



Land Acknowledgment at Saint Mark's

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.

The Land Acknowledgment initiates services and gatherings at Saint Mark's and can be included in leaflets, signage, and other printed or digital materials.

The Vestry invites all ministry groups to begin each meeting with the Land Acknowledgment and to be in the practice of:

- 1) Reading the statement prayerfully and with intention.
- 2) Pronouncing 'Duwamish' phonetically as doo-WAH-mish.
- 3) Building in a five-second pause before progressing further into a service or gathering.

In the instance of hybrid or offsite gatherings, when members of the group may not be on Duwamish land, it is recommended to proceed with the Land Acknowledgment as written for Saint Mark's to represent the gathering body of the cathedral. Following, the leader or others may share the name of the tribal land on which they are present.

These actions will all add to the power and clarity of reading the statement, as well as invite the listeners to hear more deeply.

The Land Acknowledgment formed out of the work of a committee who worked with the Duwamish to develop and finalize the statement in April 2021. Vestry approved modifying the Land Acknowledgment in September 2022 to honor the life of all Coast Salish tribes. Learn more about the land acknowledgment [here](#).