



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

9:00 AM





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*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 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Ushers will guide you.*

*During the season of Advent, the 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist will be employing liturgical texts adapted from **Prayers for an Inclusive Church**, a work published in 2008 by Dr. Steven Shakespeare, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Liverpool Hope University in the U.K. In this work, Dr. Shakespeare has written a complete sequence of idiosyncratic and poetic collects which respond to the appointed readings for the entire three-year lectionary cycle. The book also contains Eucharistic prayers, confessions, prayers after Communion, and other liturgical texts intended for the Anglican liturgy.*

*His goal, according the book's introduction, was to "revitalize the art of formal prayer," by "bringing the experiences of exclusion and liberation into dialogue with the [Lectionary's] scriptural texts, always ready to be surprised by the power of both to reveal new dimensions of salvation." To this end, Shakespeare frequently employs unfamiliar images and concepts, seeking to "jar us out of preconceived and limiting images" of the Divine. Some of his most unsettling images, however, are those that are drawn most directly from the Biblical texts. "Prayer should not be alienating," he says, "nor should it be too comfortable."*

*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 Cristi Chapman, Curate, *Presider*

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

# THE GATHERING

*A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.*

**PRELUDE** *Meditation on "My Lord, what a morning"* Richard Billingham (b. 1934)

*Please stand when the bells begin ringing.*

**PROCESSION** *The Choir and ministers enter to the sound of bells.*

## 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 the one, holy, and living God.

*Assembly* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**TRISAGION** *Sung by all, three times.* Alexander Arkhangelsky (1846–1924)

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

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## COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.*

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

**U**RGENT God,  
breaking through the static to speak to our hearts:  
disarm our love of control  
and reveal your glory in the light of love;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the one who is to come.

**All 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, 3–8*

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

*The Cantor or Choir introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.*

*The Cantor or Choir chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.*



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

*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. **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. **ANTIPHON**

**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.**

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

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*Children are invited to join the Gospel Procession, and gather around as the Gospel is proclaimed.*

*Children in preschool through second grade are then invited to Children's Chapel in Thomsen Chapel.*

*They will return at the Peace. Parents are welcome to join their children.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

music from the Taizé community

*Sung by all three times. (The verse below is sung over the refrain.)*

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

∇. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. All the earth will see the Lord.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 21:25-36*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

*Deacon* 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**

*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.**

## 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

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our brokenness to God.

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

*Deacon* Gracious God,

**All** We prefer to hide in the shadows of fear;  
You beckon us into the light of your love.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Lord, have mercy.

**Assembly** Lord, have mercy.

*Deacon* Patient God,

**All** We turn our backs on the needs of our common world;  
You promise mercy and healing for the whole earth.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Christ, have mercy.

**Assembly** Christ, have mercy.

*Deacon* Loving God,

**All** We worship elusive idols of prestige and power;  
You come near in the vulnerable Word made flesh.

*Silence*

*Deacon* Lord, have mercy.

**Assembly** Lord, have mercy.

*The Presider pronounces God's forgiveness of our sins. All respond: Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* Christ's judgment is not vengeance: an eye for an eye;  
his peace is not a veil for injustice:  
he holds the suffering with us;  
he comes to break the spear, to silence the guns, and still our warring souls.  
May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Assembly** And also with you.

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

# 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.*

## CAROL

*People, look East*

WORDS: Besançon Carol, harm. Michael Kleinschmidt

MUSIC: Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

People, look East. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.  
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.  
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

*The bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.  
When the Presider stands, all rise as able.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church, 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* Eternal God, Mystery of winter skies, we thank you in the darkening hour for opening our eyes to your starlit beauty; for parting the wide heavens with your persistent light; for offering your Word to take our mortal flesh.

In the fullness of time, a child was promised by those who shared your dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words of desert fire; Mary and Joseph welcomed his coming with tenderness and faith; we trust that he draws near again to show us our true selves.

Now we take up the song of hope, with angels and saints and all the company of heaven, that the world might awaken to his coming and be touched by his glory:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS** *New Plainsong*

Daivd Hurd (b. 1950)

Holy, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna

in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the high - est.

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*Presider* We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

In the same way after supper, he took the cup of wine, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. And so we proclaim the great mystery of faith, saying:

**All** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Presider* With these gifts we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation’s host, transforming poverty into plenty with his generous love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people will come from east and west, north and south to share a feast of abundance.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

**All** **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

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.

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

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *New Plainsong*

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.

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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.*

*Communion is distributed at standing stations at the head of each aisle.*

*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 center aisle.*

- ♦ 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*

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

WORDS: Dean W. Nelson (b. 1944)

MUSIC: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869–1944)



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 ge - ne - rate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm, fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
Let your pro - mised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

*Wonder, Love, and Praise* #721, WORDS: © 1988 Dean W. Nelson; MUSIC: public domain

*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**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.*

*Presider* Eternal God,

**All we thank you that in Christ  
you have fed us with the bread of life:  
may we who have tasted your bounteous gifts  
proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth,  
that all people might come to know  
that you dwell in our midst,  
eager to greet your creation  
with abounding love and mercy;  
we ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*Presider* May the God who brings heaven close to earth give you true wisdom,  
a fierce longing,  
and a pregnant hope,  
that your hearts may be prepared to be born again in love,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

**HYMN 72** *Hark! the glad sound!* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #72*  
stanzas 1, 3 & 4

TUNE: *Richmond*

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* 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 (1685–1750)

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