



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE



December 24, 2025

4:00 PM



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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

On this happy feast of Christmas, we welcome you to Saint Mark's Cathedral. We are glad you have joined us to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. Thank you for sharing your Christmas hopes and joy with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome here!

QUESTIONS?

Ushers (wearing purple Welcome laynards) are available during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns, or if you need a hearing assist device.

All-gender restrooms are in the northwest stairwell and on level 5 of Cathedral House, accessible by elevator or via the southwest stairwell.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SAINT MARK'S

If you are new to Saint Mark's and would like to learn more, please consider completing a newcomer form, visit saintmarks.org/newcomers or simply contact one of the clergy. Grace and peace to you!

THE PRELUDE

3:40 PM LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & DEAN'S WELCOME

Dean Thomason

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

Sung by all; please remain seated.

CAROL *The first Nowell*

TUNE: *The First Nowell*



1. The first No - well the an-gel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shining in the east be - yond them far,
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,



1. in fields as they lay, keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
2. and to the earth it gave great light, and so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
4. and there it did both stop and stay right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el!

CHOIR*Star carol*

WORDS & MUSIC: John Rutter

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem,
 Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;
 Bring your gifts, come and worship at his cradle,
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

See his star shining bright

In the sky this Christmas night!

Follow me joyfully;

Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory,
 Bear the news with its message of good cheer:
 Sing, rejoice (for a King is come to save us)
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Refrain

See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping;
 Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.
 Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him,
 Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary.

Refrain

Let us all pay our homage at the manger,
 Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas Night;
 Christ is come, bringing promises of salvation;
 Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Refrain

Sung by all; please remain seated.

CAROL*God rest you merry*TUNE: *God Rest You Merry*

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
 and with true love and cha - ri - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



Refrain
 O — tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy; O — tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Sung by all; please remain seated.

CAROL

O little town of Bethlehem

TUNE: *St. Louis*



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

CHOIR

Child of our dreams

WORDS & MUSIC: Marty Haugen

Holy child of poverty,
So lowly is your birth;
Sharing our humanity,
Embracing all the earth;
Every nation, every race,
Every person, wears your face
Come anew, O child of our dreams.

Joyful child of mystery,
Come warm our winter night;
Fire our dull complacency
And fill us with your light;
Speak the word that makes us whole,
Lead each lost and hungry soul:
Come anew, O child of our dreams.

Sacred child of ecstasy,
Creation sings your love;
Light gives back your radiancy
And fills the skies above;
Gentle glow from candlelight,
Splendor of the stars of night:
Come anew, O child of our dreams.

Child of all eternity,
Our justice and our peace,
Born into our history
That hatreds all may cease;
Bring us all to life from death,
Be our hope, our joy, our breath:
Come anew, O child of our dreams.

Sung by all; please remain seated.

CAROL

Go tell it on the mountain

TUNE: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.

ORGAN

The Wexford Carol

Trent Johnson

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

4:00 PM

Please stand, as able, as the organist introduces the hymn..

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION *O come, all ye faithful*

TUNE: *Adeste fideles*



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um-phant, O come ye, O come ye, to
2. ♪ God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, ♪ lo! he ab - hors not the
3. ♪ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; ♪ sing, all ye ci - ti-zens of
6. ♪ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing, ♪ Je - sus, to thee be



Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Vir - gin's womb; on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 50

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

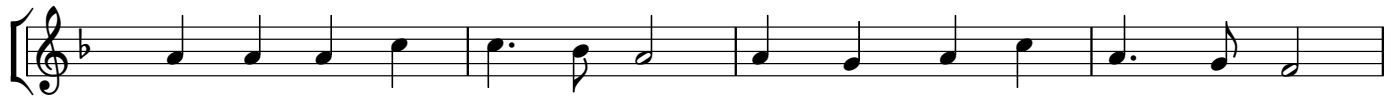
Presider **A**LMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

SONG OF PRAISE *Angels we have heard on high*

TUNE: *Gloria*



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply e - cho - ing their brave de - light.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The collect is the prayer designated for Feast Days 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 *The Nativity of our Lord*

The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 212

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O GOD, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All Amen.

Please be seated.

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 9:2-7

THE PEOPLE who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

The gradual hymn or 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.”

When the Presider stands, all rise, as able.

GRADUAL *Hark! the herald angels sing*

TUNE: Mendelssohn

Hark! the her - ald - an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King! Peace on earth and
mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con-ciled! Joy - ful, all ye na-tions, rise,
join the tri-umph of the skies; with th'an-ge - lic host pro-claim: Christ is born in
Beth - le - hem! Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

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.

Please remain standing, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-20 (King James Version)*

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

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

AND IT came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward all!"

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **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.

For the homily, children are invited to gather on the front steps of the altar platform.

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

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.

All stand, as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *After each petition:*

Intressor Holy God,
People **hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect; 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 with you always.
People **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 place their offering in baskets as they are passed through through the rows.

Visit 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**.



VOLUNTARY FOR ORGAN

Noël with variations:
Votre bonté grand dieu (Your kindness, great God)

Claude-Béninge Balbastre

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*

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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 *sung by all*

William Mathias

Organ: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
Everyone: heav'n and earth are full_ of your glo-ry. Ho san na in the high-est.
 Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.

The Great Amen unites the congregation in one great voice as we concur with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "AMEN" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the importance of the congregation's response.

***All* AMEN.**

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We orient to hope for God's reign of justice and peace, and the forgiveness of sins. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

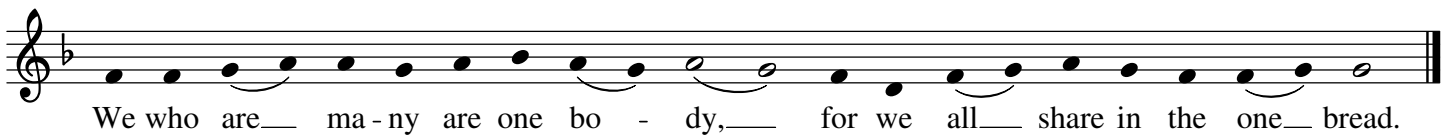
All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory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

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *We who are many*

Plainsong, Mode 6

The cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat. The cantor sings the verses; all repeat the antiphon as indicated.



Verse: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. **ANTIPHON**

Verse: Happy are they who come to the Supper of the Lamb. **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.

ANTHEM

Silent Night

WORDS: Joseph Mohr

MUSIC: *Stille Nacht*, melody by Franz Xaver Gruber, arr. Taylor Scott Davis

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend the light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *What child is this?*

TUNE: *Greensleeves*



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

ANTHEM

A la ru

WORDS & MUSIC: Hispanic folk song, tr. & arr. John Donald Robb

Oh, sleep now, holy baby, with your head against my breast;
meanwhile the pangs of my sorrow are soothed and put to rest.

A la ru, a la mé...

You need not fear King Herod, he will bring no harm to you;
so rest in the arms of your mother who sings you *a la ru*.

A la ru, a la mé...

HYMN DURING COMMUNION *In the bleak midwinter*

TUNE: *Cranham*



1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have ga - thered there,
4. What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
che - ru - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter, a sta - ble place suf - ficed the
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - èd with a kiss.
what I can I give him: give my heart.

VOLUNTARY Organ improvisation

As communion distribution comes to a close, the nave lights will be dimmed and liturgical ministers will bring candle light to the congregation.

*When the time comes to light your candle, angle your unlit candle towards your neighbor's lit candle.
Once your candle is burning, keep it as upright as possible at all times to avoid dripping wax.*

CAROL with CANDLE LIGHTING *Silent night, holy night*

TUNE: *Stille Nacht*

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round you vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, — sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! — Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, — Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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.

All stand, as able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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.*

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King; let ev - 'ry
 2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our songs em - ploy, while fields and
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries

heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and
 floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 of his right - eous - ness and won - ders of his love, and
 and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing
 and won - ders of his

heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
 joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy,
 love, and won - ders of his love,

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

VOLUNTARY Postlude on “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Norah Duncan IV

As you are leaving, please place your extinguished candles in the baskets at the back of the church.

Merry Christmas!



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

PRESIDER

The Rev. Canon Emily Griffin

PREACHER

The Very Rev. Steven L. Thomason

DEACON

The Ven. Barbra Weza

ASSISTING LAY MINISTER

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SUNDAY SERVICES

* indicates livestreamed services

8 A.M.

The Holy Eucharist, Thomsen Chapel

9 A.M.

The Holy Eucharist, Cathedral Nave

11 A.M.

* **The Holy Eucharist**, Cathedral Nave

4:30 P.M.

* **Choral Evensong**, Cathedral Nave
first Sunday of the month, October–June only.

7 P.M.

Contemplative Eucharist, Thomsen Chapel

9:30 P.M.

* **Compline**, Cathedral Nave
also broadcast on Classical KING (98.1 FM & king.org)

WEEKDAY OFFERINGS

MONDAY–FRIDAY, 7:30 A.M.

AND MONDAY–FRIDAY, 6 P.M.

The Daily Office online via Zoom only.
Find the link at: saintmarks.org/prayer

MONDAY, 6:30 P.M.

Cathedral Yoga

in the cathedral nave: saintmarks.org/yoga

TUESDAY, 12 P.M.

Bible Study via Zoom: saintmarks.org/classes

TUESDAY, 7 P.M.

Contemplative Prayer in the cathedral nave
* **Taizé service** usually replaces Contemplative Prayer on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

WEDNESDAY, 5:30 P.M.

In-person Evening Prayer

in the cathedral nave: saintmarks.org/prayer

THURSDAY, 7:30 A.M.

Thursday Morning Chapel Eucharist

in Thomsen Chapel, 1st/3rd/5th Thursdays only

Weekday services are occasionally canceled due to holidays or conflicts. Check the cathedral events calendar at saintmarks.org/calendar

CATHEDRAL HOURS

MONDAY–FRIDAY, 9 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

On weekdays, enter through the Hoerster Annex (office entrance, lower parking lot).
Main office number: 206.323.0300
General email: info@saintmarks.org

PASTORAL CARE

For urgent spiritual concerns after hours, call or text a priest on their personal cell phone. Parishioners can find these numbers via the online Parish Directory, the ChurchLife mobile app, or by contacting the office. For non-urgent needs after hours, call the main office number 206-323-0300 and leave a message.



NEW YEAR'S EVE LABYRINTH WALK with MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
6 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

Since 1999, Seattle's most peaceful New Year's experience. All are welcome. At midnight, a special service of Holy Eucharist will be offered, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Name.

2026 epiphany celebration

with Choral Evensong, Bonfire & Community Chili Supper

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

4:30 p.m. Choral Evensong ♦ 5:30 p.m. Burning of the Greens
& Potluck Chili Supper. Register at saintmarks.org/twelfthnight

Experience

Compline

at Saint Mark's

EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT AT 9:30 P.M.

Chants and prayers for the close of the day—
a beloved Seattle tradition every week since 1956

SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Is your child a future cathedral chorister?
We hope so!

The Saint Mark's Cathedral Choir School welcomes all children, regardless of church affiliation, to sing beautiful music in an inspiring cathedral setting while learning to be strong musicians and liturgical leaders. Learn more at:

saintmarks.org/choirschool

Prayer in the style of

Taizé

A liturgy of song, scripture, silence, and stillness. The next offering will be
FEBRUARY 10, 2026. Learn more at:

saintmarks.org/taize



CATHEDRAL YOGA

Every Monday at 6:30 p.m.,
in the sacred space of the cathedral nave.
A gentle, spiritual practice open to all.
Pay what you can.

saintmarks.org/yoga

SELECTED UPCOMING OFFERINGS FROM

THE WISDOM SCHOOL at SAINT MARK'S

Wilderness Spirituality

with the Rt. Rev. Phil LaBelle, Bishop of Olympia

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 9 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

*Silence & Honey Cakes: Lessons from the Desert for Modern Communities—
A Wisdom Practice Day in Lent*

with the Rev. Sr. Miriam Elizabeth Bledsoe of the Order of St. Helena

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 9 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

Write Around the Corner

with the Rev. Mary Lindberg

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 9 A.M.–12 P.M.

Details and registration at:

saintmarks.org/wisdom



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