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 to 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 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

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

PRELUDE Variations on Jesu, meine Freude
[tune of Hymn #701: “Jesus, all my gladness”]
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

A bell bids all rise as able.

PROCESSION The liturgical ministers enter to the sound of a tolling bell.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

LENTEN ACCLAMATION
Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
Assembly God’s mercy endures forever.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE
CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our brokenness to God.
You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Deacon Christ of the Lenten journey,
   All We often stall in a pattern of self-deception;
      You invite us to follow You to the cross and all truth;
      Silence

Deacon Christ of the nourishing meal,
   All We consume what leaves us craving more;
      You offer the bread that gives true life.
      Silence

Deacon Christ of Resurrection Hope,
   All We fall into the orbit of greed and corruption;
      You call us into the new life of mercy and peace.
      Silence

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

Please remain kneeling or standing as able.

KYRIE ELEISON

Alexandr Arkhangelsky (1846–1924), arr. Richard Proulx

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

EXTRAVAGANT God,
lavishing your love on the poverty of our hearts:
inspire us to give without restraint, and to lose life that we might find it again,
so the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love;
through Jesus Christ,
who offers himself for us as the Broken Bread of Life.

All Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.
READING

Isaiah 43:16–21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM

Psalm 126

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

ANTIPHON (Ps. 126:6)

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

In convertendo

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy. ANTIPHON

3 Then they said among the nations, * “The LORD has done great things for them.”

4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed. ANTIPHON
5 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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.

GOOSEL 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.

LENTEN GOOSEL ACCLAMATION Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Words & Music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

The Choir introduces the refrain; all repeat. The Cantor sings the verse below; all repeat the refrain.

Praise to you, O Christ our Savior, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom; Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; you are the Word who leads us into light; you are the Word who brings us through the desert: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
**THE HOLY GOSPEL  John 12:1–8**

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

*Assembly*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

*Deacon*  The Gospel of the Lord.

*Assembly*  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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**SERMON**

*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**  
*Form VI*

*Deacon*  In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Intercessor*  For all people in their daily life and work;

*Assembly*  For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Intercessor*  For this community, the nation, and the world;

*Assembly*  For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor*  For the just and proper use of your creation;

*Assembly*  For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Intercessor*  For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*Assembly*  For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*Intercessor*  For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*Assembly*  For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Intercessor*  For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Greg our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*Assembly*  For all who serve God in God’s Church.

*Intercessor*  For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*Intercessor*  Hear us, Lord;

*Assembly*  For your mercy is great.

*Intercessor*  We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*Intercessor*  We will exalt you, O God our King;

*Assembly*  And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor*  We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Intercessor*  Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Assembly*  Who put their trust in you.

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

**THE PEACE**

*Presider*  Christ has broken down the dividing wall that makes us strangers to one another;

He is God’s unexpected and unmerited gift of peace breaking in among us.

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

ANTHEM Hear my cry, O God

Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.
Listen to my song:
Singing praises all along.
I call on you again,
for you have called me friend;
so I call on you once again.

Refrain

With a weary heart,
I feel so far apart,
with a weary, weary heart.

Refrain

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 thank you, God of the wilderness, that in the valley of dry bones you create hearts of flesh quickened by the Spirit’s breath. We thank you that you shared your Beloved Child who spurns might and glory and turns toward all who are broken in mind, body or spirit. We count the cross as folly to the world of violence and power, and true wisdom to all who would follow you on the journey of selfless love. Therefore, with the whole communion of saints who glimpsed the glory in the humanity you shared, we worship you in in holy majesty, as we sing:

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.
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

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.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM  Deutsche Messe

Schubert, arr. Proulx
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider  The gifts of God for the people of God:
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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 474  When I survey the wondrous cross
• The Hymnal 1982 #474  TUNE: Rockingham
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 feast of boundless love;
we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness
so that none might be lost:
liberate us now
to share the living bread of good news with our neighbor,
each receiving from the other what we need
to live according to your will. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider  May the crucified Christ dispel your fear,
drawing you to experience God’s wondrous love,
and make you servants of hope and peace in the world,
and the blessing of the One, Holy and Merciful God
be with you all this day and for evermore.

All  Amen.

HYMN 398  I sing the almighty power of God ♫ The Hymnal 1982 #398

TUNE: Forest Green

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

VOLUNTARY  Fugue in C Minor, bwv 537b

J.S. Bach  (1685–1750)

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