



EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 22, 2024

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the nations, come)

Dietrich Buxtehude

HYMN 54

Savior of the nations, come

THE ADVENT WREATH

A treasured way in our Episcopal tradition to mark our progress during Advent as we wait for God’s light to break through the darkness with Jesus’ birth. While the Advent wreath is a tradition that originated in families, and is not part of our worship liturgies, it is a lovely tradition to remember at the start of worship as we light candles for hope, peace, joy, and love. The four candles do not have any specific meaning within The Episcopal Church, but the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love are perfect for Advent, with joy on the third Sunday — Gaudete Sunday — represented by the pink candle. For churches that observe Advent with the liturgical color purple, the pink represents a lift in the observance of Advent as a semi-penitential season, or mini-Lent. In contrast, many Episcopal churches use Sarum blue vestments and altar hangings during Advent, which distinguishes the unique features of hopeful waiting in Advent over the penitence of Lent as we wait for God to come in human flesh. (prayers adapted from the text of The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski for Virginia Theological Seminary)

Leader Today we light the first, second, third, and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. The first candle is for HOPE, the second candle is for PEACE, the third candle is for JOY, and the fourth candle is for LOVE.

The candles are lit.

People Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY, *prayed aloud by all*

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. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD S273, *Book of Common Prayer* page 356



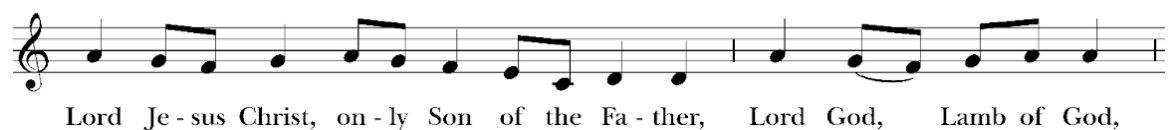
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



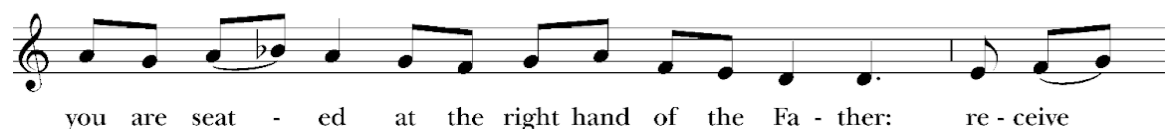
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



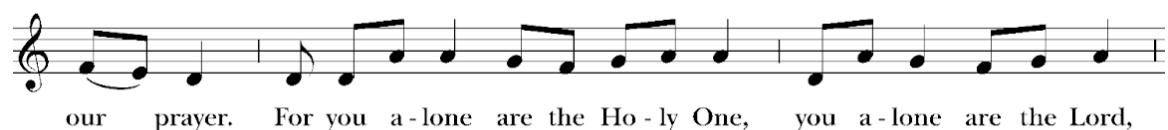
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive



our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Plainsong, Mode 7; Mass 13 (12th cent.); adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

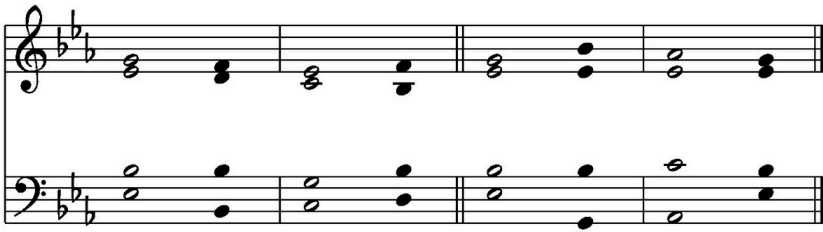
THE FIRST READING

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. *Micah 5:2-5a*

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSE, Canticle 15, *The Magnificat*



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my **Savior**; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly **servant**.

From this day all generations will call me **blessed**: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his **Name**.

He has mercy on those who **fear him** *
in every **generation**.

He has shown the strength of his **arm**, *
he has scattered the proud in their **conceit**.

He has cast down the mighty from their **thrones**, *
and has lifted up the **lowly**.

He has filled the hungry with good **things**, *
and the rich he has sent away **empty**.

He has come to the help of his servant **Israel**, *
for he has remembered his promise of **mercy**,

The promise he made to our **fathers**, *
to Abraham and his children for **ever**.

ΩGlory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. | **Amen**.

Luke 1:46-55

THE SECOND READING

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.

Hebrews 10:5-10

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

FOR THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 60, verses 1, 2, 3 *Creator of the stars of night*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People **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."
Luke 1:39-45

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Barnes

THE NICENE CREED, *recited together, standing*

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 PEOPLE, *form VI*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*silence, then...*) For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for our mayor, our governor, our president and for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Grant to the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give courage, wisdom, and foresight to Senators and Representatives, and legislators in States, Cities, and Towns, to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. Give understanding and integrity to the Judges and officers of our Courts, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians, for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children, for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our rector, our bishop, our presiding bishop, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

In the cycle of prayer of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island we pray for... .

In the Emmanuel Church Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation we ask your prayers for ... hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(the people may add their thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(Silence is kept)

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us

by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

NOTICES

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY

Ave Maria
Ali Hosford, *soprano*


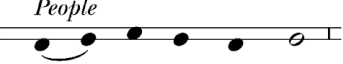




Vavilov, attributed to Caccini

for the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing
Hymn 380, stanza 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, BCP page 367, *Eucharistic Prayer B*

SURSUM CORDA, BCP 361, S112

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</p>	

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Et etc. ... concluding*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S115, *Book of Common Prayer* page 362

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full
of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Priest 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; *Et etc. ... concluding*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, *Et etc. concluding ...*

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.

People **Amen.**

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

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.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM S160

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.

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MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Mary, Did You Know
Nellie Horvath, *vocals*

Mark Lowry

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *prayed aloud together, standing, kneeling or sitting as you prefer*

Priest Let us pray.

People Eternal God, 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.

HYMN 82

Of the Father's love begotten

POSTLUDE

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Ed Gosling, Carolyn Swiggart, *readers*

Kevin Venancio, *intercessor*

Ellen Vadney, *livestream*

Jackie Breen, Debbie DeAscentis, *ushers*

Ellen Vadney, Valerie Martin, *counters*

Musicians' Circle

Ali Hosford, *Artist in Residence*, Randy Elkins, *Director of Music & Organist*
Nellie Horvath, *Music Assistant*, Ethan Boucher & Tara Byrnes, *Choral Scholars*

Brooke Daigle, Nancy Zitka, Margaret Keiran, Debbie Venancio, Danielly Muchiutti,
Kathleen Tocke, Suzanna Laramee, Della Wager Wells+, Jane Dyer, Susan Barnes+,
Paige Dinger, Barbara Chapman, Carmen DeFabo, Caleb Dinger, Elinora-Rosaria Deininger,
Duffy, Ellen Vadney, Kevin Venancio, David Thalmann, David Frazier, Ryan Brown,
Lyndsay Brown (sound), Jodie DeSalvo, Luke Bayne, Sylvia Strong

Bible Study follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Library.
Choir Practice follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Church.
Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 a.m. service in the Library.

December 22 at 4 pm **Lessons and Carols at Trinity Church** 1 Queen Anne Square, Newport,
Trinity's annual service follows the pattern of Bible lessons and music of Advent and Christmas developed in
the Church of England.

December 24 at 4 pm **Christmas EVE Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music**
Please join us for this most beautiful of services in the rare, exquisite beauty of our Church.

December 25 at 10 am **Christmas DAY Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music**
This year Emmanuel hosts the Christmas Day service bringing together congregants from Emmanuel,
St. Johns and Trinity. We will be led by clergy from each congregation and by the Emmanuel Musicians' Circle.

December 29 at 11:15 am **Farewell Coffee Hour in honor of Ali Hosford**, *Artist in Residence*. Following the
10:00 service on December 29, Ali is stepping down as our first *Artist in Residence* in the Musicians' Circle,
following a very rewarding tenure. Ali's schedule is very crowded and family time on Sunday morning is a
missed opportunity that she wants to capture. Please join us following the 10:00 service to thank her and to
wish her farewell. Ali has promised to return often to sing with us. Announcements about the future of the
Artist in Residence program will be announced in the New Year.