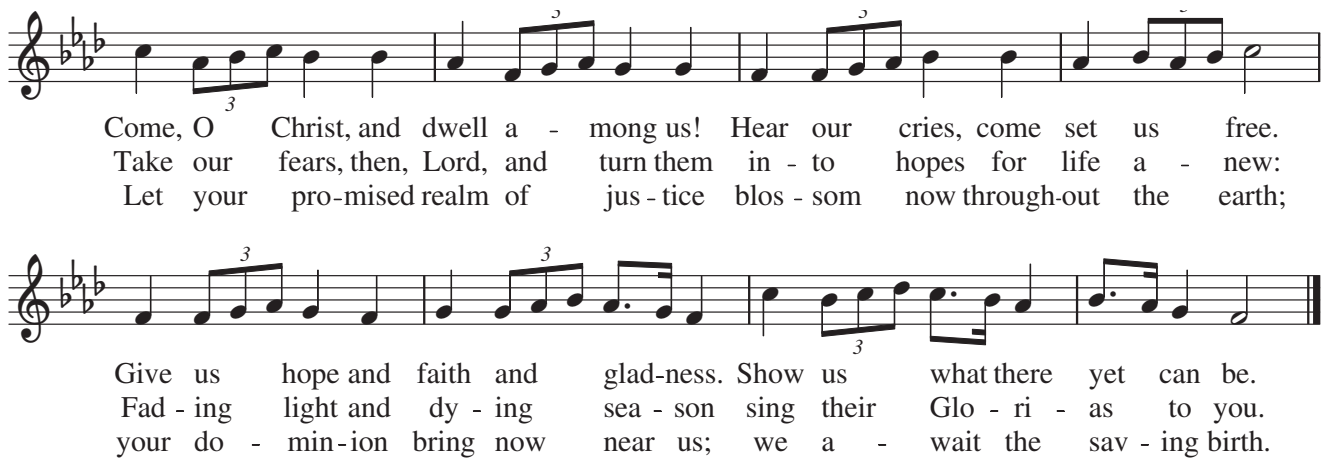
HYMN *Signs of endings all around us* WORDS: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944)
MUSIC: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869–1944)



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us: dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us; bar - ren lives your pre - sence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness ge - ne - rate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm, fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your pro-mised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through-out the earth;
Give us hope and faith and glad-ness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min-ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #721, WORDS: © 1988 Dean W. Nelson; MUSIC: public domain

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him,
Assembly and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly And Blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

TRISAGION *sung three times*

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)



Choir:
Ho - ly, ho-ly God, Ho - ly and might - y
Bells: *Everyone:*
Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Book of Common Prayer, p. 211

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

THE WORD that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

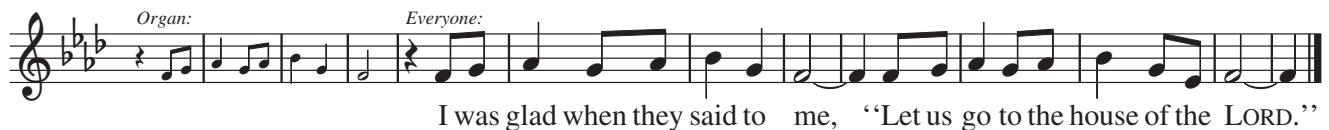
PSALM

Psalm 122

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

The Choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.

The Choir chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.



Lætatus sum

IWAS glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers. **ANTIPHON**
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.” **ANTIPHON**

READING *Romans 13:11–14*

YOU know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mel Butler

The Choir sings the alleluias; all repeat them. The Choir sings the verse; all repeat the alleluias.



¶ You must stay awake and be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected time.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 24:36-44*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

Assembly **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

All rise as able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary;
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

After each petition:

Intercessor We look to you in hope,

Assembly **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.

CONFESSION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Deacon Most merciful God,

**All we confess that 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.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider pronounces God's forgiveness of our sins. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone worshipping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Many support Saint Mark's through pledged offerings and other gifts made by credit card, via mail, or using the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right). Together our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.



ANTHEM

O thou, the central orb

WORDS: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833–1917)

MUSIC: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

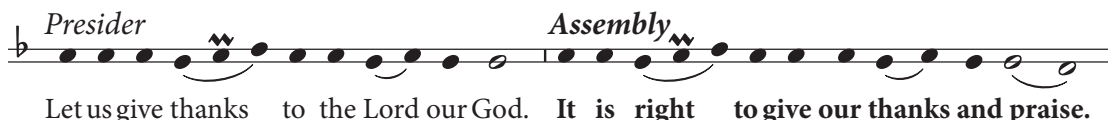
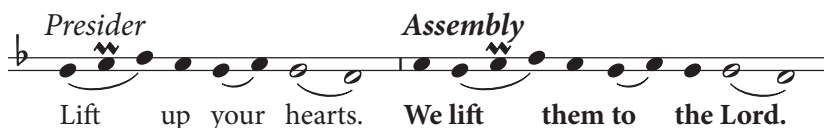
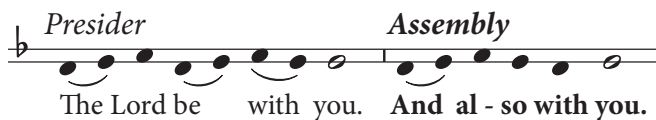
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about Thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with Thee, transforming clay
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

All rise as able as the bread, wine, and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 361
with alterations approved for trial use at General Convention 2018



Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Traditional Russian Orthodox, adapt. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

heav'n and earth____ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.____

Ho - san - na in____ the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation: in the calling of Israel to be your people: in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After Supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***All* We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All A-MEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Sung by all, in 4-part harmony ad lib.*

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908),
adapt. George Black (1931–2003)

Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav'n. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those
who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-li-ver us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Enriching Our Music #138, ©2004 George Black

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM *A Simple Missa Brevis*

Peter Hallock

Organ: Everyone:

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

The Assembly gathers around all sides of the altar platform, guided by the ushers. If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know. Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available at the Presider's communion station at the front left.

- ♦ *You are welcome to stand or kneel to receive communion.*
- ♦ *Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.*
- ♦ *Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip it in the wine and feed you.*
- ♦ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

ANTHEM *Creator of the Stars of Night*

WORDS: Latin, 9th century, trans. J.M. Neale (1818–1866)

MUSIC: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting Light:
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all
and hear thy servants when they call.

Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the bride,
as drew the world to eveningtide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine.
the son of man, yet all divine

At the great name, exalted now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
all things in heaven and earth shall own
that thou are Lord and King alone.

To God the Father, God the Son
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
laud, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.

HYMN 601 *O day of God, draw nigh ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #601*

TUNE: *St. Michael*

All rise as able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider One body are we.

Assembly For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.

Deacon Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

Presider Eternal God,

All heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING *The Presider asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

HYMN 57 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #57*

TUNE: *Helmsley*

STANZA 1: *All sing*

STANZA 2: *Treble voices only (sopranos & altos)*

STANZA 3: *Lower voices only (tenors & basses)*

STANZA 4: *All sing (choir descant by Christopher Robinson)*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661*
[tune of Hymn #54, "Savior of the nations, come!"]

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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Michael Kleinschmidt
& John Stuntebeck, *Organists*