

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
PROPER 12A

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SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & WELCOME

*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.*

## NEW TO SAINT MARK'S?

*Welcome to Saint Mark's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We invite you to complete a newcomer form, visit [saintmarks.org/newcomers](https://saintmarks.org/newcomers) or connect with one of the clergy.*

## QUESTIONS?

*Please ask one of the liturgical ministers. Restrooms are available in the narthex; all-gender restrooms are available in the northwest stairwell of the nave and on the 5th floor of Cathedral House, accessible by the elevator or southwest stairwell.*



*A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.*

**PRELUDE**     *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*  
(Tune of Hymn 635, “If thou but trust in God to guide thee”)

Mark Fax (1911–1974)

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*All stand, as able.*

**HYMN 376**     *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* (sts. 1 & 2) ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *Hymn to Joy*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*

*Presider*    Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*Assembly*    **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Presider*    **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.

*All*    **Amen.**

**GLORIA**

*Presider* Glory to God in the highest,  
*Assembly* **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *Proper 12*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 231*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** GOD, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*Please be seated for the Liturgy of the Word.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING

*1 Kings 3:5-12*

**A**T GIBEON the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:129-136 ♦ Mirabilia testimonia tua*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 774*

*Please join the lector in reading the Psalm aloud, starting after the first asterisk.*

**Y**OUR decrees are wonderful; \*  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.  
When your word goes forth it gives light; \*  
it gives understanding to the simple.  
I open my mouth and pant; \*  
I long for your commandments.  
Turn to me in mercy, \*  
as you always do to those who love your Name.  
Steady my footsteps in your word; \*  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*  
and I will keep your commandments.  
Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*  
and teach me your statutes.  
My eyes shed streams of tears, \*  
because people do not keep your law. ♦

**READING***Romans 8:26-39*

**T**HE Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*Assembly* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

## HOMILY

The Reverend Linzi Stahlecker

*All stand, as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary;  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in 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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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

*After each petition:*

*Intercessor* God, in your mercy,  
*Assembly* **hear our prayer.**

*The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.*

*Presider* Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces God's forgiveness of our sins. All respond: Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*





# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY

*An offering of money is received. All worshipping in person are invited to place their offering in the plates as they are passed through through the rows.*

*For electronic giving options, 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**.*



*All stand, as able.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Assembly* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After Supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Presider* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All* AMEN.

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*All* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Assembly* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.*

*If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know.*

*Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.*

- ◆ *You are welcome to stand or kneel to receive communion.*
- ◆ *Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.*
- ◆ *Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time.*
- ◆ *To receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*All stand, as able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

*Presider* Eternal God,

**All heavenly Father,**

**you have graciously accepted us**

**as living members**

**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage**

**to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING** *The Presider asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

**HYMN 447** *The Christ who died but rose again* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *St. Magnus*

**DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY** *Orgelstück in C, Op. 179*

Gustav Merkel (1827–1885)

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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