



**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022
10:45am**

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

ALL: **As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth.**

Leader: Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh.

ALL: **Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

Opening Songs

*O Come O Come Emmanuel
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy 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.**

Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Gospel Song

The Word

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Kathy Major

The Creed

We Believe

The Prayers of the People

Leader

In this diocese, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Evans Mills and their priest, the Rev. Anne Wichelns, and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fayetteville and their priest, the Rev. Dr. Renée Tembeckjian. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of Misión San Esteban and their priest the Rev. Alfredo López. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Chicago and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Korea and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Peter Kyongho Lee. May the church's life be marked by prayer, and loving service to those in need.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.

We pray for your creation, especially where it is wounded. Renew the whole earth with your love.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.

We acknowledge the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshipping today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.

We pray for countries recovering from famine or storms, and for those where human rights have been violated. Give wisdom to presidents, prime ministers, legislators, and judges in all nations, especially nations at war. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for women preparing to give birth, for adoptive and foster families, for children with special needs, and for children who are orphaned and waiting for families.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.

We pray for those without homes or jobs, those in treatment for cancer or other illnesses, those who long for forgiveness, those who find the holidays difficult, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those we name silently or aloud ____.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.

We pray for those who have died and for the friends and family who grieve their loss, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. Be their comfort and guide through these days of grief and healing.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.

Clergy

You come to your people and set us free. As we are strengthened and sent out from this assembly, help us prepare your way in our daily lives.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.

Confession of Sin

Clergy

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

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

Clergy

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

Clergy

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

Offertory

People Get Ready

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People

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.

A Proper Preface is said here.

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

Michael Brown



Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - might - ty, ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of
 Hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with Your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to Thee. Glo - ry
 be to Thee. Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord. Glo - ry be to Thee. Glo - ry be to
 Thee. Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord. Bles - sed is He Who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Bles - sed is He, ho - sa - na in the high -
 est, ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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 of 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.**

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

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

Music at Communion.

How Beautiful

The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Clergy May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. And May Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Closing Song

How Great Thou Art

Dismissal

Clergy Go in the peace of Christ.
Serve those living in poverty.
Proclaim the Good News.
Alleluia! Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia.**

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