
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Celebrant - The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

Preacher - The Very Reverend David A. 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. 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 - Magnificat..... Marcel Dupré

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 by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison* Janet Hall

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

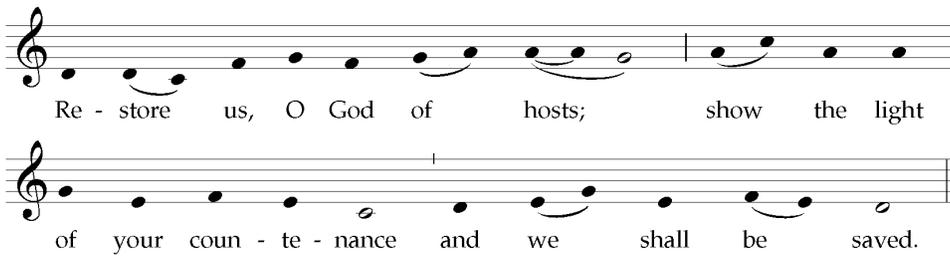
THE FIRST LESSON - Micah 5:2-5a

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.

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

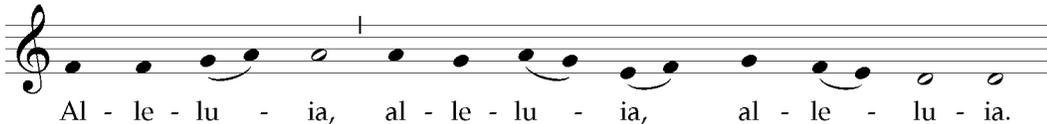
When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." 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 hand-maid 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 be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, Page 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Book, Page 328

THE PEACE

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

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

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 favored 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 favored lady, Gloria!

“For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Words: Basque carol
Music: *Gabriel’s Message*, Basque carol; harmonized by Edgar Pettman, (1865-1943)

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #278 ~ Sing we of the blessed Mother *Rustington*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer I

Prayer Book, Page 333

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

The people kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

THE GREAT AMEN

Celebrant *People*
 A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

Nova, nova. Ave fit ex Eva.

Gabriel of high degree,
he was sent from the Trinity,
to Nazareth in Galilee.

Said the angel, "Have no fear;
by conception without compare
the Savior Jesus shall you bear.

He met a maiden in that place;
there he knelt down before her face
and said, "Hail Mary, full of grace.

"There are yet but six months gone
since Elizabeth conceived John,
to be the herald of God's Son."

When the maiden heard his song,
she was filled with confusing strong
and feared that she had done a wrong.

Said the maiden, "Verily,
I am your servant right truly,
the handmaid of the Lord now see."

Words: 15th cent.; adapt. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Nova, nova*, melody Hunterian MS., 15th cent.

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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 #248 ~ To the Name of our salvation *Oriel*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The greens on the advent wreaths in the Cathedral and Chapel are given in thanksgiving for The Reverend Susan Gaumer's 25 years of priesthood, and in loving memory of James Ricciardi.

Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall 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

Save the dates

- January 4, 2019 - Annual Holiday Party at the home of Vicki Moreland (Childcare by reservation at the cathedral)
- January 6, 2019 - Choral Holy Eucharist on the Feast of the Epiphany
- January 20, 2019 - Bishop's Annual Visit and Confirmation

Christmas at the Cathedral
Monday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Bishop Thompson, Celebrant and Preacher
9:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Bishop Thompson preaches; The Dean celebrates.
Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Carols



December 23, 2018 – Advent 4 (C)
Fourth Week of Advent: Journeying in the World

As we come closer to the joy and promise of the Incarnation, we invite you to continue journeying the Way of Love. Consider this week which of the seven practices captured your imagination this Advent. Which challenged you or brought the most joy? Where did you find blessings or cross boundaries? Where is God calling you to witness to salvation being birthed into the world today?

Sunday, December 23

WORSHIP

Linger before leaving worship today. Ask God to prepare and send you to go out into the world to witness to God's love.

Monday, December 24

GO

Notice and pray for all those who, like Mary and Joseph, are in need of shelter.

Tuesday, December 25

LEARN

Read Luke 1-2. Give thanks for the birth of the Christ-child. Pray that you may follow Christ Jesus on his Way of Love with your whole heart, mind, body, and spirit.

For more resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you'll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as a nine-session curriculum for use anytime, video, and much more.

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23, 2018

SUNDAY

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)

9:45 AM Christian Formation for Children

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

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE

MONDAY

Christmas Eve

Office Closed

5:00 PM Festal Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 PM Festal Holy Eucharist, Rite I

TUESDAY

Christmas Day

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist with Carols

WEDNESDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Cathedral Tours

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (*Women Only*)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Office open until noon

9:30 AM Centering Prayer (AH)

10:00 AM Eracism (Westfeldt Room)

5:30 PM Wedding

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