



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021 ♦ 9:00 AM

Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

Per the governor's current requirement, all are asked to wear masks during the service (except when leading worship).

Signs in the nave indicate the distanced and undistanced sections. Ushers are available during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns, or if you need a hearing assist device.

If you are new to Saint Mark's and would like to learn more, please consider completing a newcomer form, visit saintmarks.org/newcomers or simply contact one of the clergy. Grace and peace to you!

*The Assembly speaks aloud the **text in boldface**.*

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

PRELUDE *Adoration*

Florence Price (1887–1953)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Duwamish Tribe.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All stand, as able.

HYMN 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee ♦ The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *Hymn to Joy*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 50

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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.**

Organ *Everyone*

1. Glo-ry to you, ___ Lord God of our fa-ters;_ you are worthy of praise; glo-ry to you. ___

2. Glo-ry to you ___ for the rad - i-ance of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and highly ex - alt you for ev-er. ___

3. Glo-ry to you ___ in the splendor of your tem-ple; ___ on the throne of your ma-jesty, glo-ry to you. ___

4. Glo-ry to you, seated be - tween the Cher-u - bim; ___ we will praise you and highly ex - alt you for ev-er. ___

5. Glo-ry to you, ___ be-holding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glo-ry to you. ___ 6. Glo-ry to you, ___ Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi-rit; ___ we will praise you and highly ex - alt you for ev-er. _____

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COLLECT OF THE DAY *Proper 21*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 234

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

O GOD, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22*

THE KING and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said,

“Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

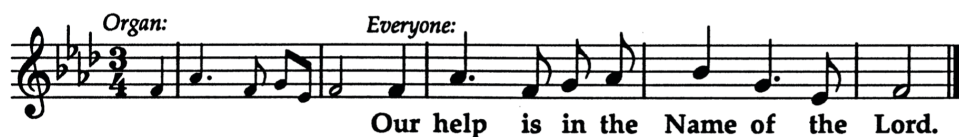
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 124*

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

The choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat it. The choir sings the verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.



Nisi quia Dominus

IF THE LORD had not been on our side, let Israel now say; If the LORD had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us; **ANTIPHON**

Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us; Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; **ANTIPHON**

Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. Blessed be the LORD! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. **ANTIPHON**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the Name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. **ANTIPHON**

READING *James 5:13–20*

ARE ANY among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not

rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

South African, arr. Gobingca George Mxadana (b. 1948)

All sing the alleluias, in four-part harmony as able. The choir chants the verse below, then all repeat the alleluias.

Organ

Everyone, in harmony ad lib.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JOHAN said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to

enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Reverend Mark Miller

At the end of today's homily, the following versicle and response will be said:

Let us go forth in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All stand, as able.

THE NICENE 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, 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

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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 PEOPLE *The Assembly speaks aloud the text in boldface.*

In peace, we pray to you, O God:

In gratitude for this community, especially for [...] and for all the blessings of this life,
we praise and exalt you for ever and ever.

For the mission and ministry of the Church of God, **for all who serve the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For all who seek the outward signs and inward grace of your Holy Spirit,
for all who hunger and thirst for your presence.

For those we greet comfortably and love readily, **for those we ignore, diminish, or exclude.**

For this community, city, nation, and world, **for all who labor for justice, equity, health, and wholeness.**

For the just and proper use of your creation, **for the will to choose the common good.**

For all who are sick, suffering, displaced or detained, **for all who heal, soothe, grant refuge and release.**

For those on our prayer list and those on our hearts, especially [...]; hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

For those who have died, especially [...] and for all the saints, **for eternal rest and peace.**

The Presider adds a concluding collect; all respond: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept. You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

God of all mercy, **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

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

All exchange a sign of peace, respecting others' desires for distance to be maintained.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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. All worshipping in person are invited to place their offering in baskets as they are passed through through the rows.

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

ANTHEM *It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer*

WORDS: Traditional

MUSIC: Negro spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord...
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord...
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord...
Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord...

All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer 2*

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God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet,

as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, heav'n__ and earth__ are full__ of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the

riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Je-

sus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Mark, all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, ha-lloved be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,

and de-li-ver us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the po-wer, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Be known to us Lord Jesus*

Gary James (b. 1957)

The choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat it. The choir sings the verse; all repeat the antiphon as indicated.

Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

Verse: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **ANTIPHON**

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All may be seated for the time of Communion. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

Please follow the directions of the Liturgical Ministers. Bread is distributed by priests at standing stations at the head of three aisles. Before receiving the bread, please sanitize your hands. The priest will place the bread into your outstretched palm taking care not to touch your hand. Communion is currently being offered in one kind. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask the priest for one at the time of Communion.

ANTHEM *God be in my head*

WORDS: from the *Sarum Primer*, 1514

MUSIC: Doug Fullington

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

All stand, as able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

On some Sundays, ministers take Holy Communion to sick or housebound members of the community.

One body are we. For though many, we share one bread and one cup.
Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING The Presider asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.

HYMN Guide my feet Lord

TUNE: African-American Spiritual

Guide my feet Lord, Guide my feet Lord,
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, Stand by me Lord,

Guide my feet Lord,
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I don't want to run this race in vain.
Stand by me Lord,

Wonder, Love, & Praise #819; African-American Spiritual, arr. Carl Harris, Jr. (b. 1935).

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

VOLUNTARY Little Fugue in C Major

Theophil Forchhammer (1847–1923)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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