THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 27, 2019

9:00 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.

The 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist is currently employing liturgical texts adapted from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, published in 2008 by Dr. Steven Shakespeare, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Liverpool Hope University in the U.K. The goal of this work, according the author’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 Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Presider & Preacher

THE GATHERING

A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.

Prelude Meditation on “Melcombe”
[tune of Hymn #531: “O Spirit of the living God”]

As the opening hymn is introduced, all rise as able.

Hymn 539 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #539
stanzas 1 e-2

Opening Acclamation
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Assembly Glory to God for ever and ever.
song of praise

Presider  All

Amen.

God of freedom,
you break the seals and let the Spirit flow:
make us impatient to greet the time
when the poor will be lifted up,
the oppressed made free,
and your love made manifest to all in Jesus Christ,
the Anointed Servant.

All  Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING  
Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Assembly  Thanks be to God.

PSALM  
Psalm 19:7–14

The Cantor or Choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.
The Cantor or Choir chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

Exultate Deo

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. ANTIPHON
9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. ANTIPHON

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12 Who can tell how often he offends? *  
cleanse me from my secret faults. ANTIPHON
13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; *  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. ANTIPHON
1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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 PROCESSION

Children are invited to join the Gospel Procession, and gather around as the Gospel is proclaimed.
Children in preschool through second grade are then invited to Children’s Chapel in Thomsen Chapel.
They will return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join their children.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

TUNE: Tibi Christe splendor Patris (12th century)
adapt. Marilyn Haskel (b. 1945)

The Cantor introduces the alleluias; all repeat. The Cantor sings the verse below; all repeat the alleluias.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

℣. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and has sent me to proclaim release to the captives. —Luke 4:18/Isaiah 61:1
**THE HOLY GOSPEL  Luke 4:14–21**

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

*Assembly*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

*Deacon*  The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly*  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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**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,*
*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.

*Authorized for use by the 1997 General Convention*
PRAYERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

After each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy,
Assembly Hear our prayer.

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

CONFESSIoN

Deacon Let us confess our brokenness to God.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Deacon Gracious God,
All We place boundaries around your goodness,
Yet You share your love with all people;
Silence

Deacon Lord, have mercy.
Assembly Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Patient God,
All We hold back in fear and shame,
You immerse yourself in love and life.
Silence

Deacon Christ, have mercy.
Assembly Christ, have mercy.

Deacon Loving God,
All We refuse to let our scarce hearts be moved,
You invite us into abundant life.
Silence

Deacon Lord, have mercy.
Assembly Lord, have mercy.

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

THE PEACE

Presider Christ has broken down the dividing wall
that makes us strangers to one another;
He has made us one humanity
that God might be all in all;
he is our life, our hope, our peace.
The peace of Christ be with you always.

Assembly And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.
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.

**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 made by credit card or via mail. Together our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.

**ANTHEM**

**Come and Taste**

Words: John Leland (1754–1841)

Tune: Farabee (The Hesperian Harp, 1848), arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Come and taste, along with me,
Consolation running free,
From our Father’s wealthy throne,
Sweeter than the honeycomb.

I’ll praise God and you praise God,
And we’ll all praise God together;
We’ll praise the Lord for the work that He has done,
And we’ll bless His Name forever.

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**

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 We praise you,
God of many names,
whose Spirit runs freely
throughout the earth,
whose image lies deep
in every mortal soul.

In your grace
your Word is made known to all people,
calling forth their goodness;
your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation,
healing the chaos that floods our world;
your Son is the guest who offers new wine
and warms hearts grown cold and withered.

Therefore, we celebrate
the rays of morning light
that bathe the world in glory
and kindle a new song:

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.
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.
In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

**FRACTION ANTHEM**  *We who are many*  
Plainsong Mode 6

The Choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat it. The Choir sings the verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

*ANTIPHON*

We who are *many* are one *body*, for we all *share* in the one *bread*.

**Y. We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.**

**Y. Happy are they who come to the Supper of the Lamb.**

*ANTIPHON*

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

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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.

*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 632**  *O Christ, the Word incarnate*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #632*  
*TUNE: Munich*
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

Presider  Let us pray.

All  Lord of the wedding feast,
we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life:
in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy
the gift of the stranger,
the grace of the water,
and the living bread of love’s desire.
Amen.

BLESSING

Presider  May Christ, who draws the nations to himself,
teach us to love our enemies;
may Christ, who enters the water of baptism,
lead us to die to all but love;
may Christ, who gives new wine for the world,
turn our bitterness into joy,
and the mercy and grace of God be upon you
this day and for evermore.

Assembly  Amen.

Please see the next page for the concluding hymn.

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Gracious Spirit, give your servants joy

1. Gracious Spirit, give your servants joy to set sin’s captives free,
   hope to heal the broken-hearted, peace to share love’s liberty.
   Through us bring your balm of gladness to the wounded and oppressed;
   help us claim and show God’s favor as a people called and blessed.

2. Word made flesh, who gave up glory to become our great high priest,
   taking on our human nature to redeem the last and least:
   let your courage and compassion shape and guide our ministries;
   as our Savior and our Shep-herd, lead us to the truth that frees.


DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY Procession

Herbert Sumson (1899–1995)