



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

8:00 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. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service.

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 Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark's Cathedral, *Presider & Preacher*

## THE GATHERING

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

*All rise as able.*

**HYMN 73** *The King shall come when morning dawns* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #73* TUNE: *St. Stephen*  
stanzas 1, 2 & 3

### 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

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*

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. **Amen.**

### TRISAGION

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 356*

*Presider* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
*Assembly* **Have mercy upon us.**

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 159*

*Presider* The Lord 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. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**READING** *Jeremiah 33:14–16*

**T**HE 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** *Psalms 25:1–9 ♦ read by all in unison*

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

**T**O 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. ♦

**READING***1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*

**H**ow 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.**

*All rise as able.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 21:25–36*

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

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

**J**ESUS 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**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 358*

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

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.*

*Presider* 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

*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*

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

*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, 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:

**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. 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 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**

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

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.*

*If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know.*

*Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of 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.*

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY** *Organ Improvisation*

*All rise as able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

*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.**

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

**HYMN 57** *Lo! he comes with clouds descending* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #57*  
 stanzas 1 & 4

TUNE: *Helmsley*

**DISMISSAL**

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

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

**VOLUNTARY** *Chorale Prelude on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599*  
 [tune of Hymn #54 "Savior of the nations, come!"]

J.S. Bach

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