



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

8:00 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. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service.

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 & Preacher*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Prelude on *Veni Emmanuel* Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)
[tune of Hymn #56: "O Come, O come, Emmanuel"]

All rise as able.

HYMN 59 *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #59* TUNE: *Merton*
stanzas 1 & 2

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

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

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. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 356

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Assembly **Have mercy upon us.**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Book of Common Prayer, p. 212

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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

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] ♦ read by all in unison*

Ecce Deus

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

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

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;

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. ♦

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.**

All rise as able.

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.**

JOHAN 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

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Presider 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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 *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

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:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Assembly Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.

If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know.

Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of 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.*

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *Organ Improvisation*

All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

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 68 *Rejoice! rejoice, believers ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #68
stanzas 1 & 3*

TUNE: Llangloffan

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY Choral Prelude on *Lob sei dem almächtigen Gott*, BWV 602
[based on a variant of of Hymn #60: "Creator of the stars of night"]

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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