**A Water Walk at Saint Mark’s Cathedral**

We begin and end our water walk at the font. Take three deep, slow breaths Imagine that Jesus walks before us. Notice what the water looks like, feels like, smells like, tastes like as we walk.

* How is water used here? Let’s give thanks for all who have been and will be baptized here, and all those who renew their baptismal promises.

*Walk to the narthex. Notice and name where there is water here, and how it is used: (a drinking fountain, a place to fill water bottles, bathrooms, a sink in the sacristy, the font in the chapel).*

* Are you thirsty? Think of all those who have drunk from the water here, and let’s give thanks for them. Pray that we use this water wisely.

*Walk outside to the lawn. Notice and name what kinds of water are used here and how: (rain and sprinklers for the plants, flowers, trees, lawn...)*

* Imagine all the people, plants, and animals who enjoy or depend on the water here. Let’s give thanks for them.

*Walk to the Greenbelt. The Greenbelt is an integral part of the Saint Mark’s watershed and connects to the Streissguth Gardens.*

* A stream of water flows through this wetland. Let’s give thanks for the life it nurtures.

*Walk down the driveway so you can see Lake Union. Name Seattle’s waters and their many uses.*

* Water is a gift to all who have lived here in the past, those who live here now, and those who will live here in the future. Let’s give thanks for them.

*Walk to Bloedel Hall. Notice the many places water is used there (in the kitchen, bathrooms, tea/coffee/water station. Return to the font via the stairs or the elevator.*

* What did you notice on our water walk? What surprised you? Imagine taking this walk in your home or in your neighborhood. Imagine taking a water walk this summer when you travel.

Let’s give thanks for the water cycle, for the waters of Seattle, for the waters of creation, for the waters of baptism. Let’s give thanks for God’s love, which always comes full circle. Amen.