



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
Ave Maria

Dieterich Buxtehude
Jacob Arcadelt

Hymn 438: *Woodlands*, "Tell out my soul"

Advent Lighting Prayer

Celebrant

Lord God, let thy blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this Advent wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People

His mercy endureth for ever.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie S91 *(Each petition is sung three times.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

BCP 160

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

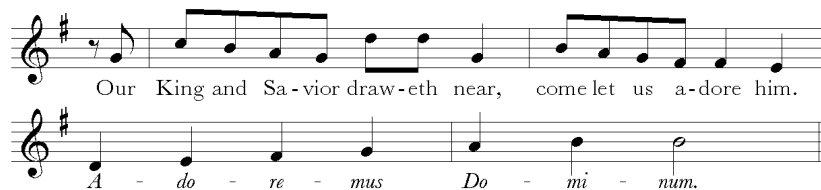
You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred 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.

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

Psalm 80:1-7

setting: M. Whitmire

The Antiphon is introduced by the Cantor, repeated by the People, and sung at the designated times.



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *Antiphon*

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors,

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *Antiphon*

New Testament: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 60 (vs. 1-5): *Conditor alme siderum*, “Creator of the stars of night”
v.1 - All, v. 2 - Men, v.3 - All, v.4 - Women, v.5 - All

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Let us kneel together in prayer and open our hearts to God.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons:
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Leader and People

Basil Acey, Keith Ackerman, Mary Lee Allen, Elizabeth Austin, Jennifer Ball, Hylah Boyd, Bryana Braxton, John Daniel III, Tom Evelyn, Kate Gareau, Jamie Gugino, Anne Heffner, Leigh Hulcher, Dave Johnson, Barbara Katz, Sue Kneip, Eileen Long, George Longest, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Linda Mays, Eve McCray, JoEllen McGugan, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Kenny Morphis, Linda Pharis, Carol Piersol, Margaret Raigins, Chuck Silva, Bradford Smith, Henry Spalding, Jr., Jay Stegmaier, Alan Stone, Jessie Sumrell, Ginger Trice, Jim Tucker, Anne Turnbull, Sam Witt, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Ben and Eloise, Ace, David, Dylan, Elaine, James, and Melissa

The Leader continues.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Glutenfree wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: Magnificat

C. V. Stanford

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

BCP 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus S114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearlybeloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S158

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Celebrant

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.

Music at Communion

Anthem: A Hymn to the Virgin

Benjamin Britten

Of one that is so fair and bright
Velut maris stella, (*Like the star of the sea,*)
Brighter than the day is light,
Parens et puella: (*Mother and maiden:*)
I cry to thee, thou see to me,
Lady, pray thy Son for me
Tam pia, (*So tender,*)
That I may come to thee.
Maria!

All this world was forlorn
Eva peccatrice, (*Eve having been a sinner,*)
Till our Lord was y-born
De te genetrix. (*Of you, his mother.*)
With *ave* it went away
Darkest night, and comes the day
Salutis; (*Of salvation;*)
The well springeth out of thee.
Virtutis (*Of virtue.*)

Lady, flow'r of ev'rything,
Rosa sine spina, (*Thornless rose,*)
Thou bare Jesu, Heaven's King,
Gratia divina: (*By divine grace;*)
Of all thou bear'st the prize,
Lady, queen of paradise
Electa: (*Chosen:*)
Maid mild, mother es Effecta.
Effecta. (*You are fulfilled.*)

Chant: O Clavis David `

Plainsong

O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel,
You open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open;
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 74: *Valet will ich dir geben*, “Blest be the King”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Lift up your heads, you mighty gates

Jan Bender

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Lawrence Brevard Cann, Jr., Constance Cann Hancock,
William Rose Coleman, and Stella Heritage Coleman*

Service Participants

Preacher: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Deacon: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Assisting: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Lector: Sarah McComas

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Margie Gray, Suzanne Hall

IWC Greeter: Lisa deWolff

Musicians: Parish Choir

Cantor: Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs

Soloist: Sabrina LaFleur

Organist:: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially David Bhatta, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teefey

For those who work for the safety, education, and flourishing of all children: especially our outreach partners Peter Paul Development Center, SCAN, and St. James's Children Center

For the newly born: especially Caroline Ross Cann, daughter of Alexandra and Coleman Cann and granddaughter of Sara and Bruce Cann, Welford Lyles Farmer, son of Frances and Joe Farmer, Charles Cann Holmes, son of Sally and Michael Holmes and grandson of Sara and Bruce Cann, and Eric Foster Nost, III, son of Ann and Foster Nost, and brother of Jane Nost who were born recently

For those who were recently baptized: especially Emma Katherine Cox and William Rishoi Cox, who were baptized on Saturday

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Lindsay Adamson, Eleanor Angle, William Burr, Nate Davis, Winston Evans, Preston Lloyd, Jr., Madelynn Pace, and Belin Tate

Music Notes



Magnificat is by the English composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924). Stanford was professor of composition at the Royal College of Music in London from its opening in 1883. From 1887 he was also professor of music at Cambridge. Among his notable students were Ralph Vaughan Williams and Gustav Holst. The text of *Magnificat* is taken from the words of Mary at the time of her visit to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist as recorded in the Gospel according to Luke. In the Eastern church the *Magnificat* is sung in the morning office. Since the 6th century it has been the canticle at vespers in the Western church.

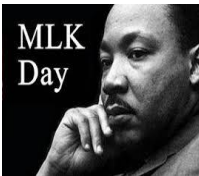
A Hymn to the Virgin was composed by the British composer Benjamin Britten (1913-76). It is one of the earliest surviving pieces of church music written by Britten – composed when he was 16 years old. The text is an anonymous 18th-century macaronic carol taken from the *Oxford Book of English Verse*. Britten remained fond of *A Hymn to the Virgin*, and requested that it be performed at his funeral. St. James's Choir sang *Hymn to the Virgin* at St. Peter's Basilica (Rome) on June 30, 2013.

Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m.



On Christmas Eve the Parish Choir, accompanied by strings, will sing the first section of *Messiah*, Handel's most beloved work and among the most popular works in Western music. Join us for a traditional service of candlelight, favorite carols and Handel's *Messiah*.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Evensong: Sunday, January 16, at 5:00 p.m.



A service in celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will feature St. James's Choirs and the Concert Choir of Norfolk State University, one of the premiere African-American ensembles in the country, directed by Dr. Harlan Zachery. Dr. Carl W. Haywood, former director of the Concert Choir, preeminent organist, conductor, composer, and editor of *Lift Every Voice* will be the Organist and Guest Conductor. Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech will be read by Melody Barnes, UVA Professor of Law and former Director of the Domestic Policy Council under President Obama.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Friday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm	Festival Eucharist *
6:00 pm	Festival Eucharist
10:30 pm	Choral Prelude: Handel's <i>Messiah</i> *
11:00 pm	Festival Eucharist, Rite II*

Saturday, December 25th -- Christmas Day

10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
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Sunday, December 26 -- Christmas I

10:00 am	Christmas Lessons & Carols *
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Sunday, January 2 – Christmas II

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II *
11:15 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II*
11:30 am	Outdoor service (<i>weather permitting</i>)

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