

SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 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 Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark's Cathedral, *Presider*
The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross, Associate to the Rector, *Preacher*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Two settings of *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*
[tune of Hymn #54, "Savior of the nations, come!"]

I. Chorale Prelude, BuxWV 211

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

II. Chorale Prelude, BWV 660

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

A bell bids all to rise as able.

INTROIT *Drop down, O heavens, from above*

WORDS: Isaiah 45 and Collect for Advent 3
MUSIC: Michael Kleinschmidt

Drop down, O heavens from above:
and let the skies rain down righteousness.

Let the earth open, that salvation may flourish:
and let it cause righteousness to spring up also.

Stir up your power, O Lord:
and with great might come among us.

HYMN 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #76*

TUNE: *Winchester New*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
Assembly **And all flesh shall see the Salvation of God.**

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

TRISAGION *sung three times*

Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

4 *Choir:*
Ho - ly, ho-ly God, Ho - ly and might - y

Bells: *Everyone:*
Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

MERCIFUL God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Malachi 3:1-4

SEE, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

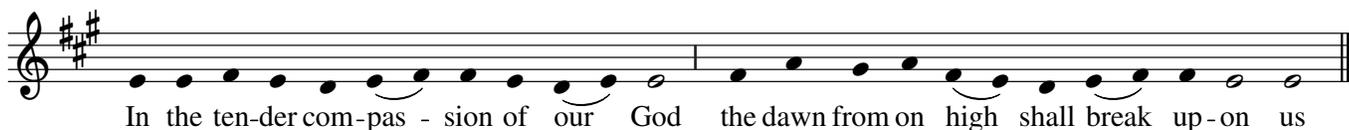
CANTICLE

The Song of Zechariah ♦ *Luke 1:68-79*

Plainchant Tone VIII.1

The Cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.

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



Benedictus Dominus Deus

BLESSED be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
He has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David. **ANTIPHON**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant. **ANTIPHON**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life. **ANTIPHON**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins. **ANTIPHON**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **ANTIPHON**

READING *Philippians 1:3-11*

ITHANK my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Mel Butler

The Choir sings the alleluias; all repeat them. The Choir sings the verse; all repeat the alleluias.



∇. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a path for our God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:1-6*

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

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

IN THE fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord._____

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

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

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.)

Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heav'n. 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-li-ver us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM *A Simple Missa Brevis*

Peter Hallock

Organ: Everyone:
O Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; grant us your peace.

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.*

CAROL *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

WORDS: Rev. Richard Hutchins (c. 1760)

MUSIC: Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
laden with fruit, and always green:

The trees of nature fruitless be
compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel;
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil;
here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive;
it keeps my dying faith alive,
which makes my soul in haste to be
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

HYMN 67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people* ◆ *The Hymnal 1982 #67*

TUNE: *Genevan 42*

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.**

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

HYMN 65 *Prepare the way, O Zion* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #65*

TUNE: *Bereden väg för Herran*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Fantasy on Helmsley*
[tune of Hymn #57, "Lo, he comes with clouds descending"]

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

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The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

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Steven H. Jones

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Michael Kleinschmidt
& John Stuntebeck, *Organists*