The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2018

4:00 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.

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.

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Presider
The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross, Associate to the Rector, Preacher
THE GATHERING

3:45 PM  We gather with choral offerings and carols for all to sing. Please remain seated to sing.

DEAN'S WELCOME

Dean Thomason

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear • sung by all

The Hymnal 1982 #89

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,

from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav’n-ly music floats o’er all the weary world;

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all-gracious King,”
above its sad and low-ly plains they bend on ho-v’ring wing,

The world in solemn still-ness lay to hear the angels sing.
and ev-er o’er its Ba-bel-sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.

CHOIR

The Angel Gabriel

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The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessèd Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!
Wake, O Shepherds

Wake, O shepherds, hear the story of the babe in Bethlehem.
Angels fill the sky with glory like a heavenly diadem,
and sing a song, loud and clear, of praise to the Lord of heaven, the Father, almighty King.
The Lord above, the Lord of Love, has sent to the earth a Savior!
His glory forever sing!

Go tell it on the mountain • sung by all

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refer

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Refer

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessèd Christmas morn. Refer

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

As the opening hymn is introduced, all rise as able.

O Come, all ye faithful • sung by all

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; Refer

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

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

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

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

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 make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
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  

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

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
   and makes the nations prove  
   the glories of his righteousness,  
   and wonders of his love.
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; Y e 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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Children are invited to come forward to sit in front of the altar platform for the homily.

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross

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  The Huron Carol

'Twas in the moon of winter-time
when all the birds had fled,
that God the Lord of all the earth
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
“Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.”

Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found,
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:
“Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.”

The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory
on the helpless infant there.
the chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true;
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy
who brings you beauty, peace and joy.
“Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.”

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

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 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 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.
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 offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
2. What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?

what food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
what hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?

This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heaven.
This, this is Christ the King, the sun come down from heaven.

Oh taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
Oh taste and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

**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**  There Is No Rose

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
Alleluia.

For in this rose containèd was
Heaven and earth in little space,
Res miranda! [Wondrous thing!]

**CAROL**  Away in a manger • sung by all

1. Away in a manger,
   no crib for his bed,
   the little Lord Jesus
   laid down his sweet head.
   The stars in the bright sky
   looked down where he lay,
   the little Lord Jesus
   asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing,
   the baby awakes,
   but little Lord Jesus
   no crying he makes.
   I love thee, Lord Jesus!
   Look down from the sky,
   and stay by my side until
   morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus;
   I ask thee to stay
   close by me for ever,
   and love me I pray.
   Bless all the dear children
   in thy tender care,
   and fit us for heaven
   to live with thee there.
CAROL  
O little town of Bethlehem  ♫ sung by all

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

3 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!

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

1 Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

3 Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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 IN PROCESSION  
Hark! the herald angels sing  ♫ sung by all

1 Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th’incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!

3 Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY  Postlude sur un Noël

Denis Bédad (b. 1950)

As you are leaving, please place your candles in the baskets at the back of the church.
**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**

**PRESIDER**
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

**ASSISTING LAY MINISTER**
Steven Jones

**Eucharistic Ministers**
Don Avriett, Pam Avriett, The Reverend Cristi Chapman, The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Kelly Moody, John Selberg, Kathy Sodergren, Kathy Thomason

**Altar Guild**
Jenny Donner, Sharon Ferguson

**Preacher**
The Reverend Canon Nancy Ross

**Deacon**
The Reverend Earl Grout

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Heather Sutkus, Erica Sutkus
Rinah Grey, Prester Grey, Valor Grey

**Lectors**
J. Wong
Maris Olsen

**Intercessor**
Erik Donner

**Greeters**
Barabra Selberg, Sue Ratner

**Ushers**
Hilary Mayhan, Gary Minugh, Carolina Reid, Liz Shea, Karrie & Don Sutkus, Rick Wyckoff

**Musicians**
The Junior & Senior Choristers of Saint Mark's Cathedral Choir School, Rebekah Gilmore, Director
Melissa Plagemann, Mezzo-soprano Soloist
John Stuntebeck & Michael Kleinschmidt, Organists

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**Saint Mark’s Cathedral Weekly 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](http://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 haitus 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

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**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

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**Concert on the Flentrop Organ**

**Friday, January 25, 2019 • 7:30 PM**

with Paul Jacobs, organist

featuring selections by Bach, Mozart, Liszt, & Ives

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**A Commemorative Event for Seattle Civil Rights Leader Edwin T. Pratt**

**February 2, 2019 • 2:00 PM**

**Cathedral Nave**

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.

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