The Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 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 Jennifer King Daugherty, Associate to the Rector, *Preacher*

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** *Two verses from the Magnificat*  
Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

1. *My soul doth magnify the Lord, Op. 18, No. 10*
2. *He hath filled the hungry with good things, Op. 18, No. 13*

*WORDS: William Bartholomew (1793–1867)*  
*MUSIC: Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)*

*INTROIT A tender shoot*

A tender shoot hath started  
Up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted  
From Jesse’s holy race;  
It blooms without a blight,  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
Turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us,  
From Jesse’s root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us  
The branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider  O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High; and reach from one end of the earth to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things:

Assembly  Come and teach us the way of prudence.

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider  The Lord be with you.

Assembly  And also with you.

Presider  Let us pray.

P urify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All  Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING  

Micah 5:2–5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Assembly  Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE:

HYMN 437  Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #437  TUNE: Birmingham
The Song of Mary [Luke 1:46–55] (metrical paraphrase)

READING  

Hebrews 10:5–10

When Christ came into the world, he said,
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
in the scroll of the book it is written of me).

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Assembly  Thanks be to God.
SEQUENCE HYMN  Unexpected and mysterious

WORDS: Jeannette M. Lindholm (b. 1961)
TUNE: St. Helena, Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle word of grace.
2 In a mo - men - ta - ry meet - ing of e - ter - ni - ty and time,
3 We are called to pon - der mys - tery and a - wait the com - ing Christ,

Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain - ing is the peace of God’s em - brace.
Ma - ry learned that she would car - ry both the mor - tal and di - vine.
to em - bo - dy God’s com - pas - sion for each fra - gile hu - man life.

If we fal - ter in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known,
Then she learned of God’s com - pas - sion, of E - li - za - beth’s great joy,
God is with us in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth,

God is faith - ful to con - sole us as a mo - ther tend - s her own.
and she ran to greet the wo - man who would re - cog - nize her boy.
while we watch with joy and won - der for the pro - mised Sa - vior’s birth.


Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Assembly  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,
where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth
was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your
greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that
there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

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.
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.

CAROL

The Linden Tree Carol

WORDS: 15th-century German Carol, trans. G.R. Woodward (1848–1934)
MUSIC: arranged by Reginald Jacques (1894–1969)

There stood in heaven a linden tree;
But, though 'twas honey laden,
All Angels cried, “No bloom shall be
Like that of one fair Maiden.”

Sped Gabriel on wingèd feet,
And passed through boltèd portals
In Nazareth, a maid to greet,
Blest o'er all other mortals.

“Hail Mary!” quoth the angel mild,
“Of woman-kind the fairest:
The Virgin ay shalt thou be styled,
A babe although thou bearest.”

“So be it!” God's hand-maiden cried,
“According to thy telling,”
Whereon the Angel smartly hied
Up home-ward to his dwelling.

This tiding filled his mates with glee:
'Twas passed from one to other,
That 'twas Mary, and none but she,
And God would call her Mother.

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

Assembly

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider

Assembly

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Assembly

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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:
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; present-
ing 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).

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

**FRACTION ANTHEM**  
* A Simple Missa Brevis  

Peter Hallock

---

**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**  
* Annunciation  

**WORDS:** Jeannette M. Lindholm (b. 1961)  
**MUSIC:** Kevin Sigfried (b. 1969)

---

**HYMN 60**  
* Creator of the stars of night*  

The Hymnal 1982 #60

**TUNE:** Conditor alme siderum
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 265

**The Angel Gabriel** ♫ *The Hymnal 1982 #265*

**TUNE:** Gabriel’s Message

DISMISSAL

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Assembly** Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

**Gottes Sohn ist kommen, bwv 600**

[tune of Hymn #53: “Once he came in blessing”]

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Music and texts under copyright are reprinted by permission under OneLicense.net #A-706820