



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CHRISTMAS DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST *with* CAROLS



December 25, 2020 ♦ 10:00 AM

On this happy feast of Christmas, the Bishop, Dean, Staff and faith community of Saint Mark's welcome you to this livestream service. We are glad you have joined this celebration of the Feast of the Nativity, and we invite you to participate fully from your home—sitting, standing, singing, and praying as the service leaflet provides. Thank you for sharing your Christmas hopes and joy with the community that gathers this morning.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral strives to be a house of prayer for all people, where we worship God and proclaim the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ; a loving, welcoming, inclusive community that nurtures faith, encourages service, and integrates social and environmental justice into our lives; a sacred gathering place for the Diocese of Olympia and the broader community in times of crisis, sorrow, and celebration.

During this most challenging year, this cathedral is a place where vibrant community forms, even virtually, around a common purpose, buoyed by God's love for all. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

Liturgies during the 12 Days of Christmas

Livestream and/or Zoom liturgies will be offered every day December 26–31, and on January 3 & 6. See the complete schedule at: saintmarks.org/christmas

Compline

EVERY SUNDAY, 9:30 P.M.

A Seattle tradition since 1956, Compline remains closed to the public, but broadcasts on KING 98.1 FM continue. Listen via radio or king.org. Please read the full update at: saintmarks.org/compline

Christmastide Hymn Sing!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 4:30 P.M., VIA ZOOM

Dean Thomason and Canon Kleinschmidt will host. Request your favorite Christmas hymn and find the link to join at: saintmarks.org/events

New Year's Eve

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

While the cathedral's traditional Labyrinth Walk event will not be offered this year, the cathedral's outdoor labyrinth remains open and accessible around the clock, and you are invited to pay a visit anytime.

The annual **Midnight Eucharist for the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus** will be livestreamed from the nave as we welcome the arrival of 2021.

Christmastide Evensong

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 4:30 P.M., VIA LIVESTREAM

With prayers and organ music live from the nave, and choral music selected from the liturgy archive: saintmarks.org/evensong

Theologian-in-Residence 2021

Saint Mark's is delighted to announce that **The Rev. Canon Walter B.A. Brownridge** will serve as Theologian-in-Residence during 2021, to preach, teach, and consult, with a special focus on confronting systemic racism. More at: saintmarks.org/theologian

January Forums

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 13, 20, & 27, VIA ZOOM

Wednesday evening offerings begin again in January, including presentations on *The Spirituality of Desire* and *Confronting the Doctrine of Discovery*. Details at: saintmarks.org/commons

Organ Recital on the Fritts

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:30 P.M., VIA LIVESTREAM

The cathedral's Associate Organist John Stuntebeck offers a wide-ranging program showing off the beauty of the cathedral's small organ, installed in Thomsen chapel by Tacoma-based organ builder Paul Fritts in 2013. More at: saintmarks.org/concerts

Much more information about Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral and its many offerings during this time may be found at:

saintmarks.org

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

PRELUDE *Prelude on “Whence is that goodly fragrance”* trad. French Carol
arr. Harrison Oxley (1933-2009)

Noël: Tous les bourgeois de Châtres (All the people of Châtres) Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)

Noël: Quand le Sauveur Jesus Christ (When the Savior Jesus Christ) Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1739)

La Nativité Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

La crèche (The crib)

Les anges (The Angels)

Les bergers (The Shepherds)

La Sainte Famille (The Holy Family)

THE OPENING RITE

A bell bids all to rise, as able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God,
 All 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.

Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

HYMN OF PRAISE O come, all ye faithful ♦ sung by all

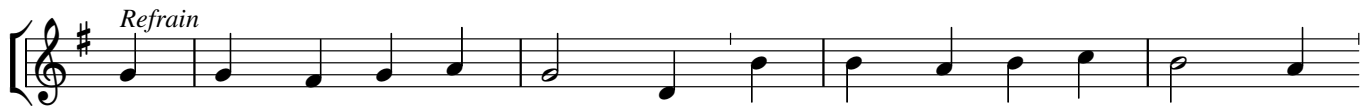
TUNE: *Adeste fideles*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye, to
6. ♪ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, ♪ Je - sus, to thee be



Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 212

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O GOD, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; 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 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

***Assembly* Thanks be to God.**



The soloist introduces the antiphon, then all repeat it.

The soloist chants the verses; all repeat the antiphon as indicated.

Cantate Domino

SING to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD. **ANTIPHON**
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity. **ANTIPHON**

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

Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Of the Father's love begotten ♦ sung by all*

TUNE: *Divinum mysterium*



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan_ to be,
2. O that birth for ev - er bless - èd, when the Vir - gin, full_ of grace,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of_ our race;



of the things that are, that have_____ been,
and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - - - er,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!____
first re-vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!____

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THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:1-14*

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross



All rise as able.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider We believe in one God,

All 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 PEOPLE

After each petition:

Intercessor What has come into being in Christ was life,
Assembly and the life was the light of all people.

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Assembly And also with you.

If you would like, you are invited to take a moment at this point in the service to text or email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in Saint Mark's Cathedral's worship at this time in any way is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Together, our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. If you are joining this morning's livestream from another congregation, please consider making a gift to your local church.

*Links to donate to Saint Mark's online are located on the livestream page. Visit saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right), or visit this link on your mobile device: <https://venmo.com/saintmarkscathedralseattle>. If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter **2076**.*



You may also mail your gift to the cathedral: 1245 10th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102.

All rise, as able. Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

OFFERTORY SOLO *The Sussex Carol*

trad. English, arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring—
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should we on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and all with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to all,
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

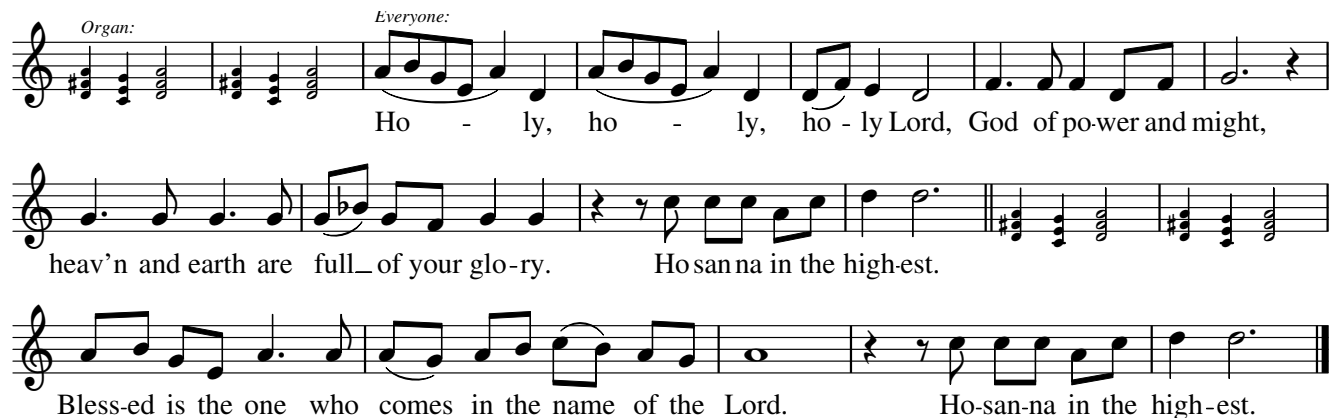
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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 *New Plainson*

David Hurd (b. 1950)



Organ:

Everyone:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
 heav' n and earth are full_ of your glo- ry. Ho san na in the high- est.
 Bless- ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 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 Mary, Mark, and 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

Presider Our Father in heaven,

**All 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

A period of silence is kept. Then may be said:

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Assembly **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of communion.

PRAYER AT THE TIME OF COMMUNION

from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book (Forward Movement, 2014)

During this time of pandemic, we trust that the spiritual grace offered in the sacrament is abundantly offered by God to all who are present in community, wherever you may be. We are nourished by that love.

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

All rise, as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

Presider Eternal God, heavenly Father,

***All* 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.

Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

CLOSING HYMN *Go tell it on the mountain ♦ sung by all*

TUNE: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.

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DISMISSAL *The Presider dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: Thanks be to God.*

VOLUNTARY *Toccata on Antioch
(Tune of "Joy to the world")*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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John Stuntebeck, *organist*

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CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Special live-streamed services of the Christmas season include the following, broadcast at www.saintmarks.org/livestream (unless otherwise noted).

Zoom links for special services can be found at www.saintmarks.org/christmas.

DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day *with carols*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist on the feast of St. Stephen
Join via Zoom, or at www.saintmarks.org/livestream

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday after Christmas

9:30 PM The Office of Compline *broadcast on KING-FM 98.1*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist observing the Feast of St. John
Join via Zoom, or at www.saintmarks.org/livestream

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:30 PM Evening Prayer observing the Feast of the Holy Innocents
Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:30 PM Evening Prayer on the sixth day of Christmas
Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 AM Morning Prayer on the seventh day of Christmas
Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)

11:59 PM Holy Eucharist *to ring in the New Year,*
celebrating the Feast of the Holy Name

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist on the second Sunday after Christmas

4:30 PM Evensong

9:30 PM The Office of Compline *broadcast on KING-FM 98.1*



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In memory of the deceased members of the O'Sullivan and Montgomery families
by Tim and Pam O'Sullivan

In memory of Mochi *by Mark Uyeda*

In memory of my nephew, Casey Joseph Ahkvaluk, *by Steve Paul Moen*