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## The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020



### Morning Prayer

*Officiant*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

Glory 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.**

**Venite** Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Canticle 15**

*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.**

*Officiant and People*

Glory 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.**

**A Reading from 2 Samuel** (7:1-11, 16)

Now when David, the king, was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 13 – Benedictus es, Domine**

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \*  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Glory to you, beholding the depths; \*  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \* we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**A Reading from Romans** (16:25-27)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**Canticle 17 – Nunc Dimittis**

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \* whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Officiant and People*

Glory 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.**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke** (1:26-38)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*Silence for reflection*

Fr. Haynes

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
**creator of heaven and earth;**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**Our father in heaven**  
**hallowed be your Name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. **We praise your name for ever.**
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. **For we put our trust in you.**
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

*Officiant*

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.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Leader*

As a people in darkness waiting for the coming of the light of Christ,

Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Unity of Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and  
Apostolic Church,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of  
Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Justin,  
Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our presiding  
bishop; Greg our bishop; for priests, deacons and  
all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy  
people of God,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the Anglican Communion, especially the  
Dioceses of Sodor & Man - (England), El Camino Real -  
(The Episcopal Church), Sokoto - (Nigeria), and El Salvador - (Central  
America) South Ankole - (Uganda), Eldoret - (Kenya), South  
Dakota - (The Episcopal Church), El-Obeid - (Sudan), South Kerala -  
(South India), Ely - (England), Embu - (Kenya), South Rwenzori -  
(Uganda), Enugu - (Nigeria), Enugu North - (Nigeria), and the  
Mission Agencies of the Church and the work of the  
Mothers' Union around the world; our diocese,  
especially St. Stephen, Oak Harbor; Christ Church,  
Anacortes; and our parish, especially for our  
Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie Buddy Group: Sharon  
Wilhelm; Jacquie & Ray Witherrite; Alisande  
Watterson & Bill Bowers; Rachel, Kevin, Stella, and  
Luna Bacon; Kathleen Monahan and Marie  
Monahan,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,  
in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor  
one another and serve the common good. We pray  
for our armed forces, their families, and those who  
are deployed, especially for those we now name;  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, the  
unemployed, those in prison, and for the sick  
and suffering; praying for all those on our prayer  
list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa,  
Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Erica, Rico, Steven,  
David, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Saray,  
Julianne, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Jackie, Bill &  
Paula, Janis, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Deb, Mike,  
Elizabeth, Milana, Alisande, Jenny, Peggy, Gordon,

Jerry, Debbie, Arne, Kay & Bruce, Ben & Hank,  
Kathleen, Hope, and for all who suffer from COVID  
19, their families, and friends, and for those we  
now name;  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those anticipating the birth of a child, a move, a  
change in employment or any new beginning,  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life,  
especially for the blessings we now name;  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's  
presence, especially George Dennett and those we  
now name;  
Let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### *Officiant*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the  
whole body of your faithful people is governed and  
sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers  
which we offer before you for all members of your  
holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry  
they may truly and devoutly serve you; through  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries**

*After the Offering is collected and placed upon the  
altar, the following is sung*

### **Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3** *Doxology*

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. Amen.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
**we your unworthy servants give you humble  
thanks for all your goodness and loving-  
kindness to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life; but above all  
for your immeasurable love in the redemption  
of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the  
means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And,**

**we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### **The 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.*

### **St. Matthew Mission Statement**

**To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.**

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## **Advent @ Home - 4th Sunday of Advent (December 20, 2020)**

**Reader:** "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David" (Luke 2:1,3-4).

**Reader:** Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband,

doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

**People:** **Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kin-dom of God.**

**Reader:** On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.  
*(Light 3 purple or blue candles and a rose candle.)*

**Hymn:** "O come, O come, Emmanuel" Hymn 56, vss. 7-8

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.  
*Refrain:* Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
*Refrain:* Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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