



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022 ♦ 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 all the Coast Salish tribes.

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

Signs in the nave indicate the distanced and undistanced sections. Please note that masks are required only in the distanced sections on the south side of the nave. In all other areas, masks are optional.

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*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 Two meditations on Advent hymns:

1. "My Lord, what a morning"
2. "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

Richard Billingham (fl. late 20th-century, Chicago)

Guy Bovet (b. 1942)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All stand, as able.

PROCESSION *Please stand when the bells begin ringing.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High;
and reach from one end of the earth to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

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: Year A*

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 *Isaiah 2:1-5*

THE word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He

shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 122 ♦ Lætatus sum*

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

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

Organ: *Everyone:*
I was glad when they said to
me ————— "Let us go to the house of the Lord." —————

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself; To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD. **ANTIPHON**

For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. **ANTIPHON**

For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity. Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good." **ANTIPHON**

READING *Romans 13:11-14*

YOU know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jeal-

ousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 *Matthew 24:36-44*

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

JESUS said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and

one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

Following the homily, the assembly is invited into a period of silence, reflecting on the scriptures and sermon.

Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands to introduce the Creed.

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.

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ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

WORDS: from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*, compiled by Joshua Smith;
MUSIC: Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

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 - gainst 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 and wine are distributed at standing stations at the head of three aisles. The bread will be placed into your outstretched palm taking care not to touch your hand. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, simply ask for one at the time of Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.

Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as you pass by the chalice. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

VOLUNTARY *Organ improvisation*

HYMN 601 *O day of God, draw nigh* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *St. Michael*

The assembly is invited to remain seated for a period of silence, contemplating the gifts of God given and received.

Please stand, as able, when the Presider stands and returns to the Altar.

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.*



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us: dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 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.
 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.
 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.
 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 *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*
 (Tune of Hymn 62, "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us")

A. D. Miller (b. 1972)



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