



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

8:00 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. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service.

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 Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark's Cathedral, *Presider & Preacher*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, BWV 645
[tune of Hymn #61, "Sleepers, wake! a voice astounds us,"]

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

All rise as able.

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
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.
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.
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.
your do - min-ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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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 kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 356

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Assembly **Have mercy upon us.**

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Assembly **Have mercy upon us.**

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Assembly **Have mercy upon 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.**

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.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

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!

PSALM*Psalm 122 ♦ read by all in unison**Lætatus sum*

I WAS glad when they said to me, *
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

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| <p>2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.</p> <p>3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;</p> <p>4 To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of the LORD.</p> <p>5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.</p> | <p>6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 “May they prosper who love you.</p> <p>7 Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.</p> <p>8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.</p> <p>9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
 I will seek to do you good.”</p> |
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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.**

All rise as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 24:36–44*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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:

Presider Lord, in your mercy

Assembly Hear our prayer.

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

CONFESSION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 360

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

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Presider 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 the Lord 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.



All rise as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.
Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he 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:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Assembly Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know.

Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of 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 in the wine and feed you.*
- ♦ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *Organ Improvisation*

All rise as able.

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 542 *Christ is the world's true light ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #542*
stanzas 1 & 3

TUNE: *St. Joan*

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Assembly Thanks be to God.

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*
[tune of Hymn #61, "Sleepers, wake! a voice astounds us,"]

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

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