



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

December 12, 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 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 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 *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660*
(Tune of Hymn #54, "Savior of the nations, come")

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All stand, as able.

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

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 *Third Sunday of Advent*

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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

GOD of the burning sand and thirsty ground:
you called John into the wilderness to speak truth to the palaces of power;
steady us for the intensity of your steadfast love
that opens our senses to the poverty of the world
and calls to life what lingers in fear;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

SING 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.

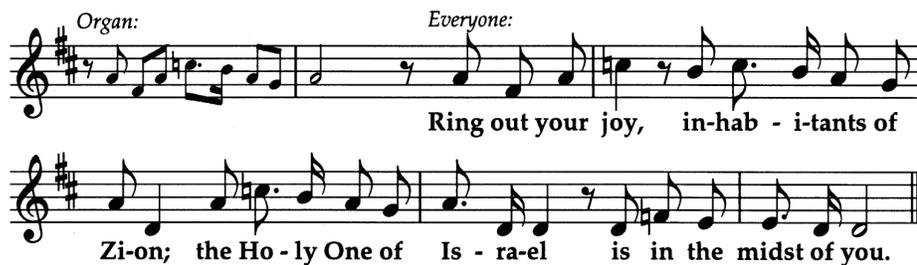
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

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

Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

The cantor introduces the Antiphon; all repeat it. The cantor chants the verses, all repeating the Antiphon as indicated.



Organ: *Everyone:*

Ring out your joy, in-hab - i-tants of
Zi-on; the Ho - ly One of Is - ra-el is in the midst of you.

Benedictus Dominus Deus

SURELY, 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. **ANTIPHON**

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; **ANTIPHON**

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. **ANTIPHON**

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

READING *Philippians 4:4-7*

REJOICE 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.

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 3:7-18*

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

JOHAN 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.

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

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

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 among us, O Christ.

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.

Christ, 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.

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.

ANTHEM *Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!* WORDS & MUSIC: Evelyn Turner (1912–2000)

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.

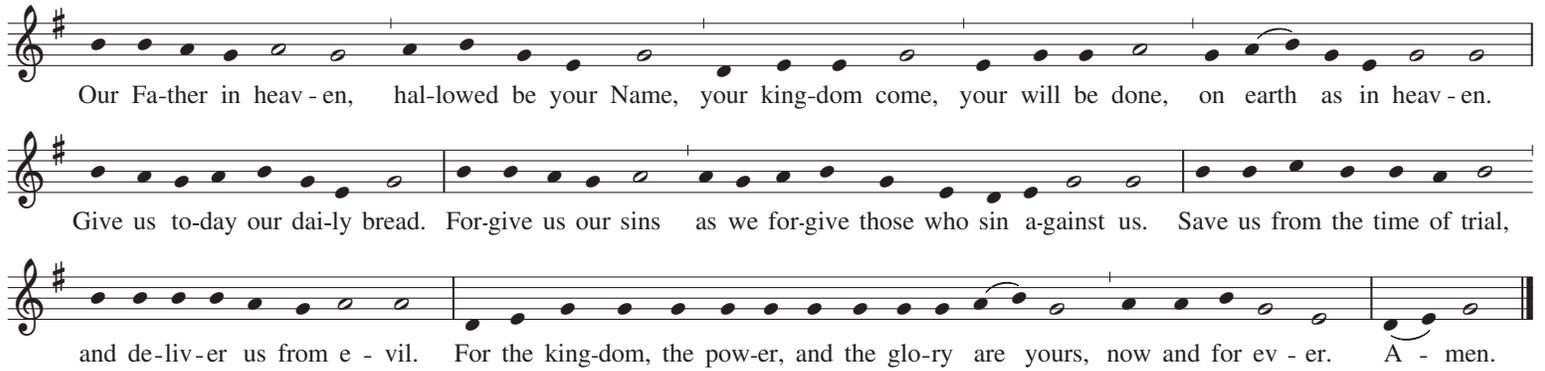
Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people will come from east and west, north and south to share a feast of abundance.

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 (1943-2015)



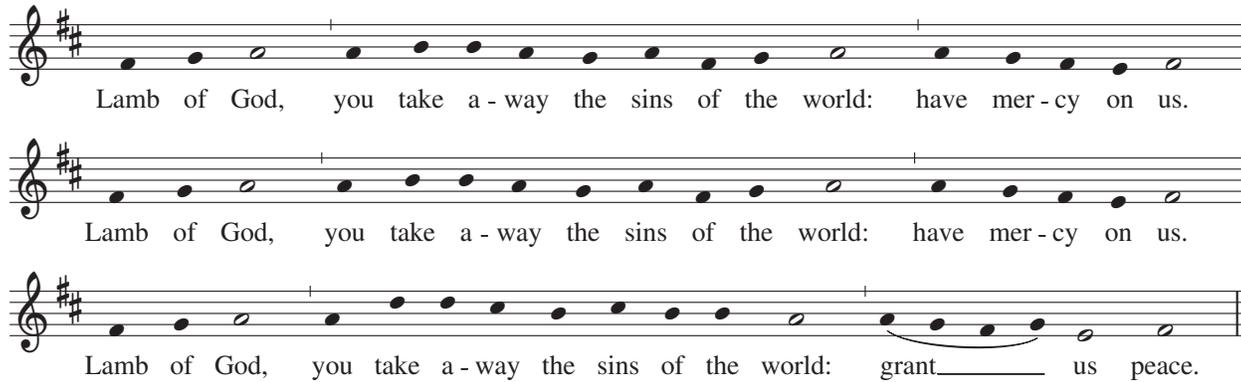
Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, 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 *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

MUSIC: Jefferson, W. Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
 born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release us;
 let us find our rest in thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art,
 dear desire of ev'ry nation,
 joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
 born a child, and yet a king;
 born to reign in us forever,
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By thine own eternal Spirit
 rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all-sufficient merit
 raise us to thy glorious throne.

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 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry ♦ The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *Winchester New*

DISMISSAL *The Deacon dismisses the Assembly. The Assembly responds: 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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