THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2020

9:00 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.

This season, the 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist will be employing collects and other liturgical 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.

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 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 Salzburg
[tune of Hymn #135, “Songs of thankfulness and praise”]

HYMN 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise ♫ The Hymnal 1982 #135
stanzas 1 & 4

TUNE: Salzburg

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Assembly  Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.
Everyone:

Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav’n-ly King, al-might-y God and Father, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lam-b of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.____ A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

TRANSGFIGURING God:

lift us to the moments when your glory lights upon us,
when we glimpse heaven and earth touching each other in brilliant mystery,
that we may know this world as a good and holy gift;
and in the moment of silence help us to listen to the Chosen One,
who goes to die that we might live,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All  Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Exodus 24:12–18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 99 Plainsong, Tone VII.1

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

Dominus regnavit

The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One. ANTIPHON

4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One. ANTIPHON
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, 
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. 

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.  **ANTIPHON** 

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *  
you were a God who forgave them, 
yet punished them for their evil deeds. 

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; *  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.  **ANTIPHON**

**READING**  2 Peter 1:16–21

**WE** did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the  
power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of  
his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice  
was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved,  
with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven,  
while we were with him on the holy mountain.  

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be  
attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the  
morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no  
prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy  
ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from  
God.  

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
12th-century chant, adapt. Marilyn Haskel (b. 1945) 

*The Cantor introduces the alleluias, all repeat them.*  
*The Cantor chants the verse below, then all repeat the alleluias.*  

\[ \text{Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!} \]

\[ \text{℣. This is my Son, the Beloved; With him I am well pleased. —Matthew 17:5} \]
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

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  Lord, in your mercy.
Assembly    Hear our prayer.

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 place boundaries around your goodness,
     Yet You share your love with all people;

Silence

Deacon  Lord, have mercy.
Assembly  Lord, have mercy.

Deacon  Patient God,

All  We hold back in fear and shame,
     You immerse yourself in love and life.

Silence

Deacon  Christ, have mercy.
Assembly  Christ, have mercy.

Deacon  Loving God,

All  We let our hearts be restricted in scarcity and fear,
     You invite us into abundant life.

Silence

Deacon  Lord, have mercy.
Assembly  Lord, have mercy.

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

THE PEACE

Presider  Christ has broken down the dividing wall
         that makes us strangers to one another;
         He has made us one humanity
         that God might be all in all;
         he is our life, our hope, our peace.

         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 and a form to give by credit card, as well as 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  This glimpse of glory

We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.
Light breaks in upon our darkness splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.
Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)
MUSIC: David Ashley White (b. 1944)
Presider  We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs freely throughout the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul. In your grace your Word is made known to all people, calling forth their goodness; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation, healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine and warms hearts grown cold and withered. Therefore, we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

Sanctus & Benedictus

William Mathias (1934–1992)

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

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 forever. Amen.

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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 the side and center aisles. 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 left.

◆ 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.

HYMN 383 Fairest Lord Jesus • The Hymnal 1982 #383 TUNE: St. Elizabeth

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY Organ Improvisation
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* Let us pray.

_All_ Lord of the wedding feast,
we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life:
in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy
the gift of the stranger,
the grace of the water,
and the living bread of love’s desire.

_Amen._

**BLESSING**

_The Presider asks God’s blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen._

**HYMN 599**

*Lift every voice and sing!* ◆ _The Hymnal 1982 #599_

_TUNE: Lift Every Voice_

**DISMISSAL**

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

**VOLUNTARY** _Alleluia: Festal Postlude_ William Faulkes (1863–1933)