The Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 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 Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Associate to the Rector, Presider
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Preacher

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on Veni Emmanuel
[tune of Hymn #56: “O Come, O come, Emmanuel”]

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

A bell bids all to rise as able.

INTROIT

O day of God, draw nigh

WORDS: Robert Balgarnie Young Scott (1899–1987)
MUSIC: James Hopkirk (1808–1972)

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power,
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.
Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.
Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.
Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more
and desolation cease.
O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation’s birth,
let there be light again, and set
thy judgments in the earth.
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider  Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the Cherubim;
Assembly  stir up your strength and come to help us.

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)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.
All  Amen.
Zephaniah 3:14–20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Assembly  Thanks be to God.
CANTICLE  The First Song of Isaiah [Isaiah 12:2–6]  Plainchant Tone III.2

A Cantor introduces the antiphon, all repeat it.
The Cantor chants the psalm verses, all repeating the antiphon as indicated.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things.

Ecce Deus

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior. ANTIPHON

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; ANTIPHON

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. ANTIPHON

READING  Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

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

V. I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
THE HOLY GOSPEL  Luke 3:7–18

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

Assembly  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

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.*

**BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS**
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

I look from afar

WORDS: based on the Matins responsory for the first Sunday of Advent

MUSIC: Anthony Piccolo (b. 1953)

I look from afar:
and behold, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us if thou art he
who shall reign over the people of Israel?

℣. All ye inhabitors of the earth
and ye children of men,
rich and poor, one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:

℣. Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a flock,

Tell if thou art he

℣. Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors
and the king of glory shall come in,

who shall reign over the people of Israel.

I look from afar:

℣. and behold, I see the power of God coming.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.

and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him....

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

The Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer B

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:
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-against 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.

Enriching Our Music #138, ©2004 George Black
In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

**Fraction Anthem**  
* A Simple Missa Brevis  
* Peter Hallock

- **Organ:***
- **Everyone:**

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

O Lamb of God, you take away 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.

**Anthem**  
* Rejoice in the Lord alway
  
**Words:** from today’s Epistle  
**Music:** Anonymous, from *The Mulliner Book* (before 1570)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.

Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,  
let your petitions be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.

Amen.

**Hymn 66**  
* Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
* The Hymnal 1982 #66  
**Tune:** Stuttgart
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 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding • The Hymnal 1982 #59

TUNE: Merton

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Assembly Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

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