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.

The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Canon for Congregational Life, Presider
Canon Michael Kleinschmidt, Canon for Cathedral Music, 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   Meditation on Veni Emmanuel
           [tune of Hymn #56]  Philip Moore (b. 1943)

PROCEDURE   Please stand when the bells begin ringing.

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 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

   God with us,
   born of Mary's flesh beyond all convention:
   give us the faith of Joseph in a world with too much shame,
   embolden us to hear your promise of presence,
   and to respond with joy to the cry of life renewed and love reborn;
   through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.
   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 Cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.
The Cantor chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

Psalm Tone IV.4

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
Sung by all three times.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!
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.

**Seren**

Canon Michael Kleinschmidt

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.
**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.**

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**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.**

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**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.
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 Christ is nigh!

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding;  
“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say,  
“Cast away the works of darkness,  
O ye children of the day.”

Wakened by the solemn warning  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, our Sun, all ill dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

He comes down like fragrant showers,  
raining on the fruitful earth,  
Love and joy and hope, like flowers  
springing on his path to birth:

See before him on the mountains  
Peace, the valiant herald, go;  
Righteousness, in flowing fountains,  
From the hills to valleys flow.

Words: Vox clara ecce intonat, Latin, 6th century

Kings and monarchs bow before him,  
Myrrh and gold and incense bring;  
For all nations shall adore him,  
Laud and praise, their offering;

Unto him shall prayer unceasing,  
with our daily vows ascend;  
His great kingdom still increasing,  
Kingdom that shall have no end.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heav’n;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all to be forgiven.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
Be to God: the Father, Son;  
And the everlasting Spirit,  
While eternal ages run.

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.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.
**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:

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**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

*New Plainsong*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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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.
In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

**FRACTION ANTHEM**  
*New Plainsong*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

ANTHEM   Lift up your heads

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates.
Oh, lift them up high!
The King of all shall come in.
Who is this King of all?
The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory.

HYMN 265   The angel Gabriel from heaven came

WORDS: based on Psalm 24:7, 10
MUSIC: attr. Johann Kuhnau (1660–1722), arranged by Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

TUNE: Gabriel’s Message
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* 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  
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 436** *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #436*  
*Stanzas 1, 4 & 5*  
*Tune: Truro*

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

**VOLUNTARY** *Magnificat on the First Tone, BuxWV 203*  
*Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)*

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