The Holy Eucharist

The Feast of the Epiphany

January 6, 2019

9:00 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.

The 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist is currently employing liturgical texts adapted from Prayers for an Inclusive Church, published in 2008 by Dr. Steven Shakespeare, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Liverpool Hope University in the U.K. The goal of this work, according to the author’s introduction, was to “revitalize the art of formal prayer,” by “bringing the experiences of exclusion and liberation into dialogue with the [Lectionary’s] scriptural texts, always ready to be surprised by the power of both to reveal new dimensions of salvation.” To this end, Shakespeare frequently employs unfamiliar images and concepts, seeking to “jar us out of preconceived and limiting images” of the Divine. Some of his most unsettling images, however, are those that are drawn most directly from the Biblical texts. “Prayer should not be alienating,” he says, “nor should it be too comfortable.”

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 Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Associate to the Rector, Presider
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Preacher

THE GATHERING

A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids all to keep silence for prayer and preparation.

PRELUDE  Prelude on “Greensleeves”  Richard Purvis (1913–1994)
[tune of Hymn #115: “What child is this?”]

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

HYMN 128  We three kings of Orient are ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #128
stanzas 1 & 5  TUNE: Three Kings

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Assembly  Glory to God for ever and ever.
**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Presider** God be with you.

**Assembly** And also with you.

**Presider** Let us pray.

Light of the Nations,  
made known in the gifts of those both far and near:  
shepherd us with your kingly compassion,  
enlighten our hearts with your steadfast resolve,  
that the unjust powers of this world may be dethroned by your love;  
through Jesus Christ, who is the dawning of divine glory in our world.

**All** Amen.
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING  Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

PSALM  Psalm 72:1–2, 8, 10–13, 17  Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

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

ANTIPHON  (Ps 72:11)  Peter R. Hallock (1924–2014)

All kings shall bow down be-fore him; all nations shall do him service.

Deus, judicium

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King’s Son;
2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice.  ANTIPHON
8 He shall rule from sea to sea, *
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**READING** *Ephesians 3:1–12*

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  **ANTIPHON**

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.  **ANTIPHON**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  **ANTIPHON**

May his Name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; * may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.  **ANTIPHON**

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

**Assembly** Thanks be to God.
The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason
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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Lord, in your mercy,
Assembly Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider Christ has broken down the dividing wall that makes us strangers to one another;
He has made us one humanity that God might be all in all;
he is our life, our hope, our peace.
The peace of Christ be with you always.

Assembly And also with you.
All greet one another in the name of Christ.
BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month of January are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The Assembly stands as able and joins the Presider in saying the prayers.

Birthdays: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Anniversaries: Loving God, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, you reveal yourself as a community of self-giving love. We thank you for bringing us together into families. Bless we pray these couples who celebrate the anniversaries of their commitments to one another, and grant that they may grow in grace, fidelity and mutual affection all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Refrain

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure,
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Refrain

The bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table. When the Presider stands, all rise as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
Assembly And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
Assembly We lift them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.
Presider We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs freely throughout the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul. In your grace your Word is made known to all people, calling forth their goodness; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation, healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine and warms hearts grown cold and withered. Therefore, we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

William Mathias (1934–1992)

Presider We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

In the same way after supper, he took the cup of wine, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. And so we proclaim the great mystery of faith, saying:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider With these gifts we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation’s host, transforming poverty into plenty with his generous love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more, and people will come from east and west, north and south to share a feast of abundance.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever.

All AMEN.
THE LORD’S PRAYER

McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

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.

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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!

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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 each aisle.
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 center aisle.
• 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

HYMN 124  What star is this?  ♬ The Hymnal 1982 #124  TUNE: Puer nobis
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  Prayers for an Inclusive Church, adapt.

Presider  Let us pray.

All  Lord of the wedding feast,
we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life:
in the beauty of humility may we receive with joy
the gift of the stranger,
the grace of the water,
and the living bread of love’s desire.
Amen.

BLESSING

Presider  May Christ, who draws the nations to himself,
teach us to love our enemies;
may Christ, who enters the water of baptism,
lead us to die to all but love;
may Christ, who gives new wine for the world,
turn our bitterness into joy,
and the mercy and grace of God be upon you
this day and for evermore.

Assembly  Amen.

HYMN 119  As with gladness men of old  * The Hymnal 1982 #119
stanzas 1, 2 & 3

TUNE: Dix

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY  Fugue in G minor, bwv 558b
offered by Ben Gillig, a member of the Schola of Saint Mark’s Choir School

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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