



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020 ♦ 11:00 AM

Virtual Coffee Hour

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 11 A.M. SERVICE, VIA ZOOM

All are welcome! Today, the first Sunday of the month, Coffee Hour includes a blessing for all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary in the month of December. To join, email Peter McClung at: petercamfan@gmail.com

Newcomers' Coffee Hour with Clergy

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 12 P.M., VIA ZOOM

Today a special coffee hour is offered for newcomers and guests to the livestream, near and far. To join, email: newcomers@saintmarks.org

Advent Evensong

TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 4:30 P.M.

With prayers and organ music live from the nave and choral music drawn from the liturgy archive. Listen at: saintmarks.org/livestream

Compline Update

EVERY SUNDAY, 9:30 P.M.

Due to new restrictions on livestream worship, KING 98.1 FM will be broadcasting archive recordings of past compline services. Listen via radio or king.org. Available as a podcast later in the week.

See the complete and up-to-date schedule of Advent & Christmas liturgies and events at:

saintmarks.org/advent

2020 Online Giving Tree

DEADLINE TO GIVE: DECEMBER 7

Only two days remain to give gifts to the children of Casa Latina, Lowell Elementary, and Mary's Place. saintmarks.org/alternativegiving

Hymn Sing for Advent!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 4:30 P.M., VIA ZOOM

Dean Thomason and Canon Kleinschmidt will host. Request your favorite advent hymn and find the link to join: saintmarks.org/events

Blue Christmas Candlelight Prayer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 4-8 P.M. BY RESERVATION

The annual offering for those who may find this season a difficult or painful time, reinvented as an in-person prayer opportunity in the cathedral nave. saintmarks.org/events

Personal Prayer Time in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAYS & SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN ADVENT

Register for a 20-minute time slot for private time in the cathedral nave. More details and registration at: saintmarks.org/personalprayer

"Pop-up" Eucharist for Small Groups

BY APPOINTMENT

A priest will come to your house to perform an outdoor service of Holy Eucharist for masked and distanced gatherings of up to 10 people. saintmarks.org/popup



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—join the soloist in singing 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.

THE OPENING RITE

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

PRELUDE Four settings of *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* Anton Kneller (1649-1724);
(Tune of Hymn 54, “Savior of the nations, come”) Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1734);
Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707);
and J.S. Bach (1685-1750), BWV 660

A bell bids all to rise, as able.

During the lighting of the Advent wreath, all at home are invited to light two purple or blue candles on your Advent wreath.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
Assembly and all flesh shall see the Salvation of God.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Trisagion* (sung three times) Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might-y, Ho - ly Immortal One, have mer - cy up-on us.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Book of Common Prayer, Second Sunday of Advent, p. 211

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

MERCIFUL GOD, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 *Isaiah 40:1-11*

COMFORT, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM

Psalm 85:1-2,8-13

Plainsong



Show us your mer - cy, O Lord, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

The soloist introduces the antiphon, then all repeat it.

The soloist chants the verses; all repeat the antiphon as indicated.

Benedixisti, Domine

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him. **ANTIPHON**

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **ANTIPHON**

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **ANTIPHON ♦**

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

Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Prepare the way, O Zion ♦ sung by all*

TUNE: *Bereden väg för Herran*



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2. He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth and love.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry,
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:1-8*

Preacher The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE BEGINNING of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

THE NICENE CREED

Presider We believe in one God,
All 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 We look to you in hope;
Assembly Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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

CONFESSION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Presider 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 the Lord 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.

Links to donate to Saint Mark's online are located on the livestream page. Visit saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right), or visit this link on your mobile device: <https://venmo.com/saintmarkscathedralseattle>. If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter **2076**.



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

Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* ♦ sung by all

TUNE: *Ascension*



2. O Zi - on, that bring-est good tid - ings, get thee up to the heights and sing!
Pro - claim to a des - o - late peo - ple the com - ing of their King.
Like the flow'rs of the field they per - ish, like grass our works de - cay,
the power and pomp of na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;

3. but the word of our God en - dur - eth, the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of na - tions, and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed his flock like a shep - herd, the lambs he'll gent - ly hold;
to pas - tures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

All rise as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *New Plainsong*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Holy, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna

in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the high - est.

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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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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 his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

PRAYER AT THE TIME OF COMMUNION

from *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book* (Forward Movement, 2014)

Those worshiping with us at home are invited to pray:

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there), I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for the blessings given me [...]

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

Presider Eternal God, heavenly Father,

***All* 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.*

Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

CLOSING HYMN *On Jordan's bank* ♦ *sung by all*

TUNE: *Winchester New*

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - ces that the Lord is nigh;
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in,
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;

a - wake and heark - en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
and let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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

VOLUNTARY *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel*
(Tune of Hymn 56, "O come, O come, Emmanuel")

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Immediately following the service, join us for Virtual Coffee Hour!

All are welcome. To receive the Zoom link, email Peter McClung at petercamfan@gmail.com.

Newcomers' Coffee with Clergy

Begins immediately following the liturgy.

Wherever you may be located, if you are new to Saint Mark's, or if you just have questions about the cathedral community, join us! To get the Zoom link, email newcomers@saintmarks.org.

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