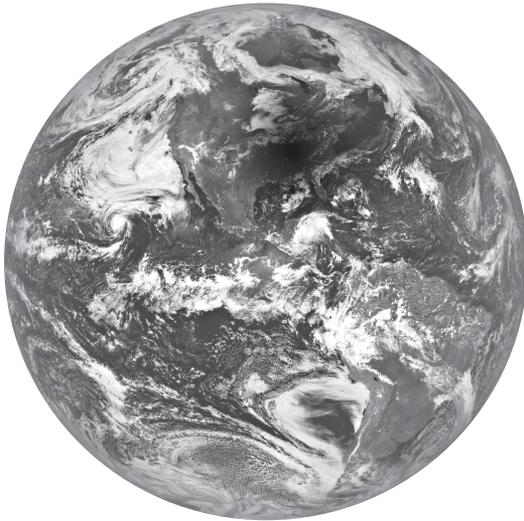




SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

# ROGATION DAY

PRAYERS AND PROCESSION



May 25, 2022

6:45 PM

## 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.

## BLESSING OF THE LEFFLER GARDEN

*Officiant* Blessed be the God of all creation:

*People* **For in your goodness you make all things new.**

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Gracious God, you open wide your hand and give of your goodness to all things living; Renew the face of the earth and increase the sustainable harvests of the world, that the land may bring forth enough for all, and your people may share justly and give honor to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Lover of all you have made: Protect and sustain the creatures of our local habitat. Increase their well-being, watch over them with love, and give us wisdom to honor our kinship with them; through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water. Bless the waters on the ground and under the ground, and the waters that fall from the sky, that this garden may flourish and bear good fruit; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All Amen.**

*Officiant* God, who alone provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, you have taught us to ask of you our daily bread: Bless the sowing of the seed this year, grant fertility to the soil, and strengthen the hands of the gardeners who till it, that through their labor your people may be nourished; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life.

**All Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God, you have blessed our preparing of the ground: Protect what we plant in your name, and grant that working late and early, we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy One:

**All Bless and protect this garden  
and all who keep it.  
Strengthen and uphold them in their labor,  
that these plants may bear good fruit  
and our care for the earth may witness  
to your love and justice;  
in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.  
Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

# ROGATION PROCESSION

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*Officiant* Bountiful God of heaven and earth: By your gracious providence give and preserve the harvests of the land and sea for the good of all creatures, that those who receive good things from your hand may always give you thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in peace.

*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Silence for the procession follows.*

## **STATION: AT THE SOUTH LAWN**

*Reading* Genesis 1:11–12

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruitfulness of the earth that nourishes our life and the life of all creatures. Bless those who work and play in fields and gardens. Send them seasonable and temperate weather, and grant that the fruits of the earth may be shared justly with all having need of them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Deacon* O God, we thank you for the green and growing things that surround our cathedral. May these flowering flowers and trees remind us that, in times of death and despair, you are always bringing forth new life and hope. Bless all who enjoy this space, all who come seeking spiritual nurture. Bless our community in their many ministries and all whom we seek to serve. May we bear much fruit for your Kingdom. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All Amen.**

*Silence for the procession follows.*

#### **STATION: AT THE LABYRINTH**

*Reading* Genesis 1:1–5

*Officiant* God of Mystery, you made the universe with its marvelous order and chaos, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures. We give you thanks for all who study the mysteries of creation and ask that their work may increase our curiosity, wonder, and joy, that we may come to know you more truly and serve you more humbly; in the name of Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word.

**All Amen.**

*Silence for the procession follows.*

**STATION: AT THE TRASH BINS**

*Reading* Luke 13:6–9

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Renewing God: Bless all whose labor here supports the well-being of our community. Strengthen and encourage them in their service, and make us mindful of their contribution to the stewardship of the earth, that all may be ministers of your new creation; in the name of Jesus our Redeemer.

**All Amen.**

*Deacon* Holy God: Bless the workers who collect our garbage and recycling, all who work to protect the environment, and all who work to help us become more aware of environmental justice. May we grow in our understanding of ecological matters and be good stewards of all you have given us. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All Amen.**

*Silence for the procession follows.*

**STATION: OUTSIDE BLOEDEL HALL**

*Reading* Mark 6:35–44

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Generous God, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every creature: We give you thanks for all who prepare and serve the food we eat. Bless them in their labor and bless all who benefit from their service; through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

**All Amen.**

*Deacon* O God, we thank you for the opportunity to welcome others, and we ask your blessing on all who gather here, that they may find this a place of hospitality and service. Inspire us to imagine new plantings for this space that will reveal the abundant welcome we hope always to provide. May the work that is yet to be done draw to this place people looking for new work to do. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All Amen.**

*Silence for the procession follows.*

### **STATION: AT THE GREENBELT**

*Reading* Isaiah 21:6–8

*Officiant* Let us pray.

God our rock and our refuge: Guard and bless all who work for the well-being and safety of communities, and all those who seek peace and shelter. Grant courage, wisdom, and skill to those who rise up by night or by day at our urgent call, that they may always find your arm mighty to save; through Jesus Christ, who died that all may live.

**All Amen.**

*Deacon* O God, we thank you for our urban forest spaces, and for the rain and waters that support all life. Protect and bless those who seek the shelter and safety of this greenbelt. We pray for Tent City, for all who work to eliminate homelessness, for all who serve those who are unsheltered. We pray for all who care for the parks and pea patches, greenbelts and waterways in our city. May this greenbelt be a reminder to us of our oneness with all life and all creation. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All Amen.**

*Silence for the procession follows.*

**STATION: AT THE DOOR OF SAINT MARK'S**

*Reading* Isaiah 56:6b–7

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Holy God, you give your people a desire to know and to worship you: bless all who gather here in your name, that they may find a welcome and lift their hearts and voices in praise of you, who makes us a new creation in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray.

**All Amen.**

*Silence for the procession follows.*

## THE GREAT LITANY

*Enriching Our Worship 1, adapt.*

*Officiant* Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

**People Have mercy on us.**

*Officiant* Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

**People Have mercy on us.**

*Officiant* Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**People Have mercy on us.**

*Officiant* Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

**People Have mercy on us.**

*Officiant* From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

**People Savior deliver us.**

*Officiant* From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

**People Savior deliver us.**

*Officiant* From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

**People Savior deliver us.**

- Officiant* From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,  
*People* **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,  
*People* **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
*People* **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,  
*People* **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,  
*People* **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
*People* **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.  
*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, the President of the United States, Jay, the Governor of this state, and Bruce, the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Grant us favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures,

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Bless the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people,

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age,

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Bless and keep all your people,

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Comfort and liberate all who are lonely, bereaved or oppressed.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Heal all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for those who are unhoused, hungry or in need.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

*People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Give us true repentance;  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance  
and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your word.

*All* **Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy upon us**

## THE SUPPLICATION

*Officiant* O Lord, arise, help us;

*People* **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

*Officiant* O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebears have declared, the noble works that you accomplished in their days, and in the old time before them.

*People* **O Lord, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for your Name's sake.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever, world without end. Amen.

*People* **O Lord, arise, help us;  
and deliver us for your Name's sake.**

*Officiant* From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

*People* **Graciously behold our afflictions.**

*Officiant* With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

*People* **Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.**

*Officiant* Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

*People* **O Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* Hear our prayers, now and evermore;

*People* **Graciously hear us, O Christ.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

We humbly beseech you, O God, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all evil; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Officiant* Creator,

**All** we give you thanks  
for all you are and all you bring to us  
for our visit within your creation.

In Jesus, you place the gospel  
in the center of this Sacred Circle  
through which all of creation is related.

You show us the way to live a generous  
and compassionate life.

Give us your strength to live together  
with respect and commitment

as we grow in your Spirit,  
for you are God, now and for ever. Amen. [1]

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Deacon* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all  
evermore.

**All** Amen.

[1] SOURCE: *A Gathering Prayer adapted from Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies, prepared for the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Anaheim, California, July 2009.*



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