



**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

December 20, 2020

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You may wish to have advent candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area. Please feel free to join in by saying the words in bold out loud at home. We are glad to be worshipping with you today.

Prelude *Ave Maria gratia plena* Plainsong, 13th c.
Redeemer Adult Choir; Trevor Jarvis, Cello - December 2013

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum (Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Benedicta tu in mulieribus (Blesses art thou amongst women)
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus (And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus)
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei (Holy Mary, mother of God)
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus Nunc (Pray for us now)
et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen (And at the hour of our death, Amen)*

Welcome

Introit

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Atrium Singers, Congregation
and Riverview Chamber Players – December 2016

15th c. French

*4 O come, thou root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
Before thee rulers silent fall, all peoples on thy mercy call*

Congregation Response:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader Blessed are you, our God, who created light out of darkness and sent your only Son to bring the light of your love to all people. We pray for your blessing upon this wreath and upon all who kindle these lights. As we gather together in this Advent darkness to await the dawn of Christ, prepare our hearts and homes to receive our Savior.

December 20 – *Light 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle*

Leader O Emmanuel, ruler and lawgiver, desire of the nations, savior of all people:
People **Come and set us free, O Lord our God. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn *Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus, V. 1,3,4*

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Opening Hymn

Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus, V. 1,3,4

Blue Hymnal 268

Redeemer Adult Choir and Congregation, December 2019

Introduction/Interlude



Descant



4 "Mag - ni - fi - cat

1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
 3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my

an - i - ma me - a

won - ders that were done; when the love of God the
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

Do - mi - num. Mag -

Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has

ni - fi - cat, mag - ni - fi - cat."

made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same;
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

Conclusion



Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Praise Hymn *O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion*

LEVAS 2

Oh thou— that tell - est good ti - dings to Zi - on, Oh

thou— that tell - est good ti - dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:

Lift up your voice with strength,— Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be -

hold— your— God,— A - rise,— and shine,— for the

light of the world is come. Be - hold— your— God!—

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Bass/Tenor) in 8/8 time, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are distributed across five systems, each with a vocal line and a corresponding bass line. The final system concludes with a double bar line.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.*

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When 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

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

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.*

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Hymn *My Soul Gives Glory to My God, V. 1,2,4,5*

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Gospel Hymn

My Soul Gives Glory to My God, V. 1,2,4,5

1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
 2. My God has done great things for me: yes,
 3. From age to age, to all who fear, such
 4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
 5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
 mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
 motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
 ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - ve - lous ways.
 clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

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MORNING SONG
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Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, O 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.

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

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

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.

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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 (Form III)

BCP p. 387

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for Alan and Gayle, our bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader We pray for Dorothy, Bill, Kemon & Marilla, Sarah, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Mary, Carolyn, Joan, John, Tom, Jack, June, Darryll; Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan. Please add your own prayers. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially for Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, John, Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Jim, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald, and Philip. Please add your own prayers. Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bestow on us.

Please add your own thanksgivings.

Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:

Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

Presider Lord, we watch, we wait, we look, we long for you. Dispel the clouds and darkness and awaken us to your glory, that we may walk in your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Confession BCP p. 360

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

Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.

All **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.**

Absolution

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

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

Your financial offering can be shared online at our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2

Musical Offering *Veni, Jesu Amor mi* L. Cherubini
Adult Choir and Cleary String Quartet - December 2013

Veni Jesu, amor mi (Come to me, O Jesus, my love)

Veni, veni, amor mi (Come to me, come my love)

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

BCP p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Presider 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;

The Presider praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and remembers Jesus' invitation at the Last Supper.

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, 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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Announcements

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Closing Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, V. 1-4* 15th c. French
Atrium Singers, Congregation
and Riverview Chamber Players – December 2016

*1 Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Congregation Response:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*2 Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.*

Congregation Response:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*3 O come, o come great Lord of might who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe*

Congregation Response:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*4 O come, thou root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
Before thee rulers silent fall, all peoples on thy mercy call*

Congregation Response:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, saying

May the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from 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.**

Dismissal

Acolyte As we wait our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ
Acolyte extinguishes candles.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Please join us on Zoom for Virtual Coffee Hour and Adult Formation immediately after worship.

The Zoom link is emailed in the weekly announcements. If you need a link today, email kate@our-redeemer.net and we'll try to respond asap. If you' would like to get the link emailed to you on a weekly basis, email office@our-redeemer.net to be added to the mailing list.

Advent & Christmas at Redeemer

Advent Compline | Wednesday at 7:30 pm

On Wednesday December 23, join with Redeemer friends on Zoom for a contemplative Advent worship service full of poetry and prayer. Watch the weekly announcements for the Zoom link. Many thanks to Cara Kalf for leading this service.

Advent Adult Formation - Moving from Darkness to Light: Finding Hope in Advent December 20 at 10:30 am

The Adult Formation committee has invited special guest speakers to lead our Advent adult formation. See the weekly announcements for details.

Christmas Eve Worship, Creche Service | December 24

The children's Christmas pageant, sing-along carols, and a special children's Christmas message from Rev. Frank will be part of a short video service that will be available for viewing anytime on the church website.

Christmas Eve Service | December 24 | 7:45 Carols Sing-along | 8:00 pm Service

Join us at 7:45 PM for Christmas Carols Sing-along and then for our main service of Christmas Eve, which will be live-streamed from the Sanctuary at 8pm onto the website and Facebook. Special music from the choir and a sermon from Rev. Kate will be part of this Holy Eucharist to celebrate the birth of Christ.





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