



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

9:00 AM





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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.

*During the season of Advent, the 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist will be employing liturgical texts adapted from **Prayers for an Inclusive Church**, a work published in 2008 by Dr. Steven Shakespeare, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Liverpool Hope University in the U.K. In this work, Dr. Shakespeare has written a complete sequence of idiosyncratic and poetic collects which respond to the appointed readings for the entire three-year lectionary cycle. The book also contains Eucharistic prayers, confessions, prayers after Communion, and other liturgical texts intended for the Anglican liturgy.*

His goal, according to the book's introduction, was to "revitalize the art of formal prayer," by "bringing the experiences of exclusion and liberation into dialogue with the [Lectionary's] scriptural texts, always ready to be surprised by the power of both to reveal new dimensions of salvation." To this end, Shakespeare frequently employs unfamiliar images and concepts, seeking to "jar us out of preconceived and limiting images" of the Divine. Some of his most unsettling images, however, are those that are drawn most directly from the Biblical texts. "Prayer should not be alienating," he says, "nor should it be too comfortable."

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 Nancy Ross, Canon for Cathedral Relations, *Presider*

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

THE GATHERING

The three-fold tolling of a bell, followed by a brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour, bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.

PRELUDE *Meditation on “My Lord, what a morning”*

Richard Billingham (b. 1934)

PROCESSION *Please stand when the bells begin ringing.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

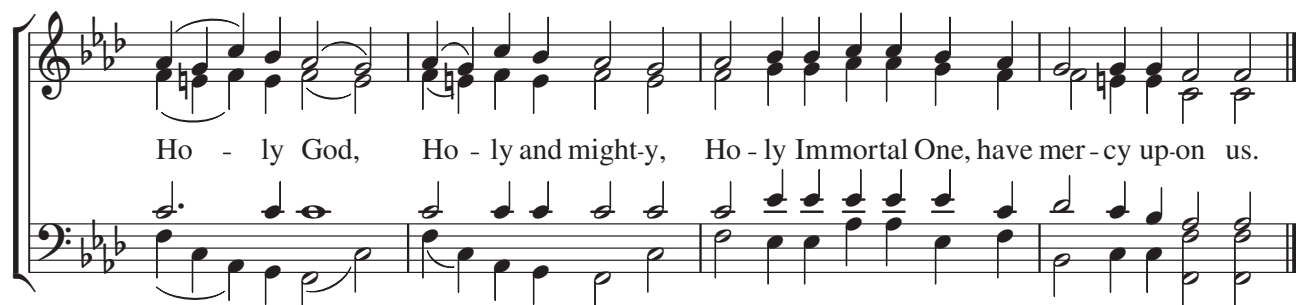
Presider Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him,
Assembly and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Assembly Glory to God for ever and ever.

TRISAGION *Sung by all, three times.*

Alexander Arkhangelsky (1846–1924)



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might-y, Ho - ly Immortal One, have mer - cy up-on us.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

Presider God be with you.
Assembly And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

HOLY One,
you steal into the darkness
to take away our false securities and idle vanity:
awaken us from the dullness of empty fear and vacant routine;
create in us a yearning for your love as it pours anew into a thirsty world;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

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.**

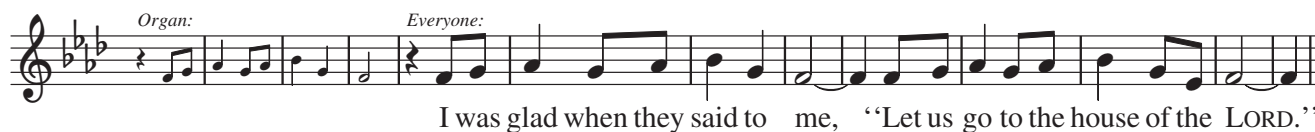
PSALM

Psalm 122

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

The Cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.

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



Lætatus sum

I WAS 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

music from the Taizé community

Sung by all three times.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

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

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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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

Deacon Let us confess our brokenness to God.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Deacon Gracious God,

***All* We prefer to hide in the shadows of fear;
You beckon us into the light of your love.**

Silence

Deacon Lord, have mercy.

***Assembly* Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon Patient God,

***All* We turn our backs on the needs of our common world;
You promise mercy and healing for the whole earth.**

Silence

Deacon Christ, have mercy.

***Assembly* Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon Loving God,

***All* We worship elusive idols of prestige and power;
You come near in the vulnerable Word made flesh.**

Silence

Deacon Lord, have mercy.

***Assembly* Lord, have mercy.**

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

THE PEACE

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

Presider Christ's judgment is not vengeance: an eye for an eye;
his peace is not a veil for injustice: instead he holds the suffering with us;
he comes to break the spear, to silence the guns and still our warring souls.
May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

***Assembly* And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of December are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The Assembly stands as able and joins the Presider in saying the prayers.

Birthdays: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Anniversaries: Loving God, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, you reveal yourself as a community of self-giving love. We thank you for bringing us together into families. Bless we pray these couples who celebrate the anniversaries of their commitments to one another, and grant that they may grow in grace, fidelity and mutual affection all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Thou shalt know him when he comes

WORDS: anonymous
MUSIC: Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Thou shalt know him when he comes;
Not by any din of drums,
Nor the manner of his airs,
Nor by anything he wears;
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or his gown,
But his coming known shall be
by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
Amen.

*The bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.
When the Presider stands, all rise as able.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.
Assembly We lift them to God.

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

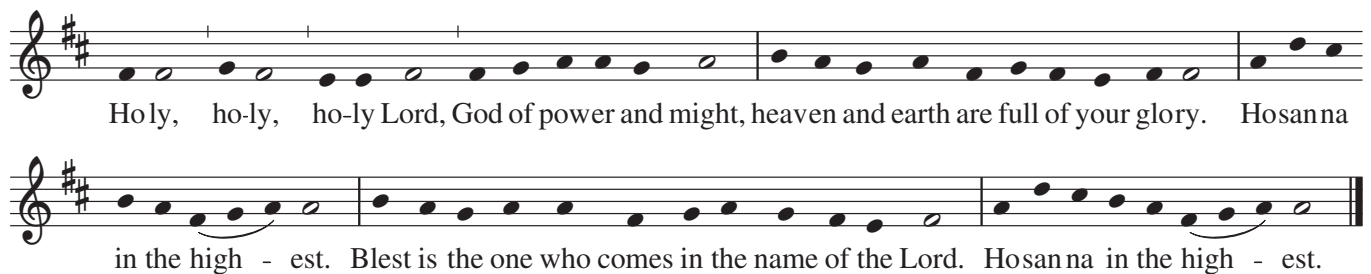
Presider Eternal God, Mystery of winter skies, we thank you in the darkening hour for opening our eyes to your starlit beauty; for parting the wide heavens with your persistent light; for offering your Word to take our mortal flesh.

In the fullness of time, a child was promised by those who shared your dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words of desert fire; Mary and Joseph welcomed his coming with tenderness and faith; we trust that he draws near again to show us our true selves.

Now we take up the song of hope, with angels and saints and all the company of heaven, that the world might awaken to his coming and be touched by his glory:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *New Plainsong*

Daivd Hurd (b. 1950)



Holy, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna

in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the high - est.

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Presider We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way after supper, he took the cup of wine, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. And so we proclaim the great mystery of faith, saying:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider With these gifts we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty with his generous love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people will come from east and west, north and south to share a feast of abundance.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav-en. 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-liv-er us from e-vil.
For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM *New Plainsong*

Hurd

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

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Communion is distributed at standing stations at the head of each aisle. 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 center aisle.

- ♦ *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 in the wine and feed you.*
- ♦ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *Organ Improvisation*

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

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

Presider Eternal God,

All we thank you that in Christ
you have fed us with the bread of life:
may we who have tasted your bounteous gifts
proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth,
that all people might come to know
that you dwell in our midst,
eager to greet your creation
with abounding love and mercy;
we ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider May the God who brings heaven close to earth give you true wisdom, a fierce longing,
and a pregnant hope, that your hearts may be prepared to be born again in love, and
the mercy and grace of God be upon you this day and for evermore.

Assembly Amen.

HYMN 542 *Christ is the world's true light ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #542*

TUNE: *St. Joan*

DISMISSAL *The Deacon dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: 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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