



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021, 8:45 & 11:15 am

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Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

Gathering

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace.

Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✠ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

Entrance Hymn

ELW 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin.

As we light the fourth candle, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved.

O house of David, come,
let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us. Amen.

Advent Candlelighting Carol

Please sing verses all verses as we light the fourth candle.

(Advent 1) Light the can-dle of love to-day, the giv-er of love is
 (Advent 2) Light the can-dle of peace to-day, the giv-er of peace is
 (Advent 3) Light the can-dle of joy to-day, the giv-er of joy is
 (Advent 4) Light the can-dle of hope to-day, the giv-er of hope is

here!_____ Wel-come the love we live and die for, but
 here!_____ Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but
 here!_____ Wel-come the joy we crave and pray for, but
 here!_____ Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but

on - ly Christ can give._____ Flick-er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give._____ Flick-er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give._____ Flick-er and flame and
 on - ly Christ can give._____ Flick-er and flame and

glow with love, light up the world a - round you.
 glow with peace, light up the world a - round you.
 glow with joy, light up the world a - round you.
 glow with hope, light up the world a - round you.

Flick-er and flame and glow with love, light up the world a -
 Flick-er and flame and glow with peace, light up the world a -
 Flick-er and flame and glow with joy, light up the world a -
 Flick-er and flame and glow with hope, light up the world a -

round_____ you.
 round_____ you.
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 round_____ you.

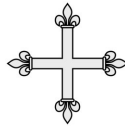
Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.



Word

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

But 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.

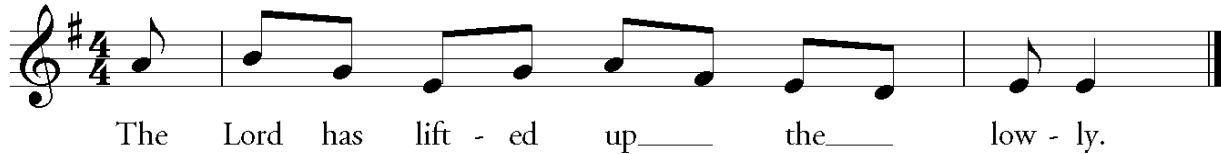
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Luke 1:46b-55

(8:45) *Setting by Thomas Pavelchko*

The choir introduces the antiphon. Please sing the second time, and once where indicated. Sing the verses where printed in bold.



The Lord has lift - ed up the low - ly.

tone: VENI EMMANUEL



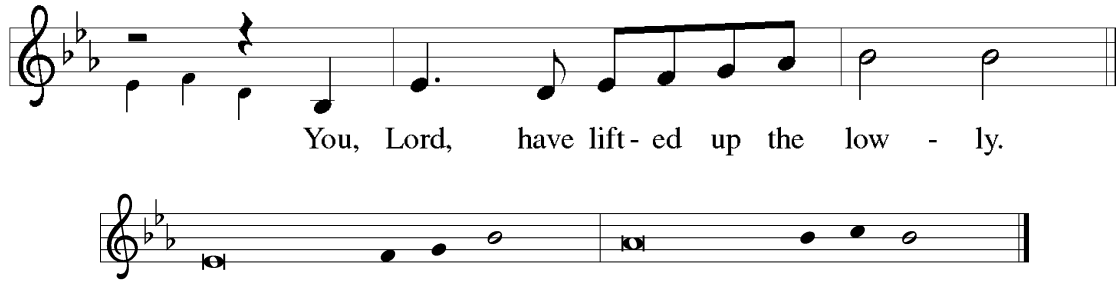
My soul proclaims the greatness [of] the Lord;*
my spirit rejoices in [God] my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his [low]-ly servant.*
From this day all generations will [call] me blest;
The Almighty has [done] great things for me,*
and holy [is] his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every [gen]-eration.*
He has shown the strength of his arm; ...
he has scattered the proud in [their] conceit.

Antiphon

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 a]-way empty.
He has come to the help of his [ser]-vant Israel,*
for he has remembered his [promise] of mercy,
the promise he [made to] our fathers,*
to Abraham and his [children] forever.

Antiphon

(11:15) Refrain by Carl Schalk
The organ introduces the refrain. Please sing all the verses.



^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,
⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,
⁴⁸for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me
and holy | is your name.
⁵⁰You have mercy on | those who fear you,
from generation to | generation. R

⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,
⁵²casting down the mighty | from their thrones
and lifting | up the lowly.

⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things
and sent the rich | away empty.
⁵⁴You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,
to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,
⁵⁵the promise made | to our forebears,
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. R

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

Consequently, 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

(8:45)

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

Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)

All **Alleluia, alleluia.**

(11:15)

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

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.”

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

Please be seated.

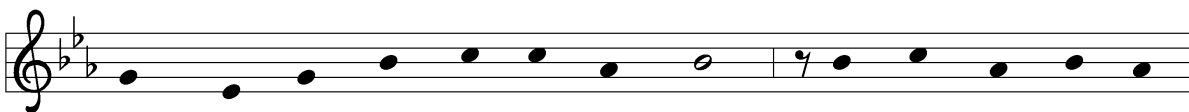
Sermon

Pastor Zawistoski

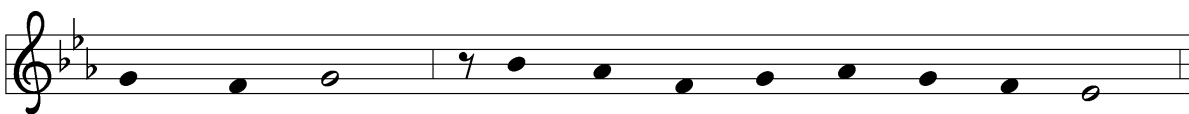
Hymn of the Day

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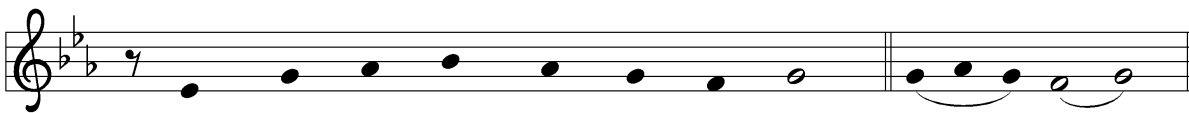
Please stand as you are able.



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
from all as - saults of our dread foe.
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, plainsong mode IV
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Affirmation of Baptism/Reception Into Membership (11:15)

Introduction

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism, and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism, and also join this community of faith. In baptism God frees us from sin and death by uniting us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through water and the Holy Spirit we are re-born children of God, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and we are commissioned for Christ's ministry of justice and peace.

Introducción

Queridos amigos, damos gracias a Dios por el don del bautismo, y por estas personas, que junto a nosotros somos el cuerpo de Cristo, que afirman su bautismo y también se unen a esta comunidad de fe.

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, affirming your baptism, and joining this community of faith, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Hermanos y hermanas, afirmando su bautismo y uniéndose a esta comunidad de fe, ¿tienen la intención de continuar en la alianza que Dios hizo con ustedes en el bautismo: vivir entre el pueblo fiel de Dios, participar de la Cena del Señor, proclamar la buena nueva de Dios? ¿Dios en Cristo a través de la palabra y los hechos, para servir a todas las personas, siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, y para luchar por la justicia y la paz en toda la tierra?

Respuesta: Sí, y le pido a Dios que me ayude y me guíe.

Reception into Membership

We rejoice with all of you today and welcome you also into this faith community. Do you intend to share your gifts, and be active participants in this life of this congregation?

Response: We do.

Welcome

Let us welcome these brothers and sisters.

We rejoice with you affirming your baptism. We also gladly receive you as disciples of this congregation. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Peace

The Peace is shared

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

La paz de Cristo sea con ustedes siempre.

Y tambien contigo.

Apostles' Creed (8:45)

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the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

After each portion of the prayers:

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

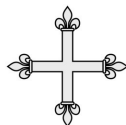
The prayers conclude:

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.



Meal

Offering

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or on the Give Plus app.
You may also mail your checks to:

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9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Music at the offering

(8:45) Choral Anthem

Maria walks amid the thorn,
Kyrie eleison.
Maria walks amid the thorn,
Which seven years no leaf has born.
Jesus and Maria.

And as the two are passing near,
Kyrie eleison,
Lo! roses on the thorns appear,
Lo! roses on the thorns appear.
Jesus and Maria.

What 'neath her heart doth Mary bear?
Kyrie eleison.
A little child doth Mary bear,
Beneath her heart He nestles there.
Jesus and Maria.

Maria Walks Amid the Thorn
Text: Anonymous
Music: arr. Hugo Dislter (1908-1942)

(11:15) Organ Voluntary

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Please stand.

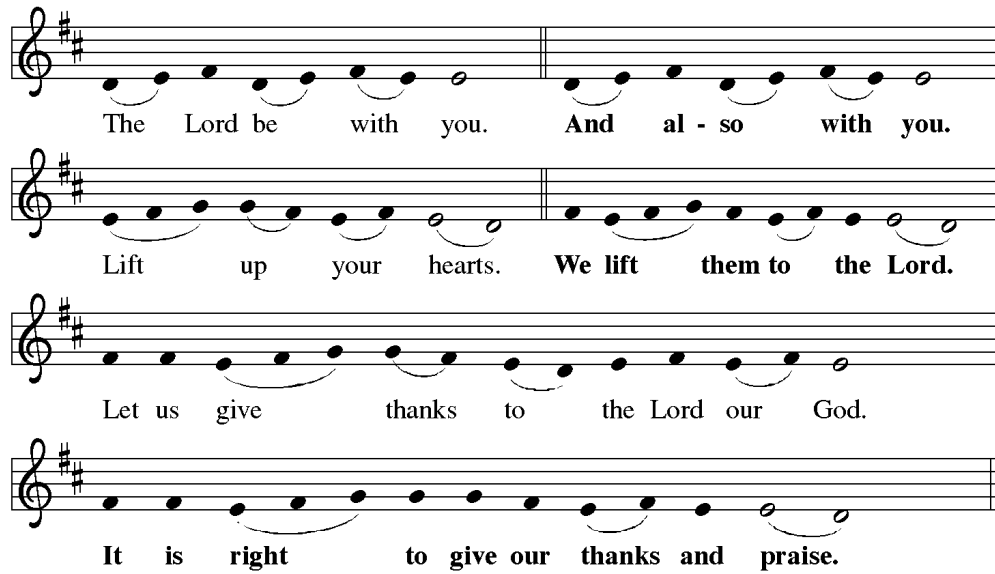
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

Amen.

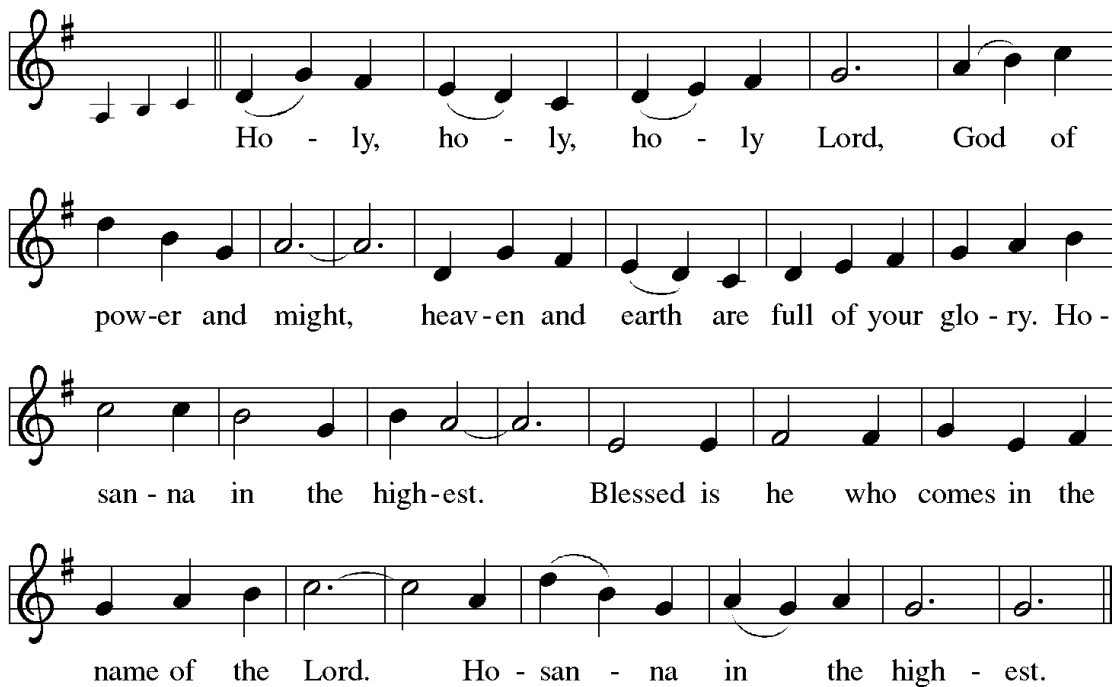
Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos

Santificado sea tu Nombre

Venga a nosotros tu Reino

Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia

Perdona nuestras ofensas

Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden

Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal

Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria

Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

Invitation to Communion

Come to Christ's banquet.

Feast on God's gift of grace.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

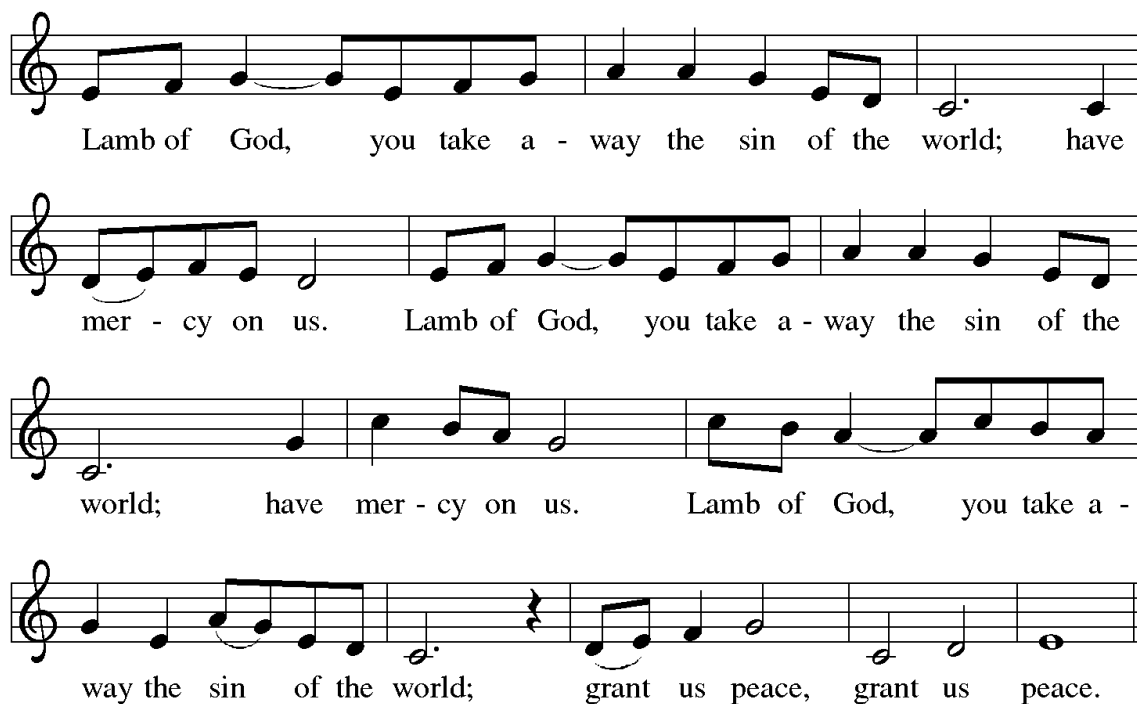
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond:

Amen.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

ELW 272

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to


mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

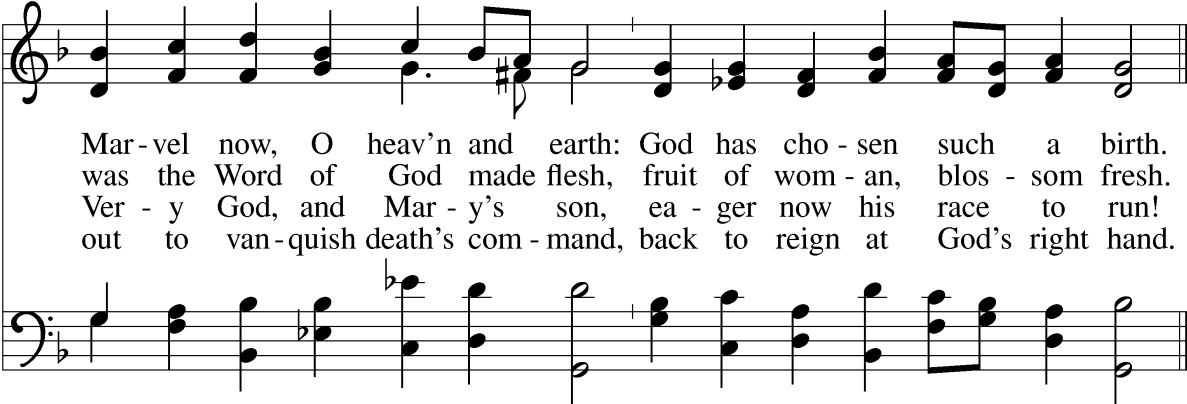
God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
 hallows night with newborn light.
 Night cannot this light subdue;
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!
 To the holy Trinity
 praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version
 Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

PREACHING MINISTER

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

LESSON READERS

8:45 Karen Evans

11:15 Bill Schultz

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

8:45 Scott and Navek Leonard

11:15 Linda, Steven, Eli, and Jaxon Sorrell

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

(8:45) Schola Cantorum

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at Saint Luke Lutheran

December 19, 2021

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

19 DEC	8:45 am	Worship, <i>in person & streaming online</i>
	10:15 am	Faith Formation <i>in person</i>
	11:15 am	Worship, <i>in person</i>
	3:00 pm	San Lucas Gospel Meditation, <i>Online</i>

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

26 DEC	8:45 am	Worship, <i>in person & streaming online</i>
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Upcoming Commemorations

Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552

Monday, December 20, 2021

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.

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Join Pastors Miller and Morales each day for Advent Devotions and a Walk to Bethlehem. Meet some of our missionaries along the way.

Each day (except Sunday) until Christmas Eve. Tune in at www.saintluke.us at 7:00 a.m. or watch later on the recording, www.saintlukeonline.us

Check out the Walk to Bethlehem, www.saintlukewalk.us and submit your miles—we have a long journey but will get there. It is the season of hope.

Music Ministry Invitation

Do you play an instrument? Do you like to sing but you are not ready for a commitment to the choir?

We are looking for volunteer musicians to provide music for the 11:15 worship service. Please contact Dr. Truche at atruche@saintluke.us if you are interested.

The Schola Cantorum needs your help. We are looking for people interested in providing music leadership by singing in the choir. We need help in all voice parts. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Truche at atruche@saintluke.us

Celebrate Christmas at Saint Luke

DECEMBER 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE

IN PERSON AND ONLINE, (www.saintlukeonline.us) unless otherwise noted

4:00 p.m. Children's Crèche (Christmas Story) Service

6:00 p.m. Children's Crèche (Christmas Story) Service

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Festival Worship, Carols, and Holy Communion

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Festival Worship, Carols, and Holy Communion

12:00 Midnight Misa Navidad **(online only)**

DECEMBER 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

DECEMBER 26 • FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

8:45 a.m. Holy Communion **(one service only)**

DECEMBER 31

8:00 p.m. New Year's Eve **(online only)**

Service of Word, Song, and Prayer

JANUARY 2 • EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD CELEBRATION

8:45 a.m. Holy Communion **(one service only)**

Music Ministry Page

HYMN NOTES

O come, O come Emmanuel

Latin, 12th century

From the seven antiphons sung in the medieval Roman Church at Vespers before and after the Magnificat (Mary's Song), just prior to Christmas, sometime in the 13th century five were selected for a hymn and the "Rejoice, rejoice" refrain added. Biblical references to the Great "O's" are: Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14), Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11:10), Dayspring (Malachi 4:2), Key of David (Isaiah 22:22), and O Lord (Adonai) (Exodus 3:15). The purpose of Advent is to prepare for Christmas, as Lent prepares for Easter.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Creator of the stars of night

Anon. Latin, 9th century

The Latin original, found in a ninth century manuscript in Bern, Switzerland, was appointed to be sung on certain days during Advent. In stanza two there is more than a hint of the hymn "At the name of Jesus." In this hymn the inclusion of a final doxology (a Trinitarian formula of praise) appears for the first time in a Latin hymn.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

German anonymous

This much translated Twelfth Night German hymn was current at the time of Luther and first appeared in a Cologne Catholic hymnal. It combines themes of the root of Jesse, the prophesy of Isaiah, the Virgin mother Mary, and Christ as the rose dispelling darkness and death. The traditional melody, with its subtleties of rhythm, is usually sung to the famous harmonization by Michael Praetorius.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Savior of the nations, come

St. Ambrose, 340-397

The bishop of Milan is known as the father of Latin hymnody. His hymn rings the keynote for Advent, with the seven stanzas providing opportunity to proclaim God's purpose in sending the Messiah and our response to this Good News. Martin Luther's German translation, "Nun komm, der heiden Heiland," was put into English by William M. Reynolds, son of a captain in the Revolutionary War.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

MUSIC NOTES

The chorale prelude on "Savior of the nations, come" written by German baroque composer Johann Sebastian Bach is based on the hymn tune NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND. This hymn was sung in Leipzig on all four Sundays in Advent and Bach used the tune in eight different chorale preludes and for three cantatas. In the Great Eighteen Chorales, Bach has three settings, the first of which he puts the melody in the soprano. Yet it is thoroughly disguised through elaborate ornamentation. The mood is ethereal and tranquil, with a deep sense of mysticism. The meditative mood perhaps is a reminder that Christ was born to save humanity.

Maria walks amid the thorn is a sixteenth-century hymn traditionally sung in anticipation of Christmas during the Advent season. Although the melody is considered to be much older, its first appearances of lyrics and music together is the Gesangbuch of Andernach (1608) which claims that it was popular at the time. Translated into English in the 1950s by Henry S. Drinker, the lyrics and hymn tune were written by that prolific writer/composer "Anonymous" and given the German title Maria durch ein'n Dornwald ging (literally "Mary through a thorn-wood goes"). The lyrics combine the Greek text of the "Kyrie eleison" from the Ordinary of the Mass with a vernacular text (originally German, translated into English) that both tells of Mary's pregnancy and her role as mother of Jesus, with the association of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the "spotless Rose"—a traditional image in German Christian hymnody. In this arrangement, German composer Hugo Distler set the tune and text for three voices.

Andrew Carter (born 1939) is a prolific English composer of choral and organ music, as well as an active choral conductor. For many years a member of the Choir at York Minster, while also conducting his own ensemble, the Chapter House Choir, and other groups, he has become renowned for his finely crafted works. The Toccata on Veni, Emmanuel is a brilliant and bright setting of the familiar Advent hymn. The melody is heard in the pedals under fiery figurations in the hands.