Welcome to Saint Mark’s Cathedral’s livestream service of worship, and thank you for joining us. We encourage you to participate fully from home—sing the hymns heartily, speak the prayers intentionally, and engage physically by sitting and standing as a form of “body prayer.” We welcome feedback on your experience as we strive to gather virtually in these extraordinary times.

For the current prayer list and announcements, please visit saintmarks.org/newsletter.

THE OPENING RITE

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

PRELUDE    Prelude and Fugue in A, bwv 536

A bell bids all to rise, as able.

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. Amen.
HYMN OF PRAISE  Creating God, your fingers trace  TUNE: Dunedin

1. Creating God, your fingers trace the bold deeds signs of farthest space; let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.
2. Sustaining God, your hands upheld earth’s mysteries known or yet untold; let water’s fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.
3. Redeeming God, your arms embraced all now declare grace until we praise you face to face.
4. Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names; let every life be touched by dove, make known on earth your healing love.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All  Amen.

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

**READING**

*Exodus 14:19-31*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*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.

Each line of the Psalm is chanted to one measure of the music, the slash in each line signaling a change of pitch within that measure.

**In exitu Israel**

**HALLELUJAH!**

When Israel came out of / Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange / speech,

2 Judah became God’s / sanctuary *
   and Israel his do- / minion.

3 The sea beheld it and / fled; *
   Jordan turned and went / back.

4 The mountains skipped like / rams *
   and the little hills like young / sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you / fled? *
   O Jordan, that you turned / back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like / rams? *
   you little hills like young / sheep.

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the / LORD, *
   at the presence of the God of / Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of / water *
   and flint-stone into a flowing / spring.

After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation**

A cantor introduces the alleluias; all repeat them. The cantor chants the verse; all repeat the alleluias.

**The Lord is faithful in all his words, and merciful in all his deeds.**
Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross
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 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 PEOPLE

After each petition:

Intercessor  O Lord, our strength and our song,
Assembly  Bring us your salvation.

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

CONFESSION

Presider  Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider  God of all mercy,
All  we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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.

If you would like, you are invited to take a moment at this point in the service to text or email someone  
with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in Saint Mark’s Cathedral’s worship at this time in any way 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. If you are joining this morning’s livestream from another congregation, please consider making a gift to your local church.

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You may also mail your gift to the cathedral: 1245 10th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102.

ANTHEM

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; For when humbly, in thy name, All our meals and all our living
For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Make as sacraments of thee,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: That by caring, helping, giving,
Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment’s hem. Alleluya! Alleluya!

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.

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 the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all: You spoke the eternal Word and all things came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you laid the foundations of the world, enclosing the sea when it burst out from the womb. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing:
In your infinite love, O God, you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations. You delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign, and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and shared it, saying:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore, God,
we who seek your reconciliation,
we who need reconciliation one with another,
we who hope for reconciliation with all creation—
we draw close to this mystery.

Send upon these gifts your life-giving Spirit who moves over all creation.
Stir in us your Spirit of goodness and love.
Unite us as one Body in Christ,
By whom, and with whom and in whom,
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

All AMEN.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

Presider  Our Father in heaven,

All  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 for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept. Then may be said:

Presider  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Assembly  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

Facing the people, the Presider says the following invitation:

Presider  The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God’s gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Enriching our Worship 1, p.70

Presider  Loving God,

All  we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
COMMISSIONING FOR MINISTRIES

Dean Thomason invites all to reflect on the various ministries of Saint Mark’s, followed by an invitation for all to recommit to their ministries in the coming year.

Dean Thomason Beloved Community, through the generosity of the Holy Spirit, we are given gifts that support our community of faith and equip us for ministry in the world.

Will each of you in the coming year prayerfully and faithfully use those gifts in the exercise of the ministry to which you are called?

Assembly I will, with God’s help.

COLLECT FOR COMMISSIONING

Dean Thomason Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to live among us as one who came not to be served but to serve. With gratitude for the gifts you give us, we ask your help in using them for the service of others. Inspire, guide, strengthen, and sustain us in the work of your Church, that what we do may accord with your will, serve the common good, and proclaim your love to the world. This we pray through Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Dean Thomason My siblings in Christ, I commission you as ministers of the Gospel of Christ in the life of this congregation and in the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior.

All Amen.

BLESSING The Presider asks God’s blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.
HYMN 603  When Christ was lifted from the earth  TUNE: St. Botolph

1 When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above through every culture,
every birth, to draw an answering love.

2 Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far, he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.

3 Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame, he sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.

4 Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.


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

VOLUNTARY  Sinfonia from Cantata 29 (Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir)  J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
[We thank you, God, we thank you]  transcribed for solo organ by Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Immediately following the service, join us for the Ministry Fair at Virtual Coffee Hour!
All are welcome. To receive the Zoom link, email Peter McClung at petercamfan@gmail.com.
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