



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

December 12, 2021

8:00 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.

Signs indicate the distanced and undistanced pews.

If you are new to Saint Mark's and would like to learn more, please consider completing a newcomer form found in the pew rack, visit [saintmarks.org/newcomers](http://saintmarks.org/newcomers) or simply contact one of the clergy.

Grace and peace to you!

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, or Rose Sunday. It marks roughly the halfway point of Advent, and "Gaudete" is Latin for "rejoice" intended as a boost to press on toward Christmas. In some churches, rose color vestments are worn to mark the occasion. Our tradition here is for the third candle lighted on the Advent Wreath to be rose (pink) rather than purple (violet) or Sarum blue.

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

**PRELUDE** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659 J. S. Bach (1685–1750)  
(Tune of Hymn 54, "Savior of the nations, come")

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*All stand, as able.*

**HYMN 76** *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* (stanzas 1, 2, & 5) ♦ *The Hymnal 1982* TUNE: *Winchester New*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Presider* Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the Cherubim;  
*Assembly* **stir up your strength and come to help us.**

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The 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.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* **A**Lmighty 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.  
*All* **Amen.**

### TRISAGION

*Presider* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
*Assembly* **Have mercy upon us.**

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*Assembly* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
*Assembly* **Have mercy upon us.**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

**Assembly** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**S**TIR up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**READING** *Zephaniah 3:14–20*

**S**ING aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

**Assembly** **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE** *The First Song of Isaiah* ♦ *Isaiah 12:2–6*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 86*

*Please join the lector in reading the Canticle aloud, starting after the first asterisk.*

**S**URELY, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the LORD is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the LORD, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you  
is the Holy One of Israel. ♦

**READING** *Philippians 4:4-7*

**R**EJOICE in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 3:7-18*

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

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

**J**OHAN said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

*All stand, as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

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:  
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 & ABSOLUTION

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.*

*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.

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY

*An offering of money is received. All worshipping in person are invited to place their offering in the plates as they are passed through through the rows.*

*For electronic giving options, visit [saintmarks.org/give](https://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**.*



*All stand, as able.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The 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:

**All** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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**

*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.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*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.*  
*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.*

*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.*

*All stand, as able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

*Presider* Eternal God,  
**All heavenly Father,**  
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.*

**HYMN 436** *Lift up your heads* (stanzas 1, 2, & 5) ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *Truro*

**DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY** *Postlude on Winchester New*  
(Tune of Hymn #76, "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry")

Christopher Tambling (1964–2015)

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