



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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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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 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 Three Antiphons (from Fifteen Pieces for Vespers on Feasts of Saint Mary the Virgin, Opus 18)
Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All stand, as able.

PROCESSION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Behold God will come with all the saints surrounding,
and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.

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 *Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year A*

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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

GOD WITH US, born of Mary's flesh beyond all convention:
Give us the faith of Joseph in a world with too much shame,
embolden us to hear your promise of presence,
and to respond with joy to the cry of life renewed and love reborn;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING *Isaiah 7:10-16*

AGAIN the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat

curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

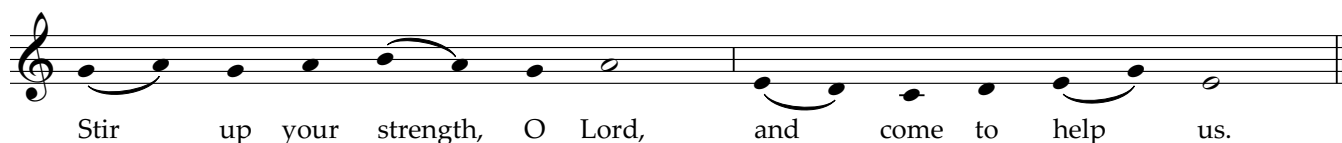
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18* ♦ *Qui regis Israel*

Plainchant

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



HEAR, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **ANTIPHON**

O Lord GOD of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **ANTIPHON**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name. Restore us, O Lord GOD of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **ANTIPHON**

READING *Romans 1:1-7*

PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,

including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 1:18-25*

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what

had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

HOMILY

The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker

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

ANTHEM

Come now O Prince of Peace

WORDS & MELODY: Geonyong Lee (b. 1947);

English paraphrase by Marion Pope (b. 1928); arrangement with organ by Mel Butler

Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body,
come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior,
come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body,
come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come, Hope of Unity, make us one body,
come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

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 *People, look East*

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965); MUSIC: Trad. French Carol, arr. Michael Kleinschmidt

People look East.
The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad.
Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch.
When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People look East and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

HYMN 265 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came* (sts. 1 & 4) ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *Gabriel's Message*

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 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel (sts. 1-3) ♦ The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: Veni, veni, Emmanuel

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

VOLUNTARY *Rorate Caeli desuper, "Drop down heavens from above"*

Jack Oades (b. 1994)



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