

SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 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 5th 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 Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Associate to the Rector, *Presider*

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross, Associate to the Rector, *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 *Psalm 42* Guy Bovet (b. 1942)
[tune of Hymn #67, "Comfort, comfort ye my people"]

PROCESSION Please stand when the bells begin ringing.

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 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 OF THE DAY

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

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

LORD of the wilderness way,
whose prophetic Word scours smooth our evasions:
take us to the raw center of our world
with a cry of invitation and the call of sudden grace;
through Jesus Christ,
the one who is to come.

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.**

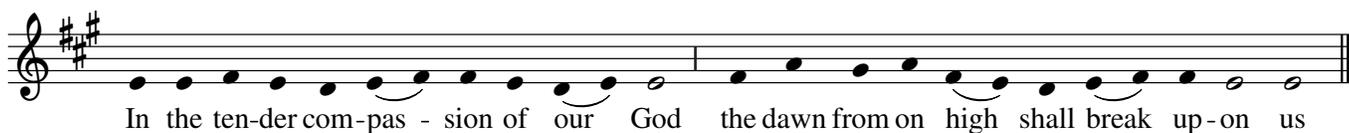
CANTICLE

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 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.

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



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.**

SERMON

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross

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: instead 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.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of December are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The Assembly stands as able and joins the Presider in saying the prayers.

Birthdays: **Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Anniversaries: **Loving God, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, you reveal yourself as a community of self-giving love. We thank you for bringing us together into families. Bless we pray these couples who celebrate the anniversaries of their commitments to one another, and grant that they may grow in grace, fidelity and mutual affection all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

Advent Message

WORDS: after Revelation 22:20 and Isaiah 40:3
MUSIC: Martin How (b. 1931)

Come, Lord Jesus! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
O, come quickly! Come, Lord, come.
Come, Lord Jesus! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Yea, come quickly! Come, Lord, come. Amen.
Come, Lord, come!

*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 God.**

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 Savior, 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.*

CAROL

Isaiah the prophet has written of old

WORDS: Joy F. Patterson (b. 1931)

MUSIC: *Samanthra*, from *The Kentucky Harmony* (1822)
arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925) and Robert Shaw (1916–1999)

Isaiah the prophet has written of old
how God's earthly kingdom shall come.
Instead of the thorn tree the fir tree shall grow;
the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.
The mountains and hills shall break forth into song,
the peoples be led forth in peace.
For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God
as the waters cover the seas.
Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world,
and conflict turns parent from child.
Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth;
the brier and the thorn grow wild.
Lord, hasten to bring in your kingdom on earth,
when no one shall hurt or destroy.
When wisdom and justice shall reign in the land
and your people shall go forth in joy.

VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 660
[tune of Hymn #54, "Savior of the nations, come!"]

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN 54

Savior of the nations, come! ◆ *The Hymnal 1982 #54*

TUNE: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

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 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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