



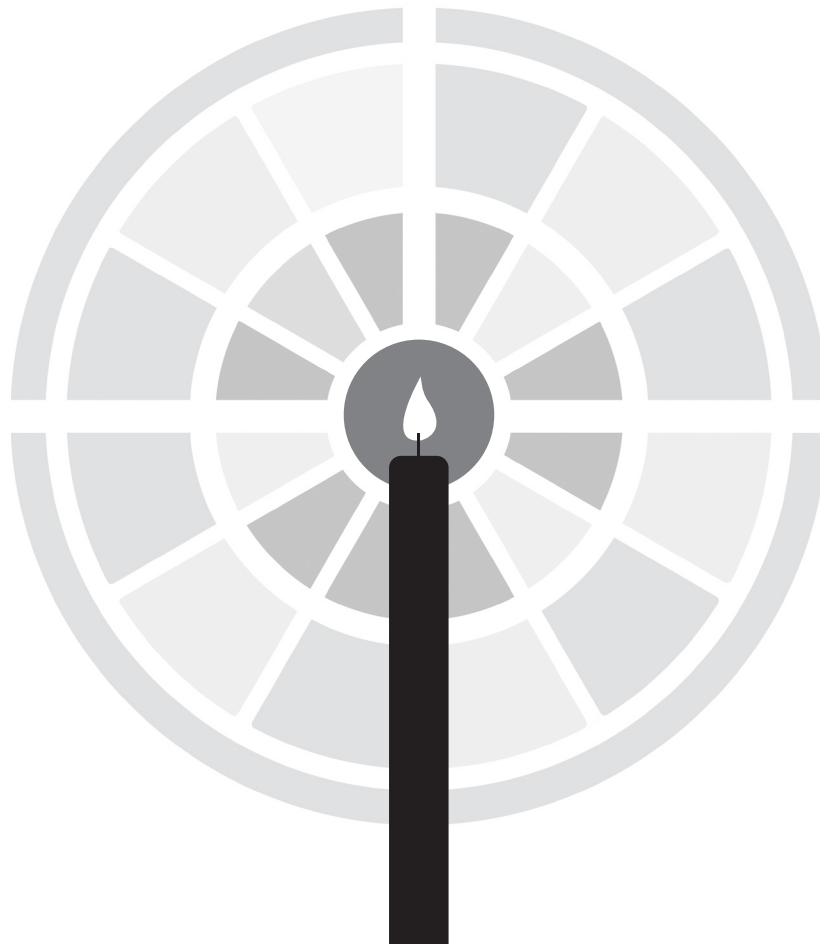
SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# LONGEST NIGHT

HOLY EUCHARIST with PRAYERS FOR HEALING

December 21, 2025

7:00 PM



## 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 the 5th floor 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.*



**PRELUDE**     Woodwind improvisations

*A singing bowl is rung three times and all stand, as able.*

*Presider*   Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Assembly Thanks be to God.**

*Presider*   Almighty 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.**

**HYMN**     *O gracious Light*

TUNE: *The Eighth Tune*



- 1. O gra-cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone.
- 2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
- 3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord;



Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

*The Hymnal 1982 #25, WORDS: © The Church Pension Fund.*

**PRAYER**

*Presider*   **L**OVING GOD,  
 You hold this space with us tonight,  
 where many have come before us  
 seeking your healing, strength and love.  
 You know us, O God:  
 you understand who we are,  
 you know what troubles and puzzles us,  
 what makes us smile and what makes us sad.  
 You listen to our questions and our prayers.  
 You know the people we love,  
 and the people we struggle with.  
 Sometimes we hurt others;  
 sometimes we hurt ourselves.  
 So, we bring our own hurt,  
 asking for your healing;  
 and we bring the hurt we have caused others  
 asking for forgiveness.

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Listen to these words of Jesus,  
 words that we can trust:  
 "Don't be afraid."  
 "I love you."  
 "Your sins are forgiven."  
 "I will be with you always."

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Write these words in our hearts, loving God,  
 let them take root in our living,  
 that we may know your peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## READING

*Habakkuk 2:1-4*

**I** WILL stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

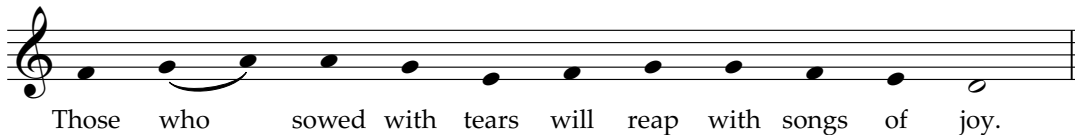
*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 126 ♦ St. Helena Psalter*

Plainsong, Tone VIII.1

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



**W**HEN GOD restored the fortunes of Zion,\*  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,\*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy. **ANTIPHON**

Then they said among the nations,\*  
“God has done great things for them.”  
God has done great things for us,\*  
and we are glad indeed. **ANTIPHON**

Restore our fortunes, O God,\*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,\*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **ANTIPHON**

*All stand, as able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 20:24-29

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**T**HOMAS (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Canon Emily Griffin

*You may remain seated for the prayers.*

**PRAYERS FOR OTHERS**

*Intercessor* From deep within our being we call upon you, O God, for through you all can be made whole. Hear us as we voice our concerns for the people of earth.

We pray for those who cry out in physical pain or who suffer silently and long for healing. We pray for those with mental anguish, or who are anxious or fear the future, who at night cry, “I wish to God it were morning,” and in the morning cry, “I wish to God it were night.”

*A brief silence is kept for all to offer names, silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor* We pray for communities in which people deal with disaster, hunger or poverty, or who are victimized because of race, history, gender or sexuality,

*A brief silence is kept for all to offer names, silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor* We pray for those who mourn, who grieve the loss of love or a loved one, or who grieve the loss of their own resilience, freedom or hope,

*A brief silence is kept for all to offer names, silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor* We pray for those who are near death or who fear death, and for those who have made the last journey from life to greater life,

*A brief silence is kept for all to offer names, silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor* And remembering others in our hearts, whose deepest needs may be known to you alone, we commend them and ourselves to your affirming and restoring grace.

*A brief silence is kept for all to offer names, silently or aloud.*

# SERVICE OF HEALING

## INVOCATION

*Presider* Come, Holy Spirit,  
you have placed yearning in our hearts,  
now bring healing to body, mind and spirit.  
Bless the heads that bow,  
the hands that touch,  
the hearts that hope.  
Bring healing;  
bring peace.

## CANDLE LIGHTING, NAMING TREE, AND HEALING PRAYERS

*At this time, all are invited to come forward to light a candle as a sign of our turning toward the love of God. Please place your candle as close to the center of the bowl as possible, working outward as more candles are added.*

*In the rear of the cathedral, there is also a "Naming Tree" where you can write the name of a loved one on an ornament to be hung there, holding the space with them this night.*

*In addition, any who wish may come for prayers of healing, with anointing and laying on of hands by a priest, for themselves or on behalf of another. All are welcome, whatever concerns you may bring. You are also welcome to remain in silent prayer at your seat.*

## SONGS DURING CANDLE LIGHTING

*Wait for the Lord* ♦ *sung by all, repeating ad libitum*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier (1924–1994); WORDS: cf. Psalm 27:14; © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé.

*Bless the Lord, my soul* ♦ *sung by all, repeating ad libitum*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly Name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The music is in a minor key, indicated by one flat (Bb). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and moving lines.

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*O Lord, hear my prayer* ♦ *sung by all, repeating ad libitum*

1. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call an - swer me.  
2. The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and lis - ten to me.  
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The music is in a major key, indicated by one sharp (F#). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with chords and moving lines.

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**PRAYER**

*Presider* May the God who goes before you  
through desert places by night and by day  
be your companion and guide;  
may your journey be with the saints;  
may the Holy Spirit be your strength,  
and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray.

**All 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. All worshipping in person are invited to place their offering in the plates as they are passed through through the rows.*

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**VOLUNTARY** Woodwind improvisations

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Eucharistic Prayer B, adapt.*

*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, the Maker of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Christ of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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. Through Mary's Holy Child, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. 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, Jesus 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, Jesus 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 all 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, Dear One; 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, gather all things into the circle of Christ's love, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Mary, Mark, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, 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

*The Presider invites us to the meal:* 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.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Woodwind improvisations

*All stand, as able.*

## CLOSING PRAYER

Dorothy McRae-McMahon, adapt.

*Presider* Watch now, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

*All* Tend the sick, O Christ,  
give rest to the weary,  
bless the dying,  
soothe the suffering,  
shield the joyous,  
and all for your love's sake. Amen.

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

## HYMN

## Go my children

1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2. "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3. Deep the si - lence round us spread - ing, all through the night;

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 dark the path that we are tread - ing, all through the night.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Still the com - ing day dis - cern - ing, by the hope with - in us burn - ing,

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 to the dawn our foot - steps turn - ing, all through the night.

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## DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Assembly* Thanks be to God.

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