

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite I

11:15 a.m. (choral)

December 19, 2021

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church!



In Advent, we renew the ancient practice of lighting candles arranged around a wreath as part of our observance of the season. An Advent Wreath is a circle of evergreens with four dark-blue candles around its edge, and a white candle – the Christ Candle – in the center. The four blue candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A single blue candle is lit every day during the first week of Advent and an additional one each week thereafter. As the season progresses, the additional light-giving candles signify the approach of the One who said, “I am the Light” – Jesus Christ. Finally, on Christmas Eve, the Christ Candle in the middle of the wreath is lit to show that the Light of Christ has come into the world.

The two evergreen trees in the nave are Jesse Trees, not Christmas Trees. Jesse Trees have ornaments which represent the Family Tree of Jesus and God’s acts of salvation over the ages. Jesse was the father of King David from whom both Jesus’ mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, descended. As the weeks of Advent pass, more ornaments are added to the Jesse Tree.

A Word to Parents of Young Children

We are delighted to have children join us for worship. We encourage you to sit close to the front of the church, so that your child can get a better view of what is going on at the altar. Ask any usher for a Busy Bag – a cloth sack containing items for quiet play.

Please turn off cellphones and other electronic devices that could intrude on the solemnity of this service.

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The Holy Eucharist

The Organ Prelude, Meine Seele erhebt den Herren BWV 648

J.S. Bach

The Procession (stand)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Blue Hymnal 74, Blest be the King

The Opening Acclamation

Red Prayer Book, page 323

The Collect for Purity

The Trisagion, S 102

Alexander Archangelsky

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day

Red Prayer Book, page 160

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson, Micah 5:2-4 (*sit*)

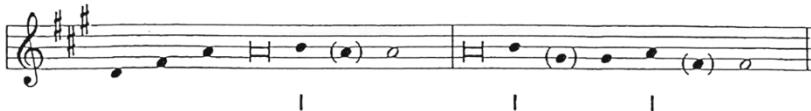
Revised Standard Version

But you, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler 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 travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren 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 dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

The Gradual, Canticle 3

Magnificat

Tone V.1



1 My soul doth magnify the **Lord**, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in **God** my Savior.

2 For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of **his** handmaiden.

3 For behold from **henceforth** *
all generations shall **call** me **blessèd**.

4 For he that is mighty hath magnified **me**, *
and **holy is** his Name.

5 And his mercy is on them that **fear** him *
throughout **all** generations.

6 He hath showed strength with his **arm**; *
he hath scattered the proud in the **imagination of** their hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty from their **seat**, *
and hath exalted the **humble and** meek.

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

9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant **Israel**, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his **seed** for ever.

The Second Lesson, Hebrews 10:5-10

Revised Standard Version

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,’ as it is written of me in the roll of the book.” When he said above, “Thou hast 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, “Lo, I have come to do thy will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Sequence (stand)

JULION

Blue Hymnal 268, Ye who claim the faith of Jesus (1-2/3-4)

The Holy Gospel, Luke 1:26-45

Revised Standard Version

Before the Gospel: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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 father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.” And Mary said to the angel, “How shall this be, since I have no husband?” And 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 called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechari'ah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

After the Gospel: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon (sit)

The Nicene Creed (stand)

Red Prayer Book, page 326

The Prayers of the People, Form I

Red Prayer Book, page 383

The Confession and Absolution (kneel)

Red Prayer Book, page 331

The Peace (*stand*)

The Birthday and Anniversary Blessings (*sit*)

The Announcements

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Malcom Archer

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail!" said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady". Gloria! For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee, thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold; most highly favoured lady. Gloria! Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head. "To me be as it pleaseth God", she said, "my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name". Most highly favoured lady. Gloria! Of her, Immanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and christian folk throughout the world will ever say "Most highly favoured lady". Gloria!

The Presentation, Doxology (*stand*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer II

Red Prayer Book, page 340

The Sanctus, Blue Hymnal S 113

John Merbecke

The Our Father, Blue Hymnal S 119

Plainsong, adapted by Charles Winfred Douglas

The Breaking of the Bread

The Agnus Dei, Blue Hymnal S 157

John Merbecke

The Ministration of Communion

*Visitors, if you have been baptized and receive communion in your home church,
please join us for Holy Communion.*

The Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal 258, Virgin born, we bow before thee

PSALM 86

Blue Hymnal 264, The Word whom earth and sea and sky adore

SONG 34

The Dispatching of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Lay ministers may be sent forth with Holy Communion to parishioners unable to travel to Church.

The Ablutions Anthem

Reginald Jacques

There stood in heaven a linden tree, but tho' 'twas honeyladen, all angels cried, "No bloom shall be like that of one fair maiden". Sped Gabriel on winged feet, and passed through bolted portals, in Nazareth, a maid to greet, blest o'er all other mortals. "Hail Mary!" quoth the angel mild, "of womankind the fairest: the Virgin ay shalt thou be styled, a babe although thou bearest". "So be it!" God's handmaiden cried, "according to thy telling", whereon the angel smartly hied up homeward to his dwelling. This tiding filled his mates with glee: 'twas passed from one to other that 'twas Mary, and none but she, and God would call her Mother.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Red Prayer Book, page 339

The Blessing

The Procession (*stand*)

STUTTGART

Blue Hymnal 66, Come, thou long expected Jesus

The Dismissal

Red Prayer Book, page 339

The Organ Postlude, Meine Seele erhebt den Herren BWV 733

J.S. Bach