



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025

9:00 AM





#### 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.*

#### 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 level 5 of Cathedral House, accessible by elevator or southwest stairwell.*

#### 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](http://saintmarks.org/newcomers) or connect with one of the clergy.*

#### ABOUT THE LITURGY

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. We encounter God within worship and are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the hallmarks of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy literally is "the work of the people," and refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The service usually begins with an organ prelude or other music designed to call us into worshipful presence.

**PRELUDE**      Prelude on "My Lord, what a morning"

Richard Billingham

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As a gathered community, we join together in praising God in song.

All stand, as able.

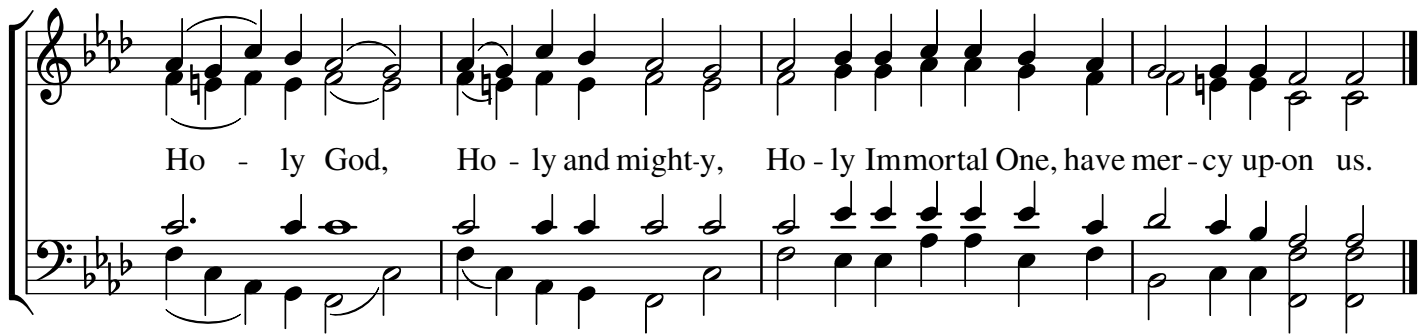
**HYMN**      *Signs of endings all around us*



The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the Holy One  
we gather to praise in our worship.

**TRISAGION** *sung three times*

Archangelsky



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might-y, Ho - ly Immortal One, have mer - cy up-on us.

The collect is the prayer designated for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** *First Sunday of Advent*

*The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 211*

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

**A**Lmighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The first reading is usually drawn from the Hebrew Scriptures, inviting us to trace our heritage in God's historical covenant with the People of God.

**READING**

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

**T**HE WORD that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

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

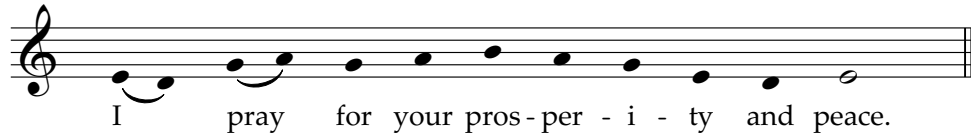
The Psalm is a sung response to the previous reading. Psalms are the songbook of the Hebrew Scriptures. They express every emotion known to humankind.

**PSALM**      *Psalm 122 ♦ Lætatus sum*

Plainsong Tone I.2

*The cantor introduces the Antiphon, all repeat it.*

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



**I** WAS GLAD when they said to me, \*  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **ANTIPHON**

Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David. **ANTIPHON**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers. **ANTIPHON**

For my kindred and companions’ sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.” **ANTIPHON**

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

**READING**      *Romans 13:11-14*

**Y**OU KNOW what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

The sequence hymn or Gospel acclamation moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus Christ.”

*All stand, as able.*

*Children are invited to join the Gospel Procession, and gather around as the Gospel is proclaimed. Children ages 3-8 are then invited to Children’s Chapel in Thomsen Chapel. They will return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join their children.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *My soul cries out*



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,



and my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.



You fixed your sight on the ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn,



so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Words: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Song of Mary, *Magnificat*. Copyright 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.  
Music: *Star of County Down*, trad. Irish

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus's words and actions.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 24:36-44*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*Assembly* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**ESUS said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

The homily directly follows the Gospel because it is grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Adam Conley

*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 word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE and confirmed in 381 CE, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

## **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.**

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. Each week, we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and its leaders, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *After each petition:*

*Intercessor* We look to you in hope;  
*Assembly* come among us, O Christ.

*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 exchange of peace within the gathered community is an ancient Christian practice. It is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships prior to coming to God's table for Eucharist.

## 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

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the mystery and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

## OFFERTORY

*An offering of money is received. Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. Together, these gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service. Those worshiping in person may to place their offering in baskets as they are passed through through the rows.*

*Visit [saintmarks.org/give](https://saintmarks.org/give), or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right). If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter 2076.*



*My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.*

You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain.*

You'll hear the sinner cry... *Refrain*

You'll hear the Christian shout... *Refrain*

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a lengthy prayer with several intentions. We recount the story of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the *Sursum corda*, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

*All stand, as able.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer 2*

*Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 60*

*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* 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:

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

David Hurd

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Holy, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the high - est." The melody is simple and melodic, using quarter and eighth notes.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

*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.**

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

McNeil Robinson

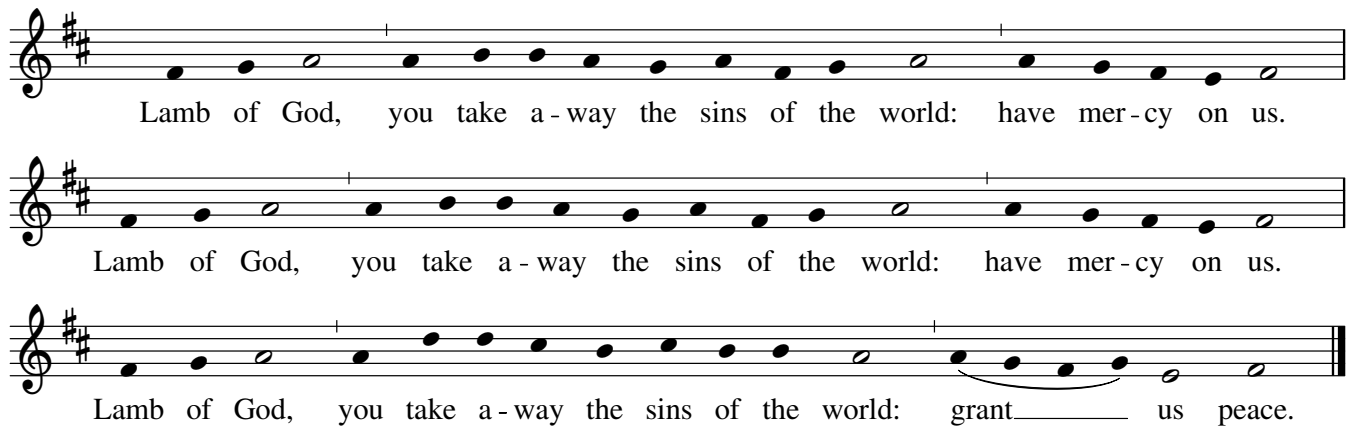


Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give  
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil.  
For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

*In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.*

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** *Lamb of God*

Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant \_\_\_\_\_ us peace.

## 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 601** *O day of God, draw nigh* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982*

*St. Michael*

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

From the earliest days of the Church, members of the congregation took bread to those who were ill or could not be present in person.

*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.

Before concluding the service, we give thanks to God for the gifts received, and the Presider pronounces a blessing in God's name upon the assembly. A closing hymn and the dismissal conclude the liturgy.

**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 73** *The King shall come when morning dawns (verses 1, 3, 4) ♦ The Hymnal 1982* *St. Stephen*

**DISMISSAL** *The Deacon dismisses the Assembly. All respond: Thanks be to God.*

**VOLUNTARY** *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* *A. D. Miller*  
(Tune of Hymn 62, "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us")

# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

## **PRESIDER**

The Rev. Canon Emily Griffin

## **PREACHER**

The Rev. Adam Conley

## **DEACON**

The Rev. Earl Grout

## **ASSISTING LAY MINISTER**

TBD

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## **VERGER**

TBD

## **ACOLYTE**

TBD

## **WREATH LIGHTERS**

TBD

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Saint Mark's Singers

Canon Michael Kleinschmidt and John Stuntebeck, *organists*

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