



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

10:30A

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 20, 2020

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The Word of God

Prelude

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Officiant Almighty Father, by your Son Jesus Christ you redeemed us from sin and death and made us heirs in him of everlasting life: Grant that we, who now await his coming again by the light of this wreath, may rejoice on that day to behold his appearing. May he come quickly and not delay.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

¶ *As the Advent Wreath is lighted, the People are invited to light the Advent Wreaths in their homes*

HYMN 56 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'



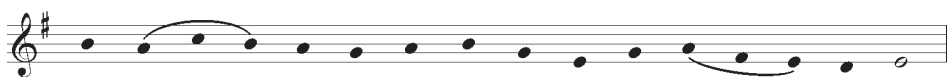
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL SENTENCE

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Officiant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — *1 John 1:8,9*

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.


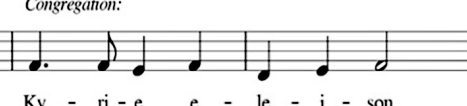




¶ *Silence is kept*

All 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.

Officiant 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.
People Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

COVINGTON/PALESTRINA

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant 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.

People Amen.

LESSON 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Lector When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

Choir

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
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 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. NRSV

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Stanford Adams, *Senior Associate*

The Nicene Creed

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Officiant We believe in one God,

All 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.

We pray for those...

In need of comfort

Ann
Jeff
Henry Brigham
Ann Bahan
June Rector
Martha Sheppard
Jane Ryan
Nada Lulic
Kristin Svahn
Tom
Nancy McAllister
Julia Fish
Maegan McKerrow
Elizabeth
Herman Barnett
Will
Holly Noelke
Kris Wright
Helen Arnold
Cathy Holland
Peter Fuller
Ernie Dean
Julia Fish
Ann Whiting
Jean Nelle
Aaron Callendar
Ann Reysa
Beth
Leslie
Darlene Anderson
Robin
Sam Perry
Barbara Pitts
Susan Novak
Pat Jones
Mollie Shands
Tom
Paul
William
Felicia Retiz
Julie Harrington
Will
Charlotte Brady
Melissa
Susan Sargent
Marjorie
Coleman Horton
Leonard
Anne
Harriet Rutland
Michael
Taylor
Monteith family
Collins family
Carper family
Corwin family

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to our Savior and Redeemer saying
“Come, Lord Jesus.”

¶ *After each petition:*

People Come, Lord Jesus.

¶ *The Officiant adds a concluding Collect*

Officiant Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

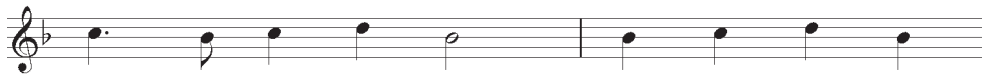
ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 54

‘Savior of the nations, come’



1	Sa - vior	of	the	na - tions,	come!	Vir - gin's
2	Won - drous	birth!	Oh,	won - drous	child	of the
3	Thus	on	earth	the	Word	ap - pears,
4	Come,	O	Fa - ther's	sav - ing	Son,	who o'er



Son,	make	here	your	home.	Mar - vel	now,	both
Vir - gin	un - de -	filed!	Might - y	God	and		
his	cre - a -	ted	spheres;	hence	to	death	and
sin	the	vic -	tory	won.	Bound -	less	shall
							your



heaven	and	earth,	that	the	Lord	chose	such	a	birth.
Ma - ry's	son,	ea -	ger	now	his	race	to	run!	
hell	de -	scends,	then	the	heaven -	ly	throne	a -	scends.
king -	dom	be;	grant	that	we	its	glo -	ries	see.

Expecting the birth of a child

- Courtney Patton
- Sarah McNamara
- Nicole Olesh
- Courtney Moreland Lippe
- Lillyan Duck
- Katie Crowley
- Jessica Sherrets
- Allison Sjoberg Leatherman
- Cathleen Naumann
- Sarah Brayne
- Blair Nelson
- Courtney Schlegel
- Allyson Jones Clayton
- Kristen Dillavou
- Kathryn Richter

Births

- Lucy Gray

Deaths

- Richard Monteith
- Lee Collins
- Ivan Carper

Serving in the armed forces

- Staton Jobe
- Shay Archer
- Connor Downing
- Alexandra Mauro
- Michael Hart
- Nico Barrangan
- Joseph Turner
- Davis Brown
- Brandon Sharp
- Katy Whitbeck
- Clayton Baker
- Jim Lively
- Andrew Gray
- Claten Bechtol
- Zachary Pierce

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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 Dismissal

BLESSING

¶ *The Officiant blesses the people*

People Amen.

DISMISSAL

¶ *The Officiant dismisses the people*

People Thanks be to God.

“Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.”

EPHESIANS 5:2

Amid the ongoing pandemic, the Church's mission to embody the love of Christ continues.

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We encourage you to make your offering to Good Shepherd by visiting our website

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Thank you for your support.

Postlude