THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2018

11:00 PM
On this happy feast of Christmas, the Bishop, Dean, staff and faith community of Saint Mark’s welcome you to our cathedral. We are glad you have joined us to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. Thank you for sharing your Christmas hopes and joy with us.

If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will perhaps find one here. Please let us know if you would like to explore what becoming a part of the Saint Mark’s community might mean for you. We are eager to meet you and learn what brought you here. Please fill out a visitor’s card (in the pew racks) and put it in the collection plate, or give it to one of the clergy, and we will be in touch with you.

The life of this faith community is grounded in the worship of God, as God is revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our regular Sunday and weekday liturgical schedule may be found on the back cover. Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 25, we celebrate the Christmas Day Eucharist at 10 AM. On the First Sunday after Christmas, December 30, we continue our observance of the season during our morning services at 8 AM, 9 AM, and 11 AM. On Monday, December 31, we bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new at The New Year’s Eve Labyrinth Walk from 6 PM to midnight, with a Eucharist in observance of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus offered in the center of the labyrinth at midnight.

At Saint Mark’s Cathedral, we seek to welcome and serve Christ in all people through our hospitality to newcomers and inquirers, our congregational life and programs, and our ministry in the world. Some of our upcoming events and programs are noted on the back cover of this service leaflet. The literature racks in the narthex (lobby) include information such as copies of recent sermons, schedules of upcoming concerts, and other opportunities. Please take any literature that interests you, and visit our website for more information: www.saintmarks.org.

Your participation in our worship is a gift to us, and we hope there will be an opportunity to welcome you into the vibrant and multi-faceted life of Saint Mark’s Cathedral.

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no unauthorized photography or audio/visual recording during the liturgy. As part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet. An archive version of the livestream will be available after the service at saintmarks.org.

Please be aware that incense will be used during this liturgy.

The Right Reverend Gregory H. Rickel, Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, Presider
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean & Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Preacher

THE GATHERING

10:15 PM  We gather with offerings from the Choir, brass ensemble and organ, and carols for all to sing. Please remain seated to sing.

BRASS & ORGAN  Marche  Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

DEAN’S WELCOME  Dean Thomason
CAROL

God rest you merry, gentlemen

DESCANT: Sir David Willcocks (1919–2015)

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heav en - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3. “Fear not, then,” said the an - gel, “Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and cha - rity each o - ther now em - brace;

to save us all from Sa - tan’s power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan’s power and might.”
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Refrain

O__ tid - ings of com - fort and joy, comfort and joy; O__ tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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CHOIR

Verbum caro factum est

Verbum caro factum est
et habitavit in nobis,
et vidimus glorian ejus,
gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre,
plenum gratiae et veritatis.

The Word became flesh
and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father’s only son,
full of grace and truth.

CAROL

O little town of Bethlehem • STANZAS 1, 2 & 5: sung by all • STANZA 3: Choir alone

The Hymnal 1982 #79
TUNE: St. Louis

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
   how still we see thee lie!
   Above thy deep
   and dreamless sleep
   the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
   the everlasting Light;
   the hopes and fears
   of all the years
   are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
   and gathered all above,
   while mortals sleep,
   the angels keep
   their watch of wondering love.

3 How silently, how silently,
   the wondrous gift is given!
   So God imparts
   to human hearts
   the blessings of his heaven.
   No ear may hear his coming,
   but in this world of sin,
   where meek souls will
   receive him, still
   the dear Christ enters in.

4 O morning stars, together
   proclaim the holy birth!
   and praises sing
   to God the King,
   and peace to men on earth.

5 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
   descend to us, we pray;
   cast out our sin
   and enter in,
   be born in us today.
   We hear the Christmas angels
   the great glad tidings tell;
   O come to us,
   abide with us,
   our Lord Emmanuel!
ORGAN  Noël  [Bon Joseph, écoutez moi]  Jean-François Dandrieu (c. 1682–1739)


There stood in heaven a linden tree;  “Hail Mary!” quoth the angel mild,  This tiding filled his mates with glee:
But, though ’twas honey laden,  “Of woman-kind the fairest:”  ’Twas passed from one to other,
All Angels cried, “No bloom shall be  The Virgin ay shalt thou be styled,  That ’twas Mary, and none but she,
Like that of one fair Maiden.”  A babe although thou bearest.”  And God would call her Mother.
Sped Gabriel on wingèd feet,  “So be it!” God’s hand-maiden cried,  Whereon the Angel smartly hid
And passed through bolted portals  “According to thy telling.”  Up home-ward to his dwelling.
In Nazareth, a maid to greet,  Blest o’er all other mortals.

CAROL  The First Nowell  sung by all  (STANZA 5: Choir alone)  ARR. Willcocks

When the Shepherds heard, they formed  Choir alone: 5. Then entered in those wise men three full reverently up on their knee,
the fir trees,  6. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
they ran to the village  1. The first No-well the an-gel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
seeing the bright star  2. They look-ed up and saw a star shining in the east be-yond them far;  This star drew nigh to the northwest, o’er Beth- le-hem it took its rest,
showing them the way  3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
they went  4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, o’er Beth-le-hem it took its rest,
and woke the shepherds to  Choir alone: 5. and of-fered there in his pre-sence their gold, and myrrh, and frank-in-cense.
see  6. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
for them  1. in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain (sung by all)

No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well, born is the King of Is-ra-el!

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ORGAN  Noël  [Tous les Bourgeois de Châtres]  Claude-Bénigne Balbastre (1724–1799)

CHOIR  Jesus Christ the Apple Tree  WORDS: Rev. Richard Hutchins (c. 1760)  MUSIC: Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  For happiness I long have sought,  This fruit doth make my soul to thrive;
laden with fruit, and always green:  and pleasure dearly I have bought:  it keeps my dying faith alive,
The trees of nature fruitless be  I missed of all; but now I see  which makes my soul in haste to be
compared with Christ the apple tree.  ’tis found in Christ the apple tree.  with Jesus Christ the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel;  I’m weary with my former toil;  This fruit doth make my soul to thrive;
by faith I know, but neer can tell  here I will sit and rest awhile:  it keeps my dying faith alive,
the glory which I now can see  Under the shadow I will be,  which makes my soul in haste to be
in Jesus Christ the apple tree.  of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
CAROL

In the bleak midwinter ♫ sung by all

The Hymnal 1982 #112

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
   our God, heav’n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
2. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
   what can I give him, poor as I am?

   earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
   heav’n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
   If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

   snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
   in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the
   but his mother on ly, in her maiden bliss, if I were a wise man,

   in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
   Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.
   worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
   what I can I give him: give my heart.

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BRASS & ORGAN

Sussex Mummer’s Carol

Percy Grainger (1882–1961)

CAROL

Once in royal David’s city ♫ sung by all

The Hymnal 1982 #102
descant: Willcocks

1. Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
   where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
   Mary was that mother mild,
   Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
   who is God and Lord of all,
   and his shelter was a stable,
   and his cradle was a stall;
   with the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
   lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew,
   he was tempted, scorned, rejected,
   Thus he feels for all our sadness,
   and he shares in all our gladness.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
   with the oxen standing round,
   where his saints his throne surround:
   Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
   set at God’s right hand on high.

ORGAN

La Nativité

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

La Crèche, les anges, les bergers, la sainte famille [The manger, the angels, the shepherds, the holy family]
If you are leaving before the liturgy, please follow the direction of the ushers in order to exit in as efficient a way as possible.
Ushers with offering plates are at the door to receive your Christmas offering to help support the ministry of Saint Mark's.
Thank you for your generosity.

INTROIT  Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light  
WORDS: Johann Rist (1607-1667), trans. Hymnal 1982  
TUNE: Ermuntre dich, harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,  
and usher in the morning;  
O shepherds, greet that glorious sight,  
our Lord a crib adorning.  
This child, this little helpless boy, shall be our confidence and joy,  
the power of Satan breaking,  
our peace eternal making.

As the opening hymn is introduced with a brass fanfare, all rise as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION  O Come, all ye faithful  ◆ sung by all

The Hymnal 1982 #83  
ARR. Willcocks

1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come, and behold him,  
born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

2 God from God,  
Light from Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only-begotten  
Son of God the Father;  
Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;  
Refrain

4 See how the shepherds,  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
Refrain

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
Refrain

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Assembly  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

SONG OF PRAISE  Angels we have heard on high  ◆ sung by all

The Hymnal 1982 #96  
ARR. Michael Kleinschmidt

1 Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All  Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING  Isaiah 9:2–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

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

PSALM  Psalm 96:1–4, 11–12

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

To-day is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Cantate Domino

Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

ANTIPHON

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

ANTIPHON

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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  Joy to the world! ♦ sung by all

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
  let earth receive her King;
  let every heart prepare him room,
  and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
  let us our songs employ,
  while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
  repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
  and makes the nations prove
  the glories of his righteousness,
  and wonders of his love.


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

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!”
And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.” And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

_Deacon_ The Gospel of the Lord.
.Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**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,
eterally 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* Let the heavens rejoice,
*Assembly* and let the earth be glad.

Space is provided for you to add, either silently or aloud, concerns you wish included in the community’s prayer.

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. 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 collected. Each of us, whether pledging member, newcomer, or occasional visitor, is invited to make a special gift to Saint Mark’s in thanksgiving for the birth of Christ. Our collective generosity is essential to Saint Mark’s mission of proclaiming and enacting the Good News of Christ’s justice, reconciliation and peace.

Offerings may be made by cash, check (made out to Saint Mark’s Cathedral) or credit card using the envelopes provided. Please ask an usher if you need assistance. Thank you for your generosity.

ANTHEM  A New Song

O sing unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name,
be telling of his salvation from day to day.

O sing unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

For he cometh to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the people with his truth.

O sing unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

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

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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; 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

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.

In silence, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM  What feast of love is offered here?  TUNE: Greensleeves

1. What feast of love__ is offer__ed here, what ban__quet come__ from heav__en?
2. What light of truth__ is offer__ed here, what cov__en__ant__ from heav__en?

what food of ever__last__ing life, what gra__cious gift__ is giv__en?
what hope of ever__last__ing life, what won__drous word__ is giv__en?

This, this__ is Christ the King__, the bread come down__ from heav__en.
This, this__ is Christ the King__, the sun come down__ from heav__en.

Oh taste__ and see and sing!__ How sweet__ the man__na giv__en!
Oh taste__ and hear and sing!__ The Word__ of God__ is giv__en!

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; simply ask for one at the time of communion.

* 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.
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

CHOIR  O magnum mysterium  music: Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

O magnum mysterium,  O great mystery,
et admirabile sacramentum,  and wondrous sacrament,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  that animals should see the newborn Lord,
jacentem in præsepio.  lying in a manger.

Beata Virgo, cujus viscera O blessed Virgin, whose womb
meruerunt portare  was worthy to bear
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!  Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

O magnum mysterium... O great mystery...

BRASS & ORGAN  O Holy Night  Adolphe Adam (1803–1856)

ARR. Frank Denson

CAROL with CANDLE LIGHTING  Silent Night  [first sung exactly two hundred years ago tonight]  TUNE: Stille Nacht

DESCANT: Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love’s pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heavenly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
sleep in hea - ven - ly peace,  sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,  Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
All rise as able.

**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**

Bishop  Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
Assembly  The maker of Heaven and earth.
Bishop  Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
Assembly  From this time forth for evermore.
Bishop  May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior’s birth,
fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel;
and the blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.
All  Amen.

**HYMN IN PROCESSION**  

*Hark! the herald angels sing*  

-sung by all  

**TUNE**: Mendelssohn  
**ARR**: Willcocks

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, 
   glory to the newborn King!
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, 
   Christ, the everlasting Lord,
3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! 
   Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Peace on earth and mercy mild, 
God and sinners reconciled!
Late in time behold him come, 
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb:
Light and life to all he brings, 
Risen with healing in his wings.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die; with th'angelic host proclaim: Christ is born in Bethlehem! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel! born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the new-born King! The Hymnal 1982 #87, public domain

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

VOLUNTARY Basse danse bergeret

As you are leaving, please place your candles in the baskets at the back of the church.

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The Right Reverend Gregory H. Rickel

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John Stuntebeck & Michael Kleinschmidt, Organists

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SAINT MARK’S CATHEDRAL
WEIGHTLY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist with sermon & hymns
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist with sermon, hymns, & music by Saint Mark’s Singers or children’s choirs
11:00 AM Holy Eucharist with sermon, hymns, & music by the Cathedral Choir, livestreamed at saintmarks.org
4:30 PM Choral Evensong with music by the intergenerational Evensong Choir
[First Sunday of the month, October–May]
6:00 PM Cathedral Yoga open to all
on hiatus during December, will resume January 6
7:00 PM Contemplative Eucharist with Healing Prayers
9:30 PM Compline ancient nighttime prayers sung by the Compline Choir, broadcast live on KING FM 98.1

WEEKDAYS
MONDAY—FRIDAY, 6:30 PM . Evening Prayer
MONDAYS, 7:15 PM . . . . Centering Prayer
WEDNESDAYS, 12 NOON . . . Holy Eucharist
THURSDAY, 7:00 AM . . . . Holy Eucharist

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 2019 • 4:30 PM
with carols & anthems offered by Saint Mark’s Evensong Choir of choristers, scholars and adults

CONCERT ON THE FLENTROP ORGAN
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019 • 7:30 PM
with Paul Jacobs, organist
featuring selections by Bach, Mozart, Liszt, & Ives

A COMMEMORATIVE EVENT FOR SEATTLE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER EDWIN T. PRATT
FEBRUARY 2, 2019 • 2:00 PM
CATHEDRAL NAJE
Edwin Pratt was civil rights activist and leader of the Seattle Urban League in the 1960s who was assassinated at the door of his Shoreline home in January of 1969—50 years ago next month. Saint Mark’s will honor the legacy of Edwin Pratt in a special event February 2, featuring speakers from the community and special guests.

NEW YEAR’S EVE LABYRINTH WALK WITH MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
6 PM – 12 MIDNIGHT
Spend New Year’s Eve in quiet meditation, dwelling in that space between what is past and what is to come. At 12 midnight a Eucharist will be offered, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

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books, cards, music, & fine gifts for everyone
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TWO EVENTS WITH AUTHOR

Mirabai Starr

Wild Mercy: Wisdom of the Feminine
FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2019 • 6:30–8:30 PM
Writing Workshop:
From Dark Night to Transformation
SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2019 • 9 AM–4 PM
Mirabai Starr has written extensively on the mystics and the unifying teachings at the heart of all spiritual paths, with a gift for making timeless wisdom accessible to contemporary seekers.