The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day

December 25, 2018

10:00 AM
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. 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.

The Reverend Cristi Chapman, Curate, Presider
The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Associate to the Rector, Preacher
THE GATHERING

PRELUDE  
Noël 7: en trio et en dialogue  
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION  
O Come, all ye faithful  
• sung by all  
The Hymnal 1982 #83

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 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

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

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!

2  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 52:7–10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 98 (metrical paraphrase) ♦ sung by all

The Hymnal 1982 #413

1. New songs of celebration render to him who has great wonders done;
2. Joyfully, heartily resounding, let every instrument and voice
3. Rivers and seas and torrents roaring, honor the Lord with wild acclaim;

1. awed by his love his foes surrender and fall before the Mighty One.
2. peal out the praise of grace abound ing, calling the whole world to rejoice.
3. mountains and stones look up adoring and find a voice to praise his Name.

1. He has made known his great salvation which all his friends with joy confess;
2. Trumpets and organs set in motion such sounds as make the heavens ring;
3. Righteous, commanding, ever glorious, praises be his that never cease;

1. he has revealed to every nation his ever-las ting right-eous ness.
2. all things that live in earth and ocean, make music for your mighty King.
3. just is our God, whose truth victorious es tablishes the world in peace.

READING

Hebrews 1:1–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son; today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”?
And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Of the angels he says,
“He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.”

But of the Son he says,
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

And,
“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

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**  Of the Father’s love begotten  ♫ sung by all  The Hymnal 1982 #82 (alt. rhythm)

1. 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, ever-more and ever-more!

2. O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
   by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
   and the babe, the world’s Redeemer,
   first revealed his sacred face, ever-more and ever-more!

3. Let the heights of heav’n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
   pow’rs, dominions, bow before him, and exalt our God and King;
   let no tongue on earth be silent, ever-more and ever-more!

4. Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
   hymn and chant and high thanks-giving, and unwearied praises be;
   honor, glory and dominion,
   every voice in concert ring, ever-more and ever-more!
Deacon  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Assembly  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And 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.

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty

All rise as able.

WE BELIEVE

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  What has come into being in Christ was life,

Assembly  and the life was the light of all people.

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. Ways of sharing the peace include shaking hands with one another or placing your hands together and bowing to the other person.

**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**

**Gesù bambino**

When blossoms flowered amid the snows
Upon a winter night,
Was born the child, the Christmas Rose,
The King of Love and Light.

The angels sang, the shepherds sang,
The grateful earth rejoiced;
And at his blessed birth the stars
Their exultation voiced.

*O come let us adore him,*
*O come let us adore him,*
*O come let us adore him,*
*Christ the Lord.*

Words: Frederick H. Martens (1874–1932)
Music: Pietro Yon (1886–1943)

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer B*
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS  A Community Mass

William Mathias (1934–1992)

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.
Presider  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. Communion is distributed at standing stations at the head of the two aisles. 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.

• 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

COMMUNION HYMN  In the bleak midwinter  • sung by all

The Hymnal 1982 #112

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
   earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
   snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
   in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2. Our God, heav’n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
   heav’n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
   but his mother on, in her maiden bliss,
   Lord God in car-nate, Je-sus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
   cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
   if I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
   wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.

4. What can I give him, poor as I am?
   If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;
   I would do my part; yet
   what I can I give him: give my heart.

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 IN PROCESSION  
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.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
his comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found.

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

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY  Postlude sur un Noël

PRESIDER  The Reverend Cristi Chapman
ASSISTING LAY MINISTER  Walter Stuteville
Eucharistic Ministers  Penny Reid, Robert Stevens
ALTAR GUILD  Michael Seewer, Sue Tait
PREACHER  The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty
VERGER  Carrie Davis
HEAD ACOLYTES  Rinah Grey, Prester Grey, Valor Grey, Thane Grey
LECTORS  Peter McClung, Pamela Bradburn
INTERCESSOR  Susan McClung
DEACON  The Reverend Earl Grout
USHER CAPTAIN  Jeff Sackett
GREETERS  George Moore, Julia Logan
MUSICIANS  Saint Mark’s Singers, Rebekah Gilmore, Conducting
          John Stuntebeck, Organist

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**Saint Mark's Cathedral**

**Weekly Liturgical Schedule**

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| **Weekdays**                                                                 |
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| Monday–Friday, 6:30 PM        | Evening Prayer                                                                  |
| Mondays, 7:15 PM              | Centering Prayer                                                                 |
| Wednesdays, 12 noon           | Holy Eucharist                                                                  |
| Thursday, 7:00 AM             | Holy Eucharist                                                                  |

**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 midnight a Eucharist will be offered, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

**Cathedral Shop at Saint Mark’s**

books, cards, music, & fine gifts for everyone

The Shop will re-open December 27 with a post-Christmas clearance sale.

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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

**Concert on the Flenrop 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 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.

**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.