



# SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

— *Minneapolis* —



◆ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 | 10:30am Choral Eucharist

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# A Christmas Welcome to All Guests, Friends, and Members of Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16, NRSV)*

Welcome to Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral this Christmas season! Whether you are a guest, a friend, or a long-standing member, know that you are deeply cherished here. This beloved community is a living testament to the truth that *all are welcome, all are loved, and Christ is seen in each of you.*

Throughout the year, the Cathedral has been a place of worship, service, and connection. It stands as a sanctuary for the weary, a beacon of hope for those seeking light, and a celebration of God's enduring love. During this beautiful season, we gather to remember the birth of Jesus—the ultimate expression of love and hope—and to reflect on the ways we are called to share that love with the world.

As we journey through these holy days, may the peace of Christ fill your heart, the joy of His coming uplift your spirit, and the love of this community surround you. My prayer is that the light of Christmas shines brightly in your life today and continues to illuminate your path throughout the year to come.

Many blessings to you and yours this Christmas season and always.

Faithfully,  
Tim+

## Highlights of January

### *Music Series Concert:*

Red Thread, a folk ensemble; January 19, 2:30 pm

### *Art Gallery:*

"I Wonder while I Wander", a photography exhibit with works by Ryan Tischer, of Tischer Gallery in Duluth.

*For more information, visit [ourcathedral.org](http://ourcathedral.org)*

## Christmas Appeal

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## Please Visit Us Again

### Weekly Service Schedule

#### *Sunday:*

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist Rite II  
5:00 pm Choral Evensong

#### *Wednesday:*

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist in All Saints Chapel

#### *Saturday:*

5:30 pm Misa en Espanol

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Welcome

## The Word of God

Introit: Advent Antiphon – O Oriens

O Day-Spring, Brightness of Light Everlasting, and sun of Righteousness: Come and enlighten him that sitteth in darkness and the shadow of death.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
**You come to your people and set them free.**

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

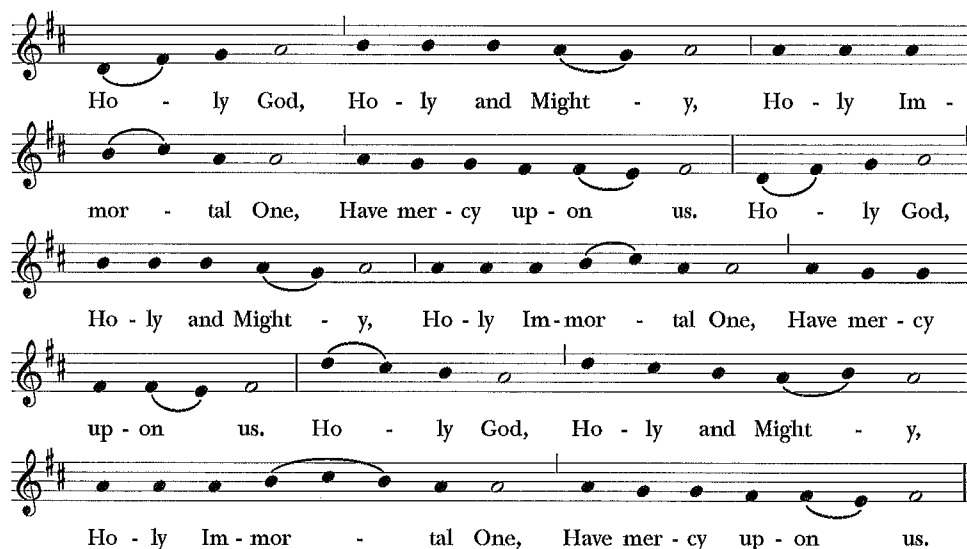
The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces an absolution.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

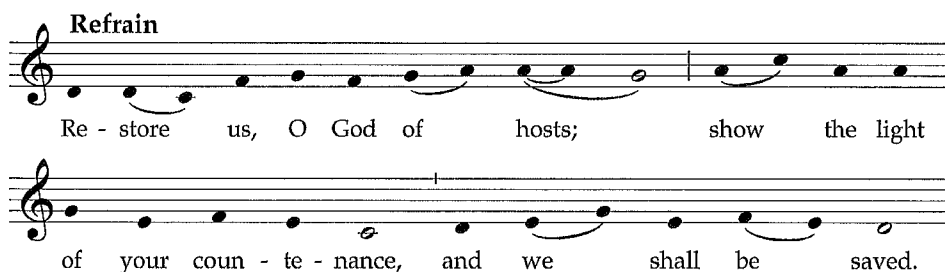
Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1-7 (*Congregation sings the refrain*)



**Refrain**  
 Re - store us, O God of hosts; show the light  
 of your coun - te - nance, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock: shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Mannaseh: stir up your strength and come to help us.

**Refrain**

O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbors: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

**Refrain**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand: the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so we will never turn away from you: give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**Refrain**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Children's Worship – during the Gradual Hymn, a Ministry Leader will be in front of the Lectern (where the Scripture is read) to Welcome and lead any children 8 years and younger to The Whipple Chapel for Children's worship. Accompanying adults may attend as well. They will return to the Nave during the Peace.*

Gradual Hymn

66: Come, thou long-expected Jesus

The Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

The Sermon

Dr. Helen E. Hansen

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:  
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 worshipped 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.**

The Prayers of the People

*The Presider concludes with the following:*

Come among us O Lord and mercifully hear our prayers. Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we will always be supported by the fellowship of love and prayer and know the healing power of your mercy. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus, for whom we await. **Amen.**

## Commissioning of New Pastoral Care Visitors – The Community of Hope International

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Offertory Sentence

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## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Ave, maris stella

Edvard Grieg

Hail, star of the sea, loving Mother of God,  
And also always a virgin, happy gate of heaven.  
Break the chains of sinners, bring light to the blind,  
Drive away our evils, ask for all good.

Keep life pure, make the journey safe,  
So that, seeing Jesus, we may always rejoice together.  
Praise be to God the Father, glory to Christ in the highest,  
To the Holy Spirit, one honor to all three. Amen.

### Offertory Hymn

56: O come, O come, Emmanuel (Verse 6)

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, page 367

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.



## Communion of the People

*All are welcome at the Lord's table in celebration and sharing of communion. If you prefer to receive a Blessing, come forward and cross your arms at your chest. Those needing to receive communion at their seated location may receive communion in their pew by speaking with an usher.*

*Gluten free bread is available at the station nearest to the Gallery Hall - near the Lectern*

*You are also invited to receive prayers and the laying on of hands at the Enmegabbowb prayer station at the Marian Chapel; located in the back of the church near the main door. You are always welcome to light a candle and pray on your own in this area as well.*

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Anthem at Communion: Ave Maria

Edward Elgar

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Hymns at Communion

265: The angel Gabriel from heaven came

324: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ.

**May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.**

*Please stand or kneel.*

The Postcommunion Prayer

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

438: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Meine Seele erhebt den Herren BWV733

J. S. Bach

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the High Altar are In Memory of Norma Fisher

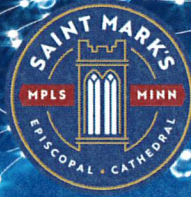
# Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols | 4pm

Carols with Brass | 10:30pm

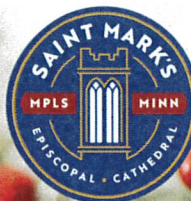
Choral Eucharist | 11pm



# Christmas Day Service

Choral Eucharist

December 25th | 10am





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*The Right Reverend Craig Loya Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota*

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\*The Reverend Lowell B. Johnson *Deacon: Shared Ministry - Community Connections*

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