



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 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.*

*All-gender restrooms are available on the 5th floor of Cathedral House, accessible via the elevator or southwest stairwell. Ushers can direct you. 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](https://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** Trio on *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (Tune of Hymn 54, "Savior of the nations, come!") BWV 660  
J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

*All stand, as able.*

## PROCESSION

### 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*

**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. **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: Year A*

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.*

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

**G**OD of the burning sand and thirsty ground:  
you called John into the wilderness  
to speak truth to the palaces of power;  
steady us for your 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 *Isaiah 35:1-10*

**T**HE wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become

a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

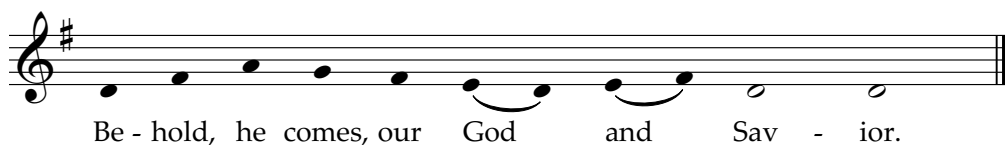
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM *Psalm 146:4-9 ♦ Lauda, anima mea*

Plainchant

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



**H**APPY are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the LORD their God; Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. **ANTIPHON**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. The LORD shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **ANTIPHON**

## READING *James 5:7-10*

**B**E PATIENT, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that

you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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!

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1924–1994); WORDS: cf. Psalm 27:14; © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 11:2-11

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

**W**HEN John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken

by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

### **HOMILY**

The Reverend Elizabeth Walker, *guest preacher*

*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.*

*Links to donate to Saint Mark's online are located on the livestream page. 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**.*



*You may also mail your gift to the cathedral: 1245 10th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102.*

**ANTHEM** *Zion at thy shining gates*

WORDS: Benjamin Hall Kennedy (1804–1880);

MUSIC: *Bohemian Brethren* (16th-c. melody), arr. George Guest (1924–2002)

Zion, at thy shining gates, Lo, the King of Glory waits; Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet, Strew thy palms before his feet.

Christ, for thee their triple light, Faith and hope and love unite; This the beacon we display To proclaim thine advent day.

Come and give us peace within, Loose us from the bands of sin, Take away the galling weight Laid on us by Satan's hate.

Give us grace thy yoke to wear; Give us strength thy cross to bear; Make us thine in deed and work, Thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So, when thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men, We with all thy saints shall sing Alleluias to our King.

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 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.*

**ANTHEM** *Magnificat*

WORDS: Luke 1:46-55; MUSIC: Plainsong Tone 8 with verses in Fauxbourdon by Thomas Morley (1557-1603)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for you, Lord, have looked with favor  
on your lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blest:  
you the almighty, have done great things for  
me, and holy is your Name.  
You have mercy on those who fear you  
from generation to generation.  
You have shown strength with your arm;  
you have scattered the proud in their conceit:  
casting down the mighty from their thrones,  
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.  
You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.  
Glory 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. Amen.

**HYMN 615** "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *St. Flavian*

*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.*

**HYMN 59** *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

*TUNE: Merton*

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

**VOLUNTARY** Chorale Prelude on *Merton* (Tune of Hymn 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding")

David Thorne (b. 1950)



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**PRESIDER** The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty; **PREACHER** The Reverend Elizabeth Walker, *guest preacher*; **DEACON** The Reverend Earl Grout; **ASSISTING LAY MINISTER** Judy Andrews; **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Pamela Bradburn, Rachel Crosbie, The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker, The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason; **ALTAR GUILD** Deborah Person; **CRUCIFER** Gabriel Rosario-Kilmer; **LECTORS** David Thompson, Karrie Sutkus; **INTERCESSOR** Eliza Davidson; **GREETER** TBD; **USHERS** Don Sutkus, Karrie Sutkus; **OBLATION BEARERS** TBD; **FLOWER MINISTERS** Judy Andrews, *team captain*; **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT** Justin Mills; **MUSICIANS** The Schola of Saint Mark's Choir School; Saint Mark's Singers; Elsie Nelson Brown, *cantor*; **SOUND BOARD** Michael Perera

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