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
Canon Michael Kleinschmidt, Canon for Cathedral Music, Preacher

THE GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Meditation on Veni Emmanuel
[tune of Hymn #56] Philip Moore (b. 1943)

A bell bids all to rise as able.

INTROIT A tender shoot

A tender shoot hath started
Up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted
From Jesse’s holy race;
It blooms without a blight,
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,
Turning our darkness into light.
This shoot, Isaiah taught us,
From Jesse’s root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing:
Our God of endless might
Gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reach from one end of the earth to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things, Assembly Come and teach us the way of prudence.

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)

Hymn 436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates ◆ The Hymnal 1982 #436 TUNE: Truro

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING  Isaiah 7:10–16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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

Assembly  Thanks be to God.

PSALM  Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18

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

Qui regis Israel

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  ANTIPHON

4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  ANTIPHON

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  ANTIPHON

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  ANTIPHON
READING  

Romans 1:1–7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Assembly  Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN  The angel Gabriel

WORDS: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924)

TUNE: Gabriel’s Message, Basque carol; arr. Edgar Pettman (1865–1943)

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; “All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:

2. And Mary answered, “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb! Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!”

3. The angel said, “Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus.”

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a morn, flame;

THE HOLY GOSPEL  Matthew 1:18–25

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon  The Gospel of our Savior.
Assembly  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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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:
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.
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 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**

*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. Together, our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.

In the front cover of your hymnal, or in the pew rack in front of you, you will find an offering envelope, as well as form to give by credit card, and a card to place in the offering plate as a token of a gift given electronically. To donate online, visit saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app. (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right).

ANTHEM The Cherry Tree Carol story based on a legend from the apocryphal
Infancy Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, 7th century

WORDS & TUNE: English, before 1500, arranged by Stephen Cleobury (1948–2019)

Joseph was an old man, O then bespoke the baby
And an old man was he Within his mother’s womb:
When he wedded Mary “Bow down then the tallest tree
In the land of Galilee For my mother to have some.”
Joseph and Mary Then bowed down the highest tree
Walked through and orchard good Unto his mother’s hand;
Where was cherries and berries Then she cried, “See Joseph,
So red as any blood I have cherries at command.”
O then bespoke Mary, O then bespoke Joseph,
So meek and O so mild “I have done Mary wrong;
“Pluck me one cherry, Joseph; But cheer up my dearest,
For I am with child.” And be ye not cast down.”
O then bespoke Joseph, Then Mary plucked a cherry,
With words most unkind, As red as any blood,
“Let him pluck thee a cherry Then Mary went she homewards
That brought thee with child.” All with her heavy load.

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 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:
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 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.
THE LORD'S PRAYER  Sung by all, in four-part harmony as able

Our Fa-ther in heav’n, hallowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heav’n. 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-li-ver us from e-vil.

For the king-dom, the pow’r, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.
In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

**FRACTION ANTHEM**  
A Simple Missa Brevis  
Peter Hallock

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\sffamily O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
\sffamily everyone:
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O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us your peace.
\end{music}
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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.

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.

**ANTHEM**  
Lo, how a rose e’er blooming

\begin{music}
\begin{verse}
Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night
\end{verse}
\end{music}

**HYMN 66**  
Come, thou long expected Jesus  
\textit{The Hymnal 1982} #66  
\textit{TUNE: Stuttgart}
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 72

Hark! the glad sound ◆ The Hymnal 1982 #72  
TUNE: Richmond

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Magnificat on the First Tone, buxwv 203

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