



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CHRISTMAS EVE

FAMILY SERVICE *with* THE HOLY EUCHARIST



December 24, 2020 ♦ 4:00 PM

On this happy feast of Christmas, the Bishop, Dean, Staff and faith community of Saint Mark's welcome you to this livestream service. We are glad you have joined this celebration of the Feast of the Nativity, and we invite you to participate fully from your home—sitting, standing, singing, and praying as the service leaflet provides. Thank you for sharing your Christmas hopes and joy with the community that gathers this evening.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral strives to be a house of prayer for all people, where we worship God and proclaim the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ; a loving, welcoming, inclusive community that nurtures faith, encourages service, and integrates social and environmental justice into our lives; a sacred gathering place for the Diocese of Olympia and the broader community in times of crisis, sorrow, and celebration.

During this most challenging year, this cathedral is a place where vibrant community forms, even virtually, around a common purpose, buoyed by God's love for all. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

Liturgies during the 12 Days of Christmas

Livestream and/or Zoom liturgies will be offered every day December 26–31, and on January 3 & 6. See the complete schedule at: saintmarks.org/christmas

Compline

EVERY SUNDAY, 9:30 P.M.

A Seattle tradition since 1956, Compline remains closed to the public, but broadcasts on KING 98.1 FM continue. Listen via radio or king.org. Please read the full update at: saintmarks.org/compline

Christmastide Hymn Sing!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 4:30 P.M., VIA ZOOM

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

New Year's Eve

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

While the cathedral's traditional Labyrinth Walk event will not be offered this year, the cathedral's outdoor labyrinth remains open and accessible around the clock, and you are invited to pay a visit anytime.

The annual **Midnight Eucharist for the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus** will be livestreamed from the nave as we welcome the arrival of 2021.

Christmastide Evensong

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 4:30 P.M., VIA LIVESTREAM

With prayers and organ music live from the nave, and choral music selected from the liturgy archive: saintmarks.org/evensong

Theologian-in-Residence 2021

Saint Mark's is delighted to announce that **The Rev. Canon Walter B.A. Brownridge** will serve as Theologian-in-Residence during 2021, to preach, teach, and consult, with a special focus on confronting systemic racism. More at: saintmarks.org/theologian

January Forums

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 13, 20, & 27, VIA ZOOM

Wednesday evening offerings begin again in January, including presentations on *The Spirituality of Desire* and *Confronting the Doctrine of Discovery*. Details at: saintmarks.org/commons

Organ Recital on the Fritts

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:30 P.M., VIA LIVESTREAM

The cathedral's Associate Organist John Stuntebeck offers a wide-ranging program showing off the beauty of the cathedral's small organ, installed in Thomsen chapel by Tacoma-based organ builder Paul Fritts in 2013. More at: saintmarks.org/concerts

Much more information about Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral and its many offerings during this time may be found at:

saintmarks.org



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

PRELUDE	<i>Fum, Fum, Fum!</i> – a traditional Catalonian Carol	arr. Richard Lind (b. 1949)
	Toccata on <i>Antioch</i> (Tune of “Joy to the world”)	Craig Phillips (b. 1961)
	<i>La Nativité</i>	Jean Langlais (1907-1991)
	<i>La crèche</i> (The crib)	
	<i>Les anges</i> (The Angels)	
	<i>Les bergers</i> (The Shepherds)	
	<i>La Sainte Famille</i> (The Holy Family)	

THE OPENING RITE

A bell bids all to rise, as able.

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

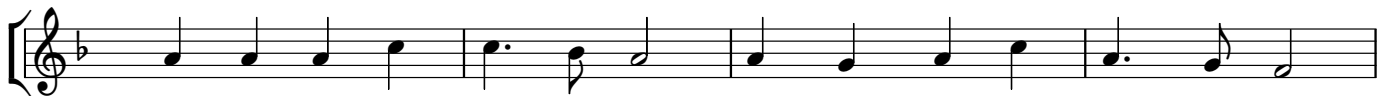
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Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God
Assembly **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels we have heard on high ♦ sung by all*

TUNE: *Gloria*



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply e - cho - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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MUSIC: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958), public domain.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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

GOD OF HOPE AND EXPECTATION: in the time of empires, your Word is born to unsettle our world with hidden glory and untold peace. Awaken in our hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness, and give us your heavenly peace, through Jesus Christ, the Child of Promise.

All Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Isaiah 62:6-12

UPON your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD,
take no rest,

and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;

but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the LORD,

and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,
“See, your salvation comes;

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

They shall be called, “The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD”;

and you shall be called, “Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.”

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.

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

GRADUAL Joy to the world! ♦ sung by all

TUNE: Antioch



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy,
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove



let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re - peat the sound-ing
the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
love, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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The Gospel today is proclaimed in a special way, using video excerpts of eleven different people in the parish reading various portions of the story of Christ's birth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:1–20 (KJV)*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All rise, as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Gracious God, in this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God,

***Assembly* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

Holy God,

***Assembly* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. We pray for your healing and comfort for all who suffer in the sadness of our world, especially those we now name.

Holy God,

***Assembly* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night the angels sang, "Peace to God's people on earth." Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in this country and in all the world.

Holy God,

***Assembly* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to embody your love to everyone we meet.

Holy God,

***Assembly* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night, strangers came to see the baby lying in the manger and became one family in wonder. Bless our gathering, distanced as we are, and bless all whom we love.

Holy God,

***Assembly* hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In this holy night heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. We pray for all those who have passed through death and all who mourn, especially those we now name.

Holy God,

***Assembly* hear our prayer.**

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be with you always.

***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.

All rise, as able.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN O come, all ye faithful ♦ sung by all

TUNE: *Adeste fideles*



1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O come ye, to
3. ♪ Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; ♪ sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of



Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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.**

Presider Eternal God, Mystery of winter skies,
we thank you that in the darkening hour
you did not abandon us or remain apart from the world,
but came near with the urgency of love.

In creation's dawn, you gave birth to all that is.
In the fullness of time, a child was promised by those who shared your dream of peace;
Tonight we celebrate the Word made flesh, born of Mary's body, nurtured in her
womb, cradled in her arms, greeted by her song.

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Organ:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
Everyone:
heav'n and earth are full_ of your glo-ry. Ho san na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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
for a meal that we continue to share today.
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 what words can hold.
And so we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

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

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.

All may be seated for the time of communion.

PRAYER AT THE TIME OF COMMUNION

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

During this time of pandemic, we trust that the spiritual grace offered in the sacrament is abundantly offered by God to all who are present in community, wherever you may be. We are nourished by that love.

O Christ, 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.

All rise, as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

All **We thank you, gracious God,
that we are fed by and find our rest in Christ,
the one who comes to give new life to a waiting world.
Strengthen us to proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth,
that all people might come to know that you dwell in our midst,
eager to greet your creation with abundant love and mercy;
we ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Those at home are invited to light a candle and are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.

CLOSING HYMN *Silent night* ♦ sung by all

TUNE: *Stille Nacht*

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, — sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! — Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, — Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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BLESSING

Presider May we, who humbly welcome the Christ-child this night,
rejoice that the Word has become flesh and dwells among us;
May our hearts burn with the fire of God's love,
so that we become his body for the world,
and the blessing, mercy and grace of God
be upon you this night and for evermore.

All Amen.

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

VOLUNTARY *Still, Still, Still* – a traditional Austrian Carol

arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)



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CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Special live-streamed services of the Christmas season include the following broadcast at www.saintmarks.org/livestream (unless otherwise noted).

Zoom links for special services can be found at www.saintmarks.org/christmas.

DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day *with carols*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist on the feast of St. Stephen
Join via Zoom, or at www.saintmarks.org/livestream

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday after Christmas
9:30 PM The Office of Compline *broadcast on KING-FM 98.1*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist observing the Feast of St. John
Join via Zoom, or at www.saintmarks.org/livestream

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:30 PM Evening Prayer observing the Feast of the Holy Innocents
Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:30 PM Evening Prayer on the sixth day of Christmas
Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 AM Morning Prayer on the seventh day of Christmas
Join via Zoom (this service is not live-streamed)
11:59 PM Holy Eucharist *to ring in the New Year,*
celebrating the Feast of the Holy Name

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

11:00 AM Holy Eucharist on the second Sunday after Christmas
4:30 PM Evensong
9:30 PM The Office of Compline *broadcast on KING-FM 98.1*



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In memory of Mochi *by Mark Uyeda*

In memory of my nephew, Casey Joseph Ahkvaluk, *by Steve Paul Moen*