

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
PROPER 12A

July 30, 2023 ♦ 9:00 AM



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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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 or connect with one of the clergy.

QUESTIONS?

Please ask. Ushers (wearing the purple welcome lanyards) can answer your questions or concerns, or provide a hearing assist device. All-gender restrooms are available in the northwest stairwell and on the 5th floor of Cathedral House, accessible by 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)

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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

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 50

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Assembly **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

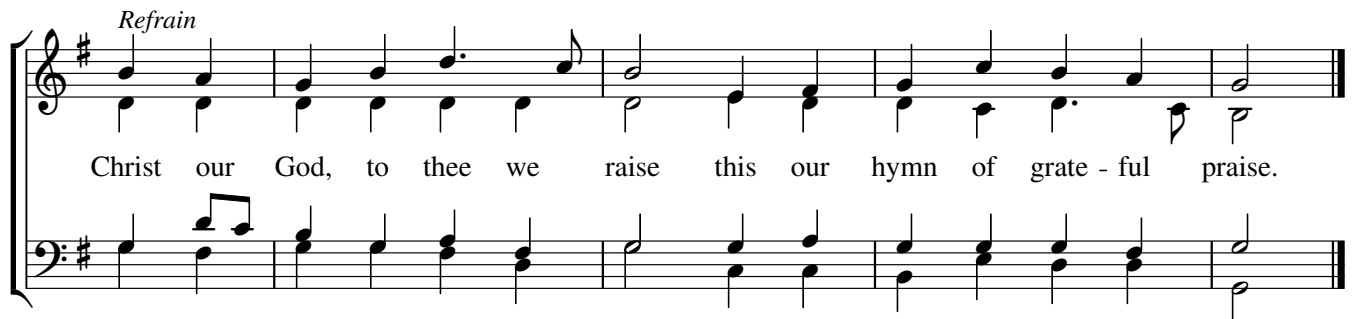
SONG OF PRAISE *For the beauty of the earth*

TUNE: *Dix*

1. For the beaut - y of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain



Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

COLLECT OF THE DAY *Proper 12*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 231

Presider God 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*

AT 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.

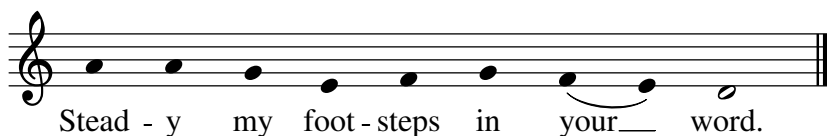
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

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

Plainsong, Tone I.1

The cantor introduces the Antiphon, all repeating it.

The cantor chants the verses, all repeating the Antiphon as indicated.



YOUR 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. **ANTIPHON**

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. **ANTIPHON**

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. **ANTIPHON**

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. **ANTIPHON**

READING

Romans 8:26-39

THE 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor introduces the Alleluias, all repeat them. The cantor chants the verse and all repeat the Alleluias.



Verse: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

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.**

JESUS 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

*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 as the liturgy continues.*

THE NICENE CREED

Authorized for use by the 1997 General Convention

**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 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

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

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 56

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Deacon God of all mercy,
All we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ 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. 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.

*Links to donate to Saint Mark's online are located on the livestream page. Visit 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**.*



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

VOLUNTARY *Organ improvisation*

All stand, as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer 2*

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 60

Presider God 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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

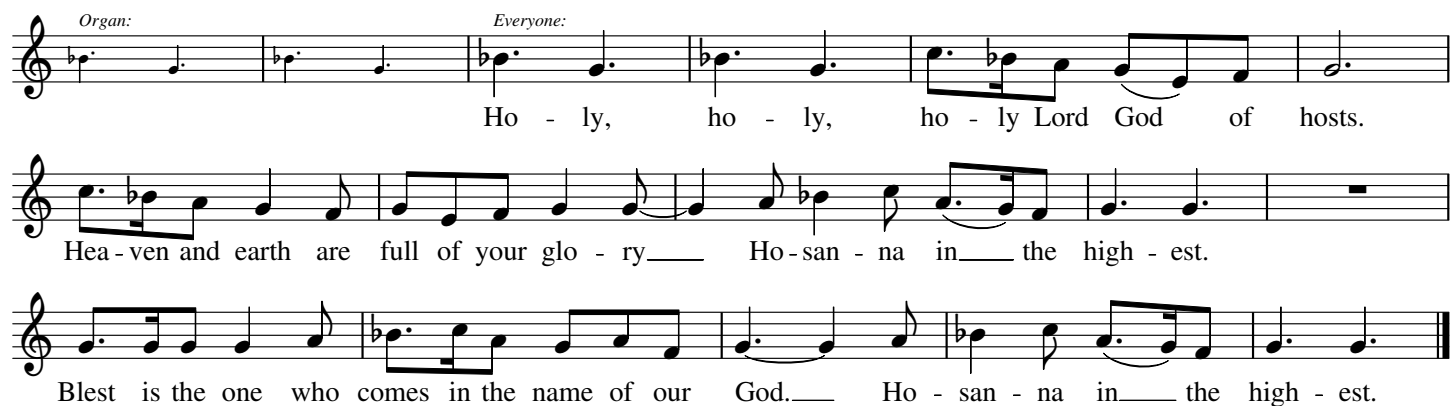
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Simple Missa Brevis*

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)



Organ: *Everyone:*
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of our God. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.
In the fullness of time bring us,
with Mary, Mark, and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and 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.**

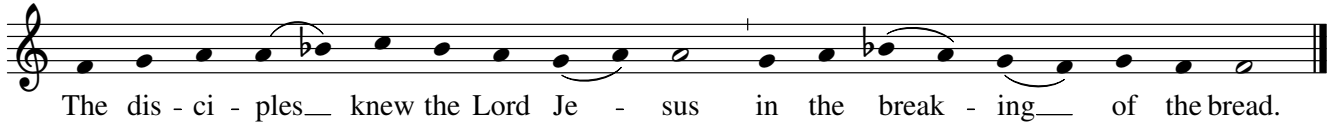
In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

The cantor introduces the Antiphon, all repeat it.

The cantor chants the verses, all repeat the Antiphon as indicated.



Verse: The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **ANTIPHON**

Verse: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **ANTIPHON**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider 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. 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.

VOLUNTARY Organ improvisation

HYMN 635 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

TUNE: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

After singing the hymn, the assembly is invited to remain seated for a period of silence, contemplating the gifts of God given and received.

All stand, as able.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider One body are we.

Assembly **For, though many, we share one bread and one cup.**

Deacon Go in peace, bearing holy gifts for holy people.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 69

Presider God of abundance,
All **you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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

Deacon 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

The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason - Presider	Dave Harms - Usher
The Rev. Linzi Stahlecker - Preacher	Steve Quinn - Usher
The Rev. Edie Weller - Assisting Priest	TBD - Oblation Bearers
Emily Meeks - Assisting Lay Minister	Maris Olsen - Land Acknowledgment & Lector
TBD - Acolyte	John Carroll - Lector & Intercessor
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