

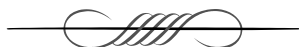


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The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017



The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering music Hymn #277 *Sing of Mary*

Procession to the Altar *All are welcome*
(printed on page 5 of the Worship Guide Insert)

The Collect of the Day

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.**

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 15 (Read in unison after the first asterisk)

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.**

**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 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**

Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

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!

**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

Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

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!

Prayers of the People

Bishops:
Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, Greg our bishop

Anglican Communion:
Dioceses of Yola - (Jos, Nigeria), York - (York, England), Ysabel - (Melanesia), Yukon - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada), Zaki-Biam - (Abuja, Nigeria), Zanzibar - (Tanzania), Zaria - (Kaduna, Nigeria), Zonkwa - (Abuja, Nigeria)

Our Diocese:
St. Stephen, Oak Harbor; Grace Church Lopez Island

Our Parishioners:
David Doktor; Scott, Holly, Chelsea, and Sydney Donnelly; Terry & Dick Elofson

Our President:
Donald

Our Prayer List:

Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Justin, Patricia, Paulette, Ann, Agueda, Jim, Erica, Allen, Hope, Karen, George, Scott, Callie, Miff, Eric, Caroline, Steve, Amanda, Khny, Ron, Lee and for those we now name

All Who Have Died:

Lisa Zorko

Offertory Anthem

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

St. Matthew Choir

Communion Music

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and grace.

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Alleluia (sing each 8 times)

Alleluia.....
Jesus is Lord.....
Lord, we love you.....
Lord, we thank you.....
Alleluia.....

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Let All That is Within Me

1. Let all that is within me, cry, "Holy!"
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Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb that was slain.
2. Let all that is within me cry, "Worthy!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Worthy!"
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
3. Let all that is within me cry, "Jesus!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Jesus!"
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb that was slain.
4. Let all that is within me cry, "Glory!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Glory!"
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb that was slain.

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Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn #74

Blest be the King

Special Ministers Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Bob Witter
Eucharistic Minister	Frank Blacker
Lector	Kathy Manning
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun Jill Little - 8 Rich Gould
Ushers	

Greeters	Jim Jones Sue Jones
Eucharistic Visitor	Jim Sloan
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Sandy Goretti and Sandy Hust -8 Janet Witter Linda Pomeroy-Hull

Counters

Coffee Hour

Altar Guild Director	Linda Pomeroy-Hull
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Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy
Areewa Saray – imprisonment
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease
Sandy Green – (brother-in-law of Alex Ringstad) – just entered into Hospice care
Justin Smith – (husband of Abby Smith) – continued health
Patricia Stanley – (dear friend of Pamela Reed) – who has been diagnosed with ALS
Paulette – (Jim Sloan's brother Fred's wife) –cancer of the throat
Ann – (family friend of Sherry & Barney Hartley) – who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – for new employment
Jim Englund (friend of the Blacker's) – diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer
Erica Frey-Hoyer – (friend of Sandy Dawes) - who was diagnosed with colon and liver cancer
Allen Wohler – (husband of friend of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) therapy following a coma
Hope – (sister of Darla Powell) – heart issues
Leanne Gaunt (mother of Sueann and Sandy Goretti) – for successful treatment of cancer that has returned in her vertebrae
Karen Wallin – (friend of Bob and Mairi Hankinson) cancer
George Kurtz (father of Jim Kurtz) – Parkinson's
Scott Candoo (son of Lila Candoo) – ALS
Callie (daughter of friend of Liz Latsis) - brain surgery
Miff Cox (cousin of Barney Hartley) – cancer
Eric Yun (cousin of Sandy Yoeun) – endocarditis
Caroline Reale (aunt of Gina Reale) – pneumonia
Steve (friend of Abby Smith) – unemployment
Amber (friend of Abby Smith) – divorce
Knhy Yuorn (family of Saray Yuorn) – hospitalization
Ron Selinger (friend of Lee Holland) – unemployment
Lee Holland – recovery from a fall

**To add someone or take someone off the prayer list,
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