THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019

11:00 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.

As part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet. The 8 AM, 9 AM, 7 PM, and 9:30 PM services are not livestreamed. We are grateful for your presence and participation in this community.

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*

The Reverend Canon Cristi Chapman, Canon for Spiritual Growth and Stewardship, *Preacher*

**THE GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

Two Meditations on *Psalm 42*  
Max Reger (1873–1916)  
*tune of Hymn #67, “Comfort, comfort ye my people”*  
Guy Bovet (b. 1942)

**INTROIT**

*O heavenly Word, eternal Light*  
WORDS: *Verbum supernum prodiens*, Latin, c. 7th cen.  
MUSIC: plainsong, Mode 2 (13th cen.)

O Heavenly Word, eternal Light,  
begotten of the Father’s might,  
who, in these latter days wast born  
for blessing to a world forlorn;  
pour light upon us from above,  
and fire our hearts with ardent love;  
that, as we hear thy truth today,  
all wrong desires may burn away.

and when as judge thou drawest nigh,  
the secrets of our hearts to try;  
to recompense each hidden sin,  
and bid the saints their reign begin;  
O let us not, for evil past,  
be driven from thy face at last;  
but with thy saints for evermore  
behold thee, love thee, and adore.

**HYMN 65**

*Prepare the way, O Zion*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #65*  
TUNE: *Bereden väg för Herran*
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider  The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
Assembly  And all flesh shall see the Salvation of God.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly  And Blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider  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.
All  Amen.

TRISAGION  sung three times

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider  The Lord be with you.
Assembly  And also with you.
Presider  Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All  Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.
READING

Jeremiah 1:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Assembly
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19

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

Deus, judicium

Give the King your justice, O God,* and your righteousness to the King’s Son;

2 That he may rule your peoplerighteously,* and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,* and the little hills bring righteousness. **ANTIPHON

4 He shall defend the needy among the people;* he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,* from one generation to another. **ANTIPHON

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,* like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;* there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **ANTIPHON

Plainsong, Tone I.1

He shall have pit y on the low ly and poor, and shall re deem their lives from op pres sion.
18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!
19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen. **ANTIPHON**

**READING** Romans 15:4–13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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 ACCLAMATION**

*The Choir sings the alleluias; all repeat them. The Choir sings the verse; all repeat the alleluias.*

V. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a path for our God
THE HOLY GOSPEL  Matthew 3:1–12

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

Assembly  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Deacon  The Gospel of our Savior.

Assembly  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Cristi Chapman

All rise as able.

THE NICE 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 look to you in hope, Assembly Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*

**Deacon** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

**Deacon** 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 Christ 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.

ANTHEM Canite tuba

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini.
Ecce venit ad salvandum nos: erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
Veni Domine et noli tardare.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, for the day of the Lord is nigh.
Lo, he comes to save us: the crooked will be made straight,
the rough ways plain:
Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

All rise as able as the bread, wine, and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer, p. 361 with alterations approved for trial use at General Convention 2018

Presider

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Assembly

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

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

Assembly

Presider
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ 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:
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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

All A-MEN.
Our Father in heav’n, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav’n. 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 pow’r, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.
In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Presider  The gifts of God for the people of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ’s Table.

The Assembly gathers around all sides of the altar platform, guided by the ushers. 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 front left.

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

**CAROL**

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree  

The tree of life my soul hath seen, 
laned with fruit, and always green: 
The trees of nature fruitless be 
compared with Christ the apple tree. 
His beauty doth all things excel; 
by faith I know, but ne’er can tell 
the glory which I now can see 
in Jesus Christ the apple tree. 
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; 
it keeps my dying faith alive, 
which makes my soul in haste to be 
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

The tree of life my soul hath seen, 
and pleasure dearly I have bought: 
I missed of all; but now I see 
’tis found in Christ the apple tree. 
I’m weary with my former toil; 
here I will sit and rest awhile: 
Under the shadow I will be, 
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

**HYMN 67**

Comfort, comfort ye my people  

For happiness I long have sought, 
and pleasure dearly I have bought: 
I missed of all; but now I see 
’tis found in Christ the apple tree. 
I’m weary with my former toil; 
here I will sit and rest awhile: 
Under the shadow I will be, 
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

A Simple Missa Brevis  

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; grant us your peace.

**HYMN 1982 #67**

TUNE: Genevan 42
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  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 597

O day of peace that dimly shines  ♩ The Hymnal 1982 #597
TUNE: Jerusalem

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY

Besançon (Carol of the Advent)
[tune of WLP #724: “People, look East!”]

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