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# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Reverend Robert Courtney, *Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Face masks are optional. Large-print Prayer Books are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube. Those seated in the front of the nave may briefly appear on camera. Children, Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the Nursery for breakfast and the Good Shepherd Atrium for Christian Formation. They will join us in the cathedral at The Peace. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions.*

## The Word of God

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** - Ave Maris Stella..... Gerald Near

*When the bell sounds, please stand and sing the*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #74** - Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!..... *Valet will ich dir geben*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Prayer Book, page 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.*

**LORD HAVE MERCY** *Kyrie eleison*

Janet Hall

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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

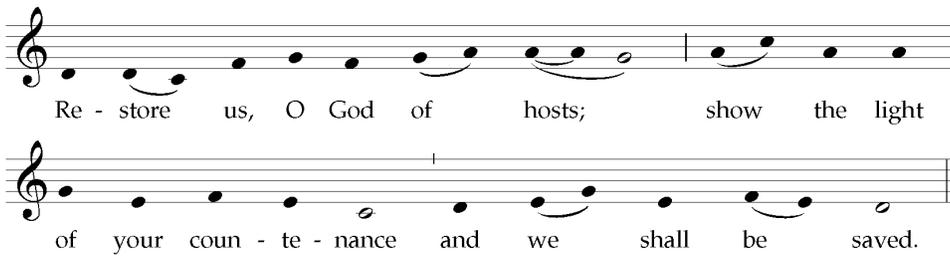
But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us. [*Refrain*]
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. [*Refrain*]
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. [*Refrain*]

**THE SECOND LESSON** ~ Hebrews 10:5-10

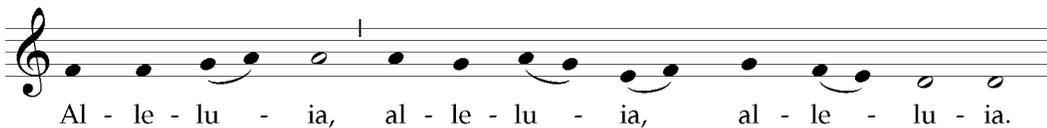
Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand and sing*

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**



- V. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord;  
let it be to me according to your word. [*Alleluia*]

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** ~ Luke 1:39-55

*Deacon* 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.” 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



**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

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.

*(Standing or Kneeling)*

**THE EUCHARISTIC CANON**

Prayer Book, Page 368

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** *(said by all)*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory

**THE GREAT AMEN**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Prayer Book, Page 364

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

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.

**THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*During this time, we offer communion in one kind (bread only). Please come forward, maintaining physical distance, receive the wafer from the priest and return to your seat.*

**ANTHEM**

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| 1 I sing of a maiden<br>That is makeless;<br>King of all kings<br>To her son she ches.           | 3 He came all so still<br>To his mother's bower,<br>As dew in April<br>That falleth on the flower. | 5 Mother and maiden<br>Was never none but she:<br>Well may such a lady<br>God's mother be. |
| 2 He came all so still<br>Where his mother was,<br>As dew in April<br>That falleth on the grass. | 4 He came all so still<br>Where his mother lay,<br>As dew in April<br>That falleth on the spray.   |  |

Words: 15<sup>th</sup>-century English

Music: Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

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*Please join in singing*  
HYMN #60 - Creator of the stars of night..... *Conditor alme siderum*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Prayer Book, Page 365/366

**THE SEASONAL 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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
HYMN #66 - Come, thou long-expected Jesus..... *Stuttgart*

**THE DISMISSAL**  
*People* Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY - Ave Maris Stella..... Marcel Dupré  
*Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall and the Bishop’s garden for refreshments and conversation; all are invited to attend. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral next to the organ pipes, turn left to access the hallway, and then follow the long hallway to the right; Stuart Hall is on the right. Guests are especially welcome.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Volunteer Opportunity** - Our neighbors at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1823 Washington Ave) offer a free hot meal at noon every Wednesday and Saturday. They have invited us to join them in helping to serve this meal. The sign-up sheet to volunteer can be found on the website listed below. Helping out doesn't require any expertise with food prep, their chef can give any instructions that are necessary. You can see more about it, including a pdf that can be shared, here: <https://www.blcnoia.org/communitytable>.

**Christian Formation**  
*Children (ages 5 through 12)* will gather Sunday mornings beginning at 9:55 am and return to their parents in church in time for communion. Getting to know Jesus through Bible stories, discussion, videos, and other activities.

*High School and Middle School age Youth* will gather on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 am service for time to build and strengthen their faith to face the challenges of their life through scripture study, insightful videos and sharing their understandings and fellowship.

- Save the dates**
- December 19 - Presentation on The Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative by Nicole Barnes during Coffee Hour.
  - December 24 - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 5:00 PM; The Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 9:00 PM
  - December 25 - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 AM

*For an online tour* of Christ Church Cathedral,  
follow this link.



*Announcements for St. Paul's Episcopal Church,*  
follow this link.





# The Episcopal Diocese of LOUISIANA

Kentucky Tornado Relief  
My Brothers and Sisters,

Yesterday I spoke with my friend Bishop Terry White of the Diocese of Kentucky. He was describing to me the horrific destruction the tornado left in its path. He said it was heart-wrenching to see the looks on the faces that lost so much.

You and I know what destruction looks and feels like. You and I have been knee-deep in destroyed homes. You and I know the hurt of having your property swept away by nature. This is why you and I need to act.

I am asking our churches to take up a special offering to be sent to the Diocese of Kentucky for tornado relief. Nothing is too small a gift. Rebecca and I will be sending our own personal gift as well.

Thank you for your response. May God continue to hold each and every one of us in the palm of his hands.

Financial gifts can be made to the following:

Diocese of Kentucky Bishop's Discretionary Fund: <https://episcopalky.wufoo.com/forms/znwk9cz1cslzfg>  
Episcopal Relief and Development:  
<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>

Blessings,

The Rt. Rev. Morris K. Thompson, Jr.  
Bishop of Louisiana

## Winter Adult Education Program

Beginning in January, an hour-long adult education program will be offered in the Cathedral House on six Wednesday afternoons and the same course will be offered on a Saturday morning through mid-afternoon (with lunch).

The course is *From Jesus to Christ to the Church: Scripture and Patristic Literature in the Formation of the Christian Faith*. Although the course will be offered in person (with appropriate health precautions), efforts are being made to have it available to those who wish to participate in the course online. Although the suggested readings for the program will all be in the New Testament, reference will be made to early Christian writings—some accepted as important for the development of the orthodox Faith and others that were rejected by the Church as 'heterodox' and a danger to the true Faith. Although reading the entire New Testament will help participants understand the material best (it is suggested that reading Paul's Epistles will be most helpful—even more helpful than reading the Gospels—all of Paul's letters were written prior to Mark's Gospel!

More detailed information about schedule and the course outline will be available prior to the New Year.

- The Reverend Canon Dr. David B. Lowry

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Chris Brown, Amanda George (Treasurer), Curtis Herring

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Jethro Celestin, Diana Orr, Billy Soileau

**THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021**

SUNDAY

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:55 AM Christian Formation for Children

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

11:15 AM Presentation by Nicole Barnes

6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

THURSDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

10:00 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FRIDAY

*Christmas Eve*

5:00 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

SATURDAY

*Christmas Day*

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

SUNDAY

*The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

9:55 AM Christian Formation for Children

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

6:00 PM Real Presence

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