



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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.

*If you have brought an **Advent Giving Tree** gift for a child at Casa Latina, Mary's Place, or Lowell School; socks for Noel House residents; or sheets and blankets for Mary's Place, please bring them forward and place them in front of the altar before the service begins. They will be blessed at the Offertory.*

The Reverend Canon Cristi Chapman, Canon for Spiritual Growth and Stewardship, *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 Improvisation on *O Come O Come Emmanuel*
[tune of Hymn #56]

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

PROCESSION *Please stand when the bells begin ringing.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the Cherubim,
Assembly **stir up your strength and come to help us.**

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.

GOD of the burning sand and thirsty ground:
You called John into the wilderness to speak truth to the palaces of power;
steady us for the intensity of your steadfast love
that opens our senses to the poverty of the world
and calls to life what lingers in fear;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

All Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

THE wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

CANTICLE *Luke 1:46-55 [The Song of Mary]*

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

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



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

Magnificat

MY SOUL proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. **ANTIPHON**

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **ANTIPHON**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty. **ANTIPHON**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever. **ANTIPHON**

READING *James 5:7-10*

BE PATIENT, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

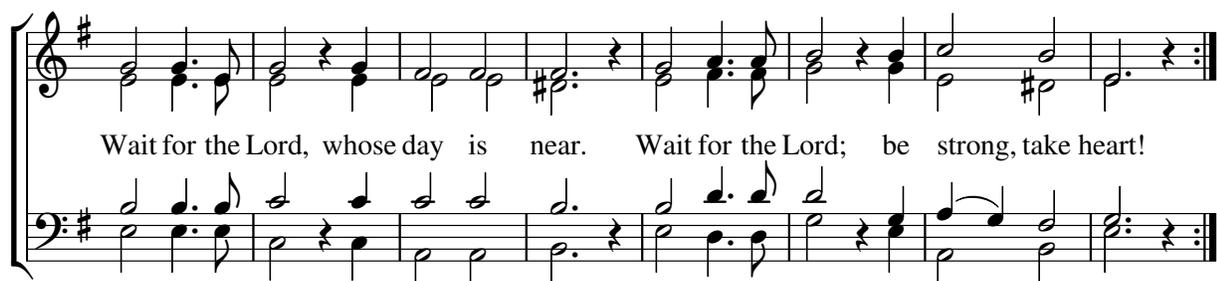
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

music from the Taizé community

Sung by all three times.



THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2-11*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

WHEN John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

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

Authorized for use by the 1997 General Convention

**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.

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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 *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

WORDS: *Vox clara ecce intonat*, Latin, 6th century
trans. Edward Caswall [stanza 5 added by the composer]
MUSIC: Eric H. Thiman (1900–1975)

1. Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!"
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,
Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all ill dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;
4. That when next he comes with glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
With his mercy he may shield us,
And with words of love draw near.
5. Christ, to thee be endless glory,
From all souls on earth be praise,
Who from heaven wilt come to save us,
And redeem from sinful ways.
6. Honour, glory, might, and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

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:

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. 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 615 "Thy kingdom come!" ◆ *The Hymnal 1982 #615*

TUNE: *St. Flavian*



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 blessing, mercy, and grace of God be upon you this day and for evermore.

Assembly Amen.

HYMN 76 *On Jordan's bank* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #76*

TUNE: *Winchester New*

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

VOLUNTARY *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599*
[tune of Hymn #54, "Savior of the nations, come!"]

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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