



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021 ♦ 9:00 AM

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.

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 bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.

PRELUDE Meditation on *My Lord, what a morning*

Richard Billingham

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All stand, as able.

PROCESSION *The procession begins as the bells begin ringing.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him,
and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.

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.**

TRISAGION ♦ *sung by all, three times*

Alexander Arkhangelsky (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 *First Sunday of Advent*

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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

HOLY ONE,
you steal into the darkness
to take away our false securities and idle vanity:
awaken us from the dullness of empty fear and vacant routine;
create in us a yearning for your love as it pours anew into a thirsty world;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

THE DAYS are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem

will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 25:1-9*

Simplified Anglican Chant,
James Frazier (b. 1947)

Organ plays through the chant once, then all chant the Psalm together.



Ad te, Domine, levavi

TO YOU, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my / trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph / over me.
Let none who look to you be put to / shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their / schemes.

Show me your ways, O / LORD, *
and teach me your / paths.
Lead me in your truth and / teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day / long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / love, *
or they are from ever-/ lasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth
and my trans-/ gressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O / LORD.

Gracious and upright is the / LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his / way.
He guides the humble in doing / right *
and teaches his way to the / lowly.

Repeat 2nd half of chant:

All the paths of the LORD are love and / faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

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READING *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for

you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung by all, three times*

music from the Taizé Community

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 21:25-36*

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

JESUS SAID, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking

place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Eliacín Rosario-Cruz

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.*

After each petition:

We look to you in hope,
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our brokenness to God.

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

Chris, Lover of all who struggle, **we confess that we have fallen short of your goodness and love: we have not loved one another or creation, we have not loved you, Holy One; we have not loved ourselves. We cannot avoid what we are not; our faults and failures are before us, and we are sorry for our sins. You see us for who we are and yet still stand by us, offering us mercy and hope and forgiveness. Grant us the courage to receive these gifts that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways. This is our solemn prayer. 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

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning

WORDS & MUSIC: Traditional African-American Spiritual;
arr. André Thomas. (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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.**

Eternal God, Mystery of winter skies, we thank you in the darkening hour for opening our eyes to your starlit beauty; for parting the wide heavens with your persistent light; for offering your Word to take our mortal flesh.

In the fullness of time, a child was promised by those who shared your dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words

of desert fire; Mary and Joseph welcomed his coming with tenderness and faith; we trust that he draws near again to show us our true selves.

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

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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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. 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 all that words can hold. And so we proclaim the great mystery of faith, saying:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Lamb of God*

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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 *My Lord, what a morning*

WORDS & MUSIC: traditional African-American Spiritual,
arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the sinner cry...
You'll hear the Christian shout...

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

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

Let us pray. **Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you have fed us with the bread of life: may we who have tasted your bounteous gifts 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 abounding love and mercy; we ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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

HYMN

Signs of endings ♦ *Wonder, Love, & Praise*TUNE: *Ton-y-botel*

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us: dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us; bar - ren lives your pre - sence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness ge - ne - rate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm, fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your pro - mised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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

VOLUNTARY Trumpet Tune on *Wachet, auf* (tune of Hymn 61, "Sleepers, wake!")

Martha Sobaje (b. 1948)



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