



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 19 December 2021 @ 9 AM

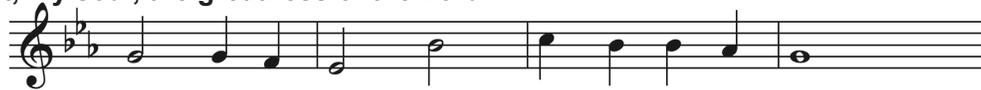
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

Gathering Music *(Please join in singing the gathering music, which will begin at 8:50 am)*

Hymn: "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!"

Eventide



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to child-ren's child - ren and for ev - er - more!

Hymn: "The desert shall rejoice"

Sterling



The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose:



1 it shall blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
 2 for the ears of the deaf shall hear and the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
 3 for the tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad-ness.
 4 for the ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.
 5 as the ran - somed re - turn to God and come sing - ing back to Zi - on.
 6 un - to Zi - on we come with joy, for our God has come to save us.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

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

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Pour out your power, Almighty God and come among us as we joyfully await the arrival of the hope of the world, Jesus the Christ. May the candles of this Advent wreath assist us in lighting our way toward you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 56: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (sts. 7—8)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

7 O come, De - sire of na - - - tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em - man - - - u - el, and ran - som
hearts of all _____ man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - - - sions
cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - - ile
cease, and be thy - self our King _____ of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.
Em - man - - - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el!

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 Reading: Micah 5:2–5a

NRSV, p. 849

Commentary

Micah lived and prophesied in the eighth century BC, during a time of economic affluence but spiritual decadence in Judah. Micah's messages alternated between predictions of coming judgment and predictions of great future blessing. This book contains many prophecies regarding the advent and kingdom of Messiah, as well as Israel's future. Micah predicted the coming Messiah, His birthplace, lineage, origin and future reign. Bethlehem, the least significant town in Judah, would bring forth the most significant Person who ever walked the earth.

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.

People: Thanks be to God.

At this time the children leave for Children's Chapel.

After the piano introduces the theme,
the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Sa-vior.

All repeat the Alleluias.

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Christmas Pageant

The Nicene Creed

**We 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**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,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister 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.**

The Priest stands and says

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

The Holy Communion

(Gluten-free wafers available at main altar rail, please request)

Offertory Anthem

tune: *Jerusalem*, arr. John Sullivan

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
In God, my Savior shall rejoice;
He raises me from low estate,
And gives a hundred blessings voice.

He fills the hungry with good things,
The rich he sends away in shame;
The humble he has lifted high,
to magnify his Holy Name.

All generations call me blest,
Yes, God has done great things for me;
And Holy is his righteous name,
to those who know his majesty.

Remembering His mercy sure,
His servants, Israel, embrace;
As prophesied in days of old,
to Abraham and all his race.

His arm is strong to all who fear,
The proud he scatters in their greed;
He casts the mighty from their thrones,
And lifts the lowly from their need.

All Glory to the Father God,
and to the Son, whom we adore;
The Holy Spirit, three in one,
Forever, and forever more.

The Song of Mary

Presentation Hymn: *(stanza 3 of Hymn 380)*

Old 100th

*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!*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:

Sanctus:

Resignation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (S152):

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.**

The Communion of the People

Music at Communion:

Hymn: "All who hunger gather gladly"

Holy Manna

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, virgin mother undefiled,
 Sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child.
 Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth,
 Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth.
 Toil and labor cannot weary love enduring unto death.
 Constant was the love he gave her, though he went forth from her side,
 Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son;
 Glory be to God the Spirit; Glory to the Three in One.
 From the heart of blessed Mary, from all saints the song ascends,
 And the Church the strain reechoes unto earth's remotest ends.

Hymn: "Give thanks with a grateful heart"

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks—
 be-cause he's giv-en— Je-sus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give
 thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks— be-cause he's giv-en— Je-sus Christ his
 Son. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong', let the poor say, 'I am
 rich— because of what the Lord has done for us!' Give thanks with a
 grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks— be-cause he's
 giv-en— Je-sus Christ his Son. Give thanks.— Give thanks.—

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
 Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 66: "Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes"

Stuttgart

1 Come thou long ex-pec-ted Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 3 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e-ter-nal Spi-rit rule in all our hearts a-lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The Dismissal:

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Celebrant: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
 RICHARD HENRY YOUNGBLOOD AND CHRISTINE RAMSAUR YOUNGBLOOD AND RAIFORD GRAHAM
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Adult Christian Formation this morning:

“WATCH, WAIT AND WONDER: THE INVITATIONS OF ADVENT,”
 a two-part series with Bishop Henry Parsley
 10:10 am in the Great Hall

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., DEC. 20-24

MORNING PRAYER

8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

SJDS CHRISTMAS BREAK

SJDS Closed through January 4, 2022

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF

5:00 P.M. | ZOOM or Graham Parlor

FELLOWSHIP AA

7:00 PM | Great Hall

CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7:30 P.M. | St. James Sanctuary (*free*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom

MEN'S AL ANON

5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

WILM. DISABLED ATHL. ASSOC.

6:30-8:30 PM | Perry Hall (*basketball*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

HOLY EUCHARIST

12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

SJP Church Office Closes at 12:00 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

4:00 PM | St. James Sanctuary

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

6:00 PM | St. James Sanctuary

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM

6:00 PM | St. James Website or Facebook

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 PM | St. James Parish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:30 AM | St. James Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

with Christmas Lessons & Carols

10:30 AM | St. James Sanctuary

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM

10:30 AM | St. James Website or Facebook

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