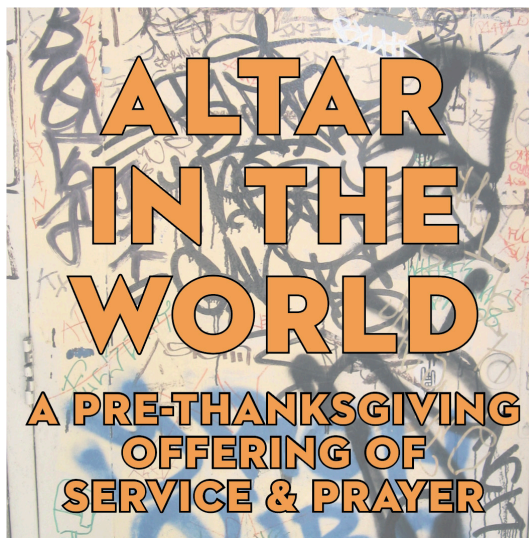




SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

AN ORDER OF SERVICE
for
NOONDAY



November 14, 2020
12:00 PM

OPENING VERSICLE & RESPONSE

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Assembly O Lord, make haste to help us.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALM 126 *In convertendo*

Read aloud by all

- WHEN the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. ♦

READING *Job 24:1-8*

JOB SAID, “Why doesn’t God set a time for judging,
a day of justice for those who serve him?
People move property lines to get more land;
they steal sheep and put them with their own flocks.
They take donkeys that belong to orphans,
and keep a widow’s ox till she pays her debts.

They prevent the poor from getting their rights
and force the needy to run and hide.
So the poor, like wild donkeys,
search for food in the dry wilderness;
nowhere else can they find food for their children.
They have to harvest fields they don't own,
and gather grapes in vineyards of the wicked.
At night they sleep with nothing to cover them,
nothing to keep them from the cold.
They are drenched by the rain that falls on the mountains,
and they huddle beside the rocks for shelter.”

All Thanks be to God.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Assembly Christ, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All 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.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;
Assembly **And let our cry come to you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

HEAVENLY Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Free intercessions may be offered.

Our God, we pray for fierce protection over the 3.5 million of Your beloved children who are homeless in the richest nation on earth—where there are 18.5 million vacant homes. For the willingness of Your church to serve the poor in boldness in this moment of profound crisis—despite an earthly empire that would rather abandon Your unhoused children to fend for themselves during a plague with no running water, no heat, no restrooms, no access to healthcare, no shelter, no safety. For the humility of Your church to once again trust the poor, accept the authority of the poor, and nurture the leadership of the poor as we did back in the church of Acts 2.

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Cathedral Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Monthly Children’s Chapel, Sunday Morning Church School, and Wednesday Wonderings.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**