



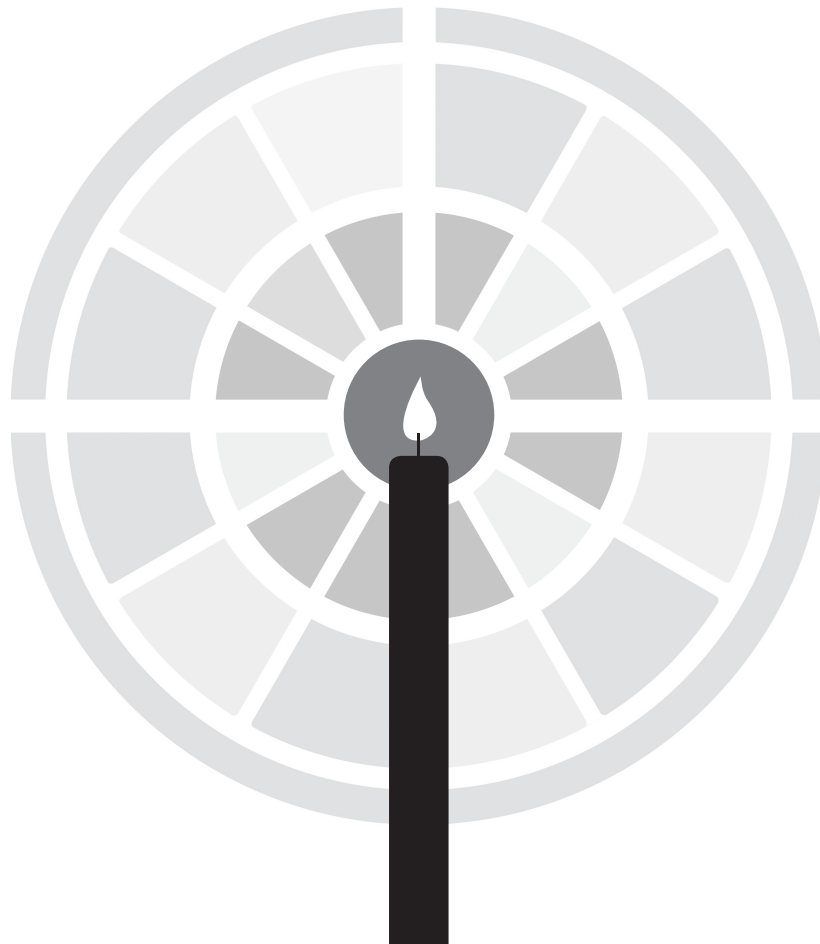
SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

BLUE CHRISTMAS

HOLY EUCHARIST with PRAYERS FOR HEALING

December 21, 2017

7:00 PM





SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices.

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

The Assembly gathers in quiet.

A singing bowl is rung and all rise as able.

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Presider If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. —*Psalm 139:10-11*

O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

HYMN 25 *O gracious Light* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #25*

TUNE: *The Eighth Tune*

COLLECT

LORD JESUS, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread.

Grant this for the sake of your love.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Habakkuk 2:1-4

I WILL stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 126 ♦ read by all in unison

In convertendo

- W**HEN the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

All rise as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:24–29

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THOMAS (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Reader For the darkness of waiting and not knowing what is to come, for the darkness of staying ready and quiet and attentive, we praise you O God:

Assembly **for the darkness and the light are both alike to you.**

Reader For the darkness of staying silent and for the terror of having nothing that can be done to change things, we praise you O God:

Assembly **for the darkness and the light are both alike to you.**

Reader For the darkness of choosing to act, not knowing what the future will bring, we praise you O God:

Assembly **for the darkness and the light are both alike to you.**

Reader For the darkness of hoping in a world which longs for fulfillment, for the wrestling and the laboring of all creation for wholeness and justice and freedom, we praise you O God:

Assembly **for the darkness and the light are both alike to you.**

Reader For the needs of our hearts; for those who are ill or troubled; for those who have died and those who grieve; we pause in silence.

Silence is kept.

Presider Comfort us in our darkness with the light of your promise, O God; that we may wait with hope for the fulfilling of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS & ANOINTING WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Please be seated. At this time, any who wish are invited to come forward for prayers of healing for themselves or on behalf of another. All are welcome, whatever concerns you may bring. You are also welcome to remain in silent prayer at your seat.

At the conclusion of the prayers all rise as able and the Presider prays:

Presider May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

All greet one another.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Assembly Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Presider invites us to the meal: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table.
If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know.
Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.

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 *The Presider asks God's blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.*

HYMN 490 *I want to walk as a child of the light* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #490*

TUNE: *Houston*

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY *Organ improvisation*

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