

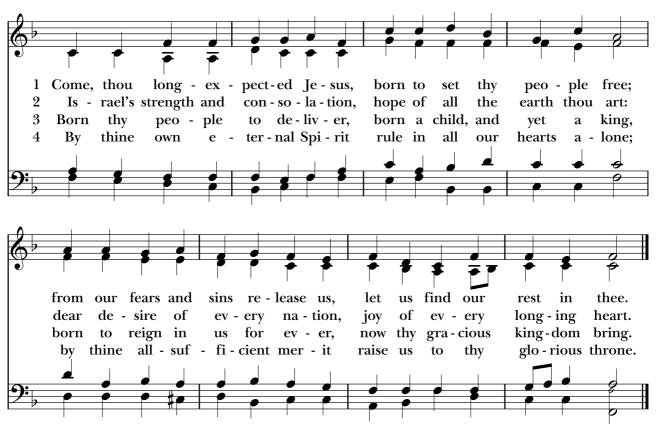


Holy Eucharist Advent 4 22nd December 2024

Opening Hymn

Come, thou long expected Jesus

H.66



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The Word of God

The congregation joins in praying all texts printed in bold.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

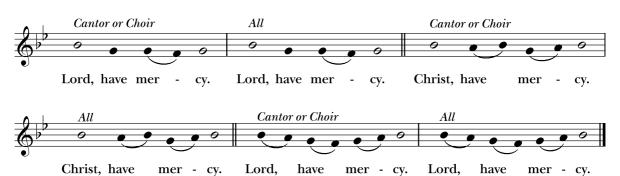
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Kyrie S95

The Hymnal 1982



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Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

People Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

The Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

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.

The Epistle 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.

The Word of the Lord.

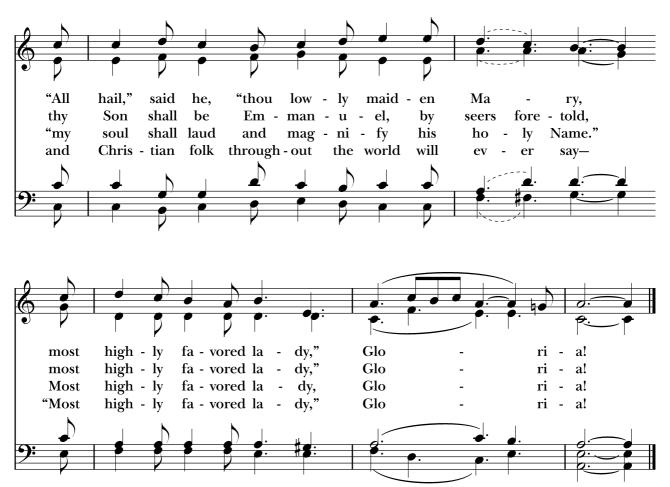
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn The angel Gabriel from heaven came

H.55, tune 124

(Verses 1e32 before the Gospel; verses 3e34 after the Gospel)





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The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

AllWe believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.



The Agape Prayer

Presider Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.

You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth food from the earth; bless this wine, bread, and fruit that we now share in our homes and gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

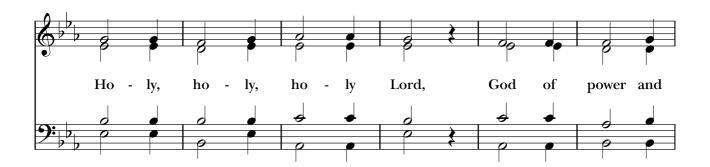
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

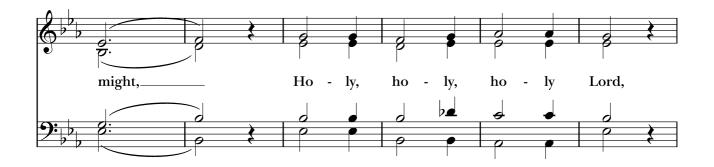
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:









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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice or praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

Silence

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



During the administration of Holy Communion, music will be played. Please follow the directions of the ushers. As regards the wine, there are three options: 1) to receive the Chalice from the Eucharistic Minister; 2) to take a small glass which contains red, alcoholic wine; 3) to take a small glass which contains white, non-alcoholic wine. If you take a glass, please return it to the empty receptacle on the credence table on the pulpit side of the church.

Music During Communion: Sonate BWV 1031 Siciliann J.S. Bach



Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Saying Farewell

The People's Warden, John, says:

God of our beginnings and endings,
we celebrate all we have shared with Sroda
and ask your blessing as she continues on her journey.
May the love that is in our hearts
be a bond that unites us forever,
wherever we may be.
May the power of your presence
bless this moment of our leave-taking;
this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

All As you journey onward,

we ask forgiveness where we have failed you; we give thanks for all you have given us; we assure you of our love and prayers

Sroda As I leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you;

I give thanks for all that you have given to me.

I assure you of my love and prayers.

All As you experience the pain of change,

and the insecurity of moving on,

we pray that you may also experience

the blessing of inner growth.

Sroda I know that God goes with me.

All As you meet the poor, the pained,

and the stranger on the Way,

we may that you may see in each one

the face of Christ.

Sroda I know that God goes with me.

All As you walk through the good times and the bad,

we pray that you may never lose sight of the shelter of God's loving arms. Sroda I know that God goes with me.

All As you ponder your decisions,

and wonder over the fruits of your choice,

we pray that the peace of Christ

may reign in your heart.

Sroda I know that God goes with me.

A Vestry member says:

We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for Sroda who is soon to leave us.
We entrust her into your loving care, knowing that you are always the faithful traveler and companion on the Way.
Shelter and protect her from all harm and anxiety. Grant her the courage to meet the future, and grace to let go into new life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Deacon Richard says: Sroda, may God bless you. Amen.

The Rector signs Sroda with the sign of the cross

All say: Go in peace, for our God goes with you.

Deacon Richard says:

We are raised to new life in Christ.

Go in his peace.

Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

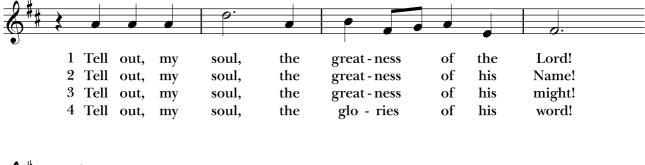
Presider Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Sonate in F allegro G.Ph. Telemann

Today's Ministers

Presider & Preacher Rev Michael Rusk

Gospeller Rev Deacon Richard Cole

Organist Yumiko Hiroi

Lector Anne Hornung-Soukup

Intercessor Debbie Groby

Eucharistic Ministers John Vanore

Debbie Groby

Ushers Adwoa Bentsi-Enchill

Bonnie Christen

Welcomer Bonnie Fatio

Coffee Hour Evelyne Romer

HunJu Sohnn

Prayer List: today we are praying for Alice, Ali, Alphonse, Armida and Carlos, Arnaud, Barbara Chong, Brad and Marietta, Christopher, Damien, Daniel, Dawn and Lauren, Erik, Eva, Gianni, Helen, Hélène, Julien, Karen, Ki-Soo, Kristina, Leroy and Peggy, Lesley, Margaret, Marguerite, Mary, Mary and her family, Milki, Patricia, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Silvia and her parents, Sohair, Terry, Tim, Yan and Jacqueline, and Zéli.

Convocation Prayer Cycle: Sunday School Teachers and Christian Educators

Upcoming Special Services

<u>Tuesday, 24 December – Christmas Eve</u>

17:00 Family Christmas Eve Service (Holy Eucharist)

21:00 Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 25 December

10:30 Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 29 December

10:30 Morning Prayer

Sunday, 5 January

8:30 Holy Eucharist

10:30 Holy Baptism & Eucharist

