



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

ROGATION DAY

PRAYERS AND PROCESSION



May 17, 2023

6:45 PM

The service begins in Bloedel Hall.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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 & OPENING REMARKS

SONG FOR PROCESSING

WORDS: from a Celtic chant
of the Céile Dé order
MUSIC: Ruth Cunningham

two-part round

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God bless every step that I am tak-ing, and bless the earth beneath my feet.

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God bless ev - ery step, God bless the earth.

God bless ev - ery step, God bless the earth.

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PROCESSION

OPENING PRAYER

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Officiant Bountiful God of heaven and earth: By your gracious providence give and preserve the harvests of the land and sea for the good of all creatures, that those who receive good things from your hand may always give you thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The congregation moves via elevator or stairs to the nave, gathering in the southwest corner.

STATION: AT THE DOOR OF SAINT MARK'S

Reading Isaiah 56:6b–7

ALL who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples. ♦

Officiant Let us pray.

Holy God, you give your people a desire to know and to worship you: bless all who gather here in your name, that they may find a welcome and lift their hearts and voices in praise of you, who makes us a new creation in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray.

All Amen.

The procession moves down the center aisle to the Baptismal font.

FROM THE GREAT LITANY

Enriching Our Worship 1, adapt.

Officiant Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

***People* Have mercy on us.**

Officiant Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

***People* Have mercy on us.**

Officiant Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

***People* Have mercy on us.**

Officiant Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

***People* Have mercy on us.**

Officiant From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and
hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from
all evil intent,

***People* Savior deliver us.**

Officiant From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart and contempt for your word
and your laws,

***People* Savior deliver us.**

Officiant From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the
world, flesh and the devil,

***People* Savior deliver us.**

Officiant From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and
dying unprepared,

***People* Savior deliver us.**

Officiant In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour
of our death and at the day of judgment,

***People* Savior deliver us.**

Officiant By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth,
childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting
and temptation,

***People* Savior deliver us.**

- Officiant* By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
People **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
People **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
People **Savior deliver us.**
- Officiant* Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Officiant* Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, the President of the United States, Jay, the Governor of this state, and Bruce, the Mayor of this city, that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Grant us favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all your creatures,

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Bless the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people,

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age,

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Bless and keep all your people,

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Comfort and liberate all who are lonely, bereaved or oppressed.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Heal all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for those who are unhoused, hungry or in need.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your word.

All **Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us**

THE SUPPLICATION

Officiant O Lord, arise, help us;

People **And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Officiant O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebears have declared, the noble works that you accomplished in their days, and in the old time before them.

People **O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Officiant Glory be 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, world without end. Amen.

People **O Lord, arise, help us;
and deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Officiant From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

People **Graciously behold our afflictions.**

Officiant With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

People **Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.**

Officiant Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

People **O Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Hear our prayers, now and evermore;

People **Graciously hear us, O Christ.**

Officiant Let us pray.

We humbly beseech you, O God, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all evil; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

STATION: AT THE NARTHEX BOTTLE FILLING STATION

Reading Isaiah 41:17–20

WHEN the poor and needy seek water,
and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the LORD will answer them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
I will open rivers on the bare heights
and fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of water
and the dry land springs of water.
I will put in the wilderness the cedar,
the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive;
I will set in the desert the cypress,
the plane and the pine together,
so that all may see and know,
all may consider and understand,
that the hand of the LORD has done this,
the Holy One of Israel has created it. ♦

Officiant Let us pray.

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water—the waters on the earth, and under the earth, the water above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us; through Jesus Christ, source of living water.

All Amen.

The procession moves out the front doors to the upper parking lot.

STATION: AT THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

Reading Ezekiel 37:9–10

THEN the LORD said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ♦

Officiant Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, breath of life: We give you thanks for the air and for all who work to keep it clean. Teach us to cherish the air we breathe; in your power we pray. **Amen.**

The procession moves to Leffler House.

STATION: AT THE LEFFLER HOUSE GARDEN

Reading Isaiah 55:10–11

FOR as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ♦

Intercessor Let us pray.

Holy God, you have blessed our preparing of the ground: Protect what we plant in your name, and grant that working late and early, we and others may enjoy a fruitful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant God, who alone provides seed for the sower and bread for the eater, you have taught us to ask of you our daily bread: Bless the sowing of the seed this year, grant fertility to the soil, and strengthen the hands of the gardeners who till it, that through their labor your people may be nourished; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life. **Amen.**

The procession moves to the south lawn.

STATION: AT THE SOUTH LAWN

Reading Genesis 1:11–12

THEN God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ♦

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for the green and growing things that surround our cathedral. May these flowering flowers and trees remind us that, in times of death and despair, you are always bringing forth new life and hope. Bless all who enjoy this space, all who come seeking spiritual nurture. Bless our community in their many ministries and all whom we seek to serve. May we bear much fruit for your Kingdom. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The procession moves to the center of the labyrinth.

STATION: AT THE LABYRINTH

Reading Genesis 1:1–5

WHEN God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ♦

Officiant Let us pray.

God of Mystery, you made the universe with its marvelous order and chaos, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures. We give you thanks for all who study the mysteries of creation and ask that their work may increase our curiosity, wonder, and joy, that we may come to know you more truly and serve you more humbly; in the name of Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word.
Amen.

The procession moves to the north lawn.

STATION: AT THE NORTH LAWN

Reading Isaiah 55:12

FOR you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ♦

Officiant Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruitfulness of the earth that nourishes our life and the life of all creatures. Bless those who work and play in fields and gardens. Send them seasonable and temperate weather, and grant that the fruits of the earth may be shared justly with all having need of them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The procession moves to the southeast entrance of the St. Nicholas Building (by the “Saint Mark’s Choir School” sign).

STATION: AT THE ST. NICHOLAS BUILDING

Reading Ecclesiasticus 38:27, 31–32a

SO IT is with every artisan and master artisan who labors by night as well as by day; [...] each is diligent in making a great variety; they set their heart on painting a lifelike image, and they lose sleep in order to finish their work. All these rely on their hands, and all are skillful in their own work. Without them no city can be inhabited, and wherever they live they will not go hungry. ♦

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work and learn. Make them responsive to your will, and bring all workers and students satisfaction in what they do and a just return for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The procession moves to the trash bin enclosure.

STATION: AT THE TRASH BINS

Reading Luke 13:6–9

JESUS told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’” ♦

Intercessor Let us pray.

Holy God: Bless the workers who collect our garbage and recycling, all who work to protect the environment, and all who work to help us become more aware of environmental justice. May we grow in our understanding of ecological matters and be good stewards of all you have given us. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Officiant Renewing God: Bless all whose labor here supports the well-being of our community. Strengthen and encourage them in their service, and make us mindful of their contribution to the stewardship of the earth, that all may be ministers of your new creation; in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The procession moves to the entrance to Bloedel Hall.

STATION: OUTSIDE BLOEDEL HALL

Reading Mark 6:35–44

WHEN it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go

into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. ♦

Intercessor Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for the opportunity to welcome others, and we ask your blessing on all who gather here, that they may find this a place of hospitality and service. Inspire us to imagine new plantings for this space that will reveal the abundant welcome we hope always to provide. May the work that is yet to be done draw to this place people looking for new work to do. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Officiant Generous God, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every creature: We give you thanks for all who prepare and serve the food we eat. Bless them in their labor and bless all who benefit from their service; through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

The procession moves to the entrance to the Greenbelt.

STATION: AT THE GREENBELT

Reading Ezekiel 34:25–31

I WILL make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild animals from the land, so that they may live in the wild and sleep in the woods securely. I will make them and the region around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. The trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase. They shall be secure on their soil, and they shall know that I am the LORD when I break the bars of their yoke and save them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They shall no more be plunder for the nations, nor shall the animals of the land devour them; they shall live in safety, and no one shall make them afraid. I will provide for them a splendid vegetation so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land and no longer suffer the insults of the nations. They shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, says the Lord God. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. ♦

Intercessor Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for our urban forest spaces, and for the rain and waters that support all life. Protect and bless those who seek the shelter and safety of this greenbelt. We pray for Tent City, for all who work to eliminate homelessness, for all who serve those who are unsheltered. We pray for all who care for the parks and pea patches, greenbelts and waterways in our city. May this greenbelt be a reminder to us of our oneness with all life and all creation. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Officiant Lover of all you have made: Protect and sustain the creatures of our local habitat. Increase their well-being, watch over them with love, and give us wisdom to honor our kinship with them; through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Officiant Creator,

**All we give you thanks
for all you are and all you bring to us
for our visit within your creation.**

**In Jesus, you place the gospel
in the center of this Sacred Circle
through which all of creation is related.**

**You show us the way to live a generous
and compassionate life.**

**Give us your strength to live together
with respect and commitment**

**as we grow in your Spirit,
for you are God, now and for ever. Amen. [1]**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all
evermore.

All Amen.

[1] SOURCE: *A Gathering Prayer adapted from Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies, prepared for the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Anaheim, California, July 2009.*







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