The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

9:00 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.

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 to 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 ACLAHMATION
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)

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, *
holly 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*

I thank 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**

*Sung by all three times.*

music from the Taizé community

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

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.

CONFESSIO N

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.
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.
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 THANKSING

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  

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)

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM  New Plainsong

Hurd

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

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In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

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  J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
   [tune of Hymn #54, “Savior of the nations, come!”]

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**

*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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**PRESIDER**  The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty

**PREACHER**  The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross

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