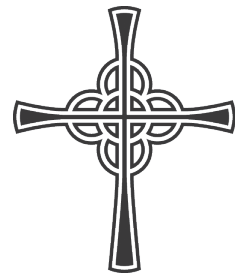


The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & 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 silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY - "...and call her blessed... *from Windows of Comfort*..... Dan Locklair

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing the

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #74 - Blest be the King whose coming *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.*

KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*)..... 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.*

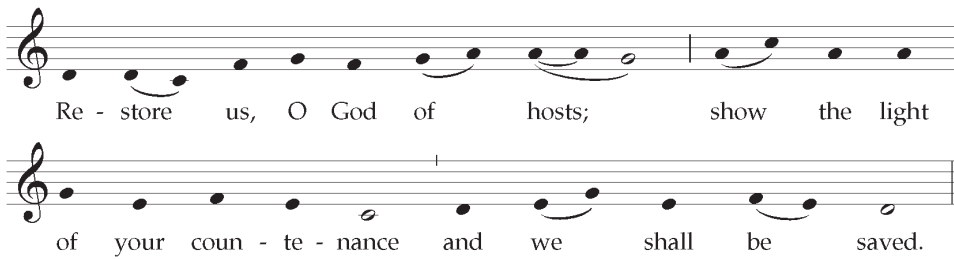
THE FIRST LESSON - Micah 5:2-5a

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.

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

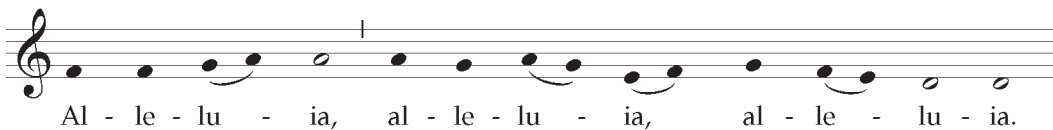
Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written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

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 to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, Page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

Prayer Book, Page 387

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 360

THE PEACE

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

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

There is no rose of sych vertu, as is the rose that bare Jesu, For in this rose, contained was heaven and earth in lytle space.	By that rose we may well see, That He is God in persons three, The aungels sungen shepherds to Gloria in excelsis deo.
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Leave we all this wearldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth,
Alleluia. Resmiranda, Pares forma,
Gaudeamus, transeamus.

Words: c. 1420
Music: Melinda Bargreen (b. 1947)

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #53 ~ Once he came in blessing *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, Page 367

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

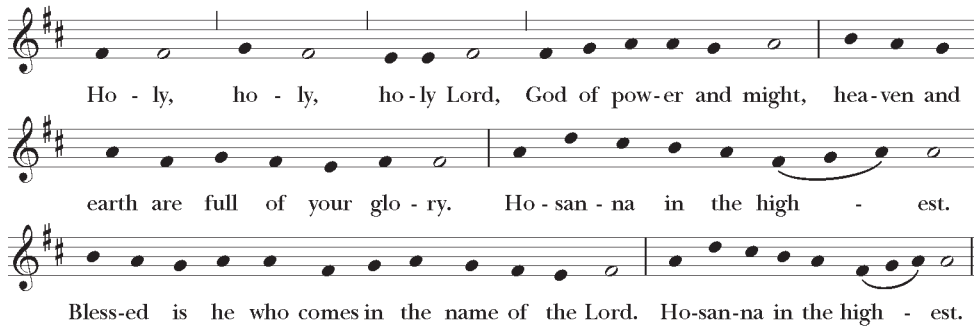
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

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

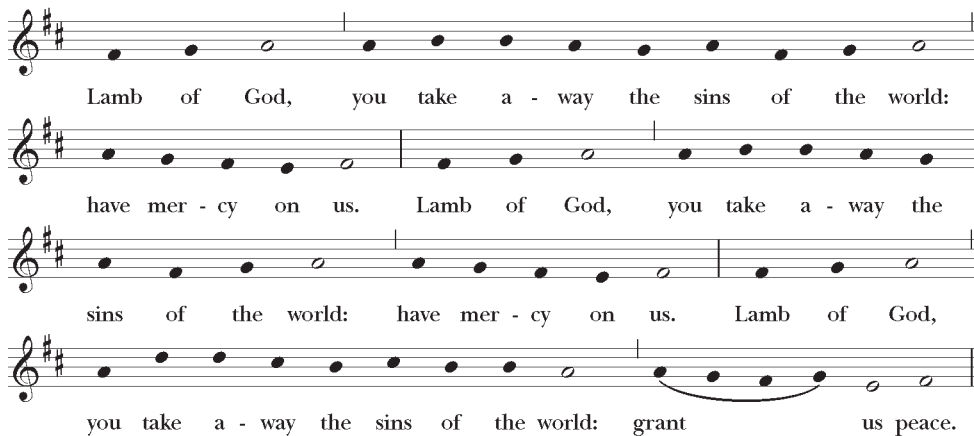
THE GREAT AMEN

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

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

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| <p>1 Creator of the stars of night,
Thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
And hear thy servants when they call.</p> <p>3 At thy great name, exalted now,
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
And things in heaven and earth shall own
That thou art Lord and Kind alone.</p> | <p>2 Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to eveningtide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet all divine.</p> <p>4 To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honour, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.</p> |
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Words: Latin, 9th century, English text by J.M. Neale
 Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Please join in singing

HYMN #268 ~ Ye who claim the faith of Jesus.....*Julion*

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 #73 ~ The King shall come when morning dawns *St. Stephen*

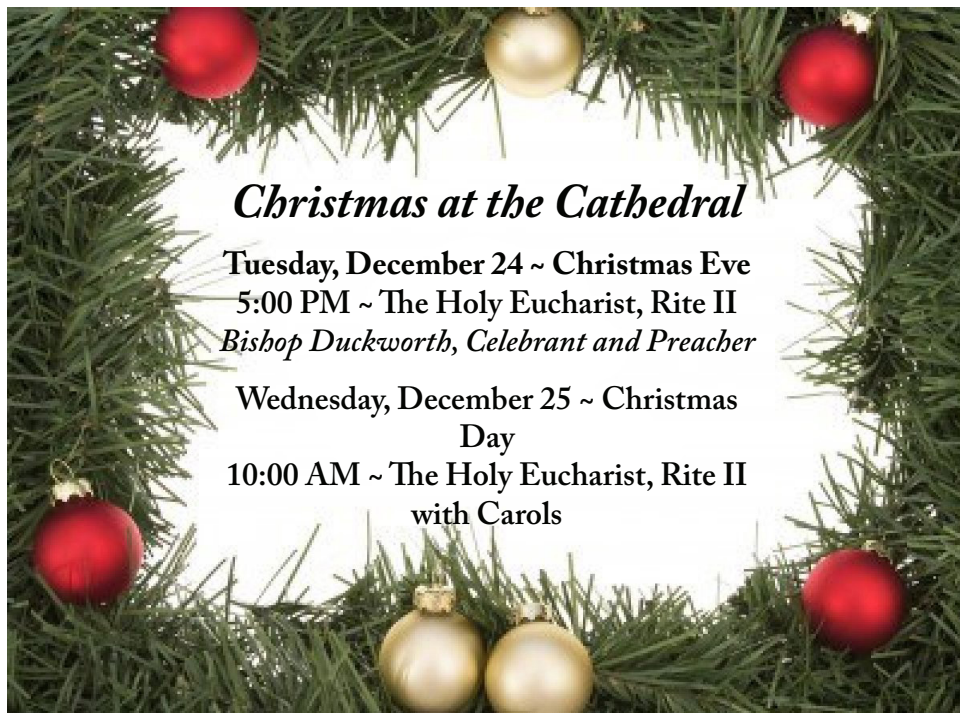
THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ~

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Stuart Hall. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral and follow the crowd. Stuart Hall is at the end of the hallway on the right. All (especially guests) are invited to attend.

Hospitality Committee ~ Please considerer contributing a snack of your choice for Coffee Hour every now and then. Suggestions include cookies, cheese and crackers or a small cake. Items that can be frozen are especially helpful to enable the size of the spread to match the size of the crowd.



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BULLETIN INSERTS

December 22, 2024 – 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?

For more Advent 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 *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

Sunday, December 22

WORSHIP

Linger before leaving your worship time today. How is God calling you to hear and sing along with Mary's Song? Read Luke 1:39-55.

Monday, December 23

PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 4, found on page 212 in The Book of Common Prayer. Pick three or four of your beloveds to focus your prayers on today. Make sure to leave some silent space for God to offer you some wisdom about what they may need right now.

Tuesday, December 24

REST

The conventional wisdom is that new parents should rest when the baby is resting. Make sure you take some time out to rest with Baby Jesus — and marvel in the wonder of a fresh, new, clean, shiny, tiny, precious start. Take a nap and thank God for the gift of Jesus and for peace at Christmas.



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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
11:30 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)
3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)
6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

- 9:00 AM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Dean's Parlor)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

Christmas Eve

- 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)
5:00 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WEDNESDAY

Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THURSDAY

Office Closed

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

FRIDAY

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

SUNDAY

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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