The Holy Eucharist
The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

11:00 AM
Newcomers and visitors, the community of Saint Mark’s welcomes you. We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available during the liturgy as well as greeters and clergy following, should you have any questions or concerns. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service. Children of any age are always welcome at Saint Mark’s liturgies. In addition, child care during services is available in the Child Care Center, located in the west end of the cathedral building. You may reach the Child Care Center through the southwest doors of the nave, or by taking the elevator to the 5th floor. Ushers will guide you.

As part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet. The 8 AM, 9 AM, 7 PM, and 9:30 PM services are not livestreamed. We are grateful for your presence and participation in this community.

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross, Associate to the Rector, Presider
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Preacher

THE GATHERING

Prelude
Chorale Prelude on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, bwv 659 [tune of Hymn #54 “Savior of the nations, come!”] J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Please stand when the bells begin ringing.

Introit
O heavenly Word, eternal Light

O heavenly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father’s might, who in these latter days wast born for blessing to a world forlorn; pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with ardent love, that, as we hear thy truth today, all wrong desires may burn away;

and when, as judge, thou drawest nigh the secrets of our hearts to try, to recompense each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin;

O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last, but with thy saints for evermore behold thee, love thee, and adore.

Hymn
Signs of endings all around us

1. Signs of end-ings all a-round us: dark-ness, death, and win-ter days
2. Can it be that from our end-ings, new be-gin-nings you cre-ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a-mong us; bar-ren lives your pre-sence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad-ness, numb-ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend-ings, realms of whole-ness gen-erate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad-ness, ter-rors calm, fore-bod-ings still.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them into hopes for life anew:
Let your promised realm of justice blossom now throughout the earth;
Give us hope and faith and gladness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fading light and dying season sing their Glories to you.
your dominion bring now near us; we await the saving birth.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Presider Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him,
Assembly and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly And Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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 worthy magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

**TRISAGION** sung three times

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty 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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING  Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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

PSALM  Psalm 25:1–9

A Cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.
A Cantor chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

Lead me in your truth, O LORD, and teach me.

Ad te, Domine, levavi

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  ANTIPHON

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.  ANTIPHON

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.  ANTIPHON

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.  ANTIPHON
READING  

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Assembly  Thanks be to God.

After a brief silence the Presider stands; all rise as able for the proclamation of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Choir introduces the alleluias; all repeat. The Choir sings the verse below; all repeat the alleluias.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

℣. And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; people will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.


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

Assembly  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Presider  The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason
All rise as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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 ASSEMBLY

After each petition:

Intercessor  We look to you in hope,
Assembly  Come, Lord Jesus, come.

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

CONFESSION

Deacon  Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Deacon  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. Everyone worshipping this morning is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God’s generosity. Many support Saint Mark’s through pledged offerings made by credit card or via mail. Together our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.

ANTHEM

Zion, at thy shining gates

Words: Benjamin H. Kennedy (1804–1889)
Music: hymn tune of the Bohemian Brethren (16th cen.)
Arr. George Guest (1924–2002)

Zion, at thy shining gates, Come and give us peace within,
Lo, the King of Glory waits; Loose us from the bands of sin,
Haste thy monarch’s pomp to greet, Take away the galling weight
Strew thy palms before his feet. Laid on us by Satan’s hate.

Christ, for thee their triple light, Give us grace thy yoke to wear;
Faith and hope and love unite; Give us strength thy cross to bear;
This the beacon we display Make us thine in deed and work,
To proclaim thine advent day. Thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So, when thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men,
We with all thy saints shall sing Alleluias to our King.

All rise as able as the bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider

Assembly

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him 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:
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 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  A-MEN.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

This setting of the Lord’s Prayer is new to this worshiping community. It comes from a setting of The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom composed in 1883 by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. Originally to be sung in Church Slavonic, it is here adapted for singing in English by George Black. Representative of nineteenth-century Russian Orthodox liturgical music, which is always sung unaccompanied, this setting soars when all congregants sing in 4-part harmony as able. We will sing it at the 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist service throughout the Incarnation Cycle (Advent through Epiphany-tide.)

Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844–1908), adapt. George Black

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In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

**FRACTION ANTHEM**  A Simple Missa Brevis  
Peter Hallock

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**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**Presider**  The gifts of God for the people of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ’s Table.

The Assembly gathers around all sides of the altar platform, guided by the ushers. If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know. Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available at the Presider’s communion station at the front left.

- 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.
- Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip in the wine and feed you.
- To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

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**ANTHEM**  Creator of the Stars of Night  
WORDS: Latin Advent Hymn, 9th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale.  
MUSIC: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Creator of the stars of night, your people’s everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
we pray you hear us when we call.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child  
of Mary, blameless mother mild.

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**HYMN 640**  Watchman, tell us of the night  
● The Hymnal 1982 #640  
TUNE: Aberystwyth
All rise 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.

PRayer After Communion

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.

PrEssing The Presider asks God’s blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.

HYMN 72 Hark! the glad sound! ♫ The Hymnal 1982 #72 TUNE: Richmond

Dismissal

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

Voluntary Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel” [tune of Hymn #56: “O come, O come Emmanuel”]

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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