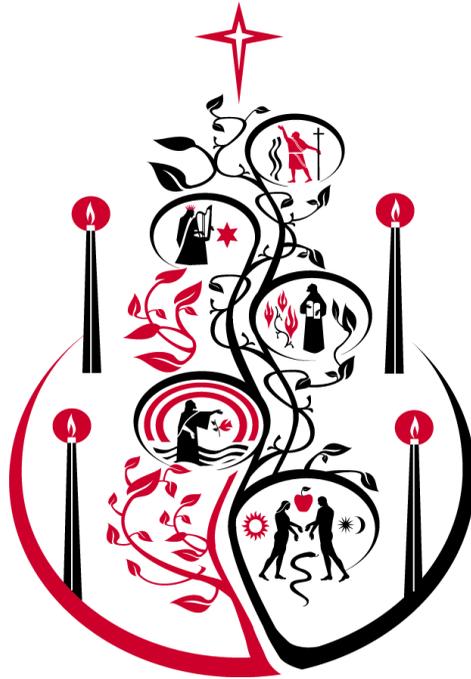


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 19, 2021



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Episode on "Veni Emmanuel"
Lani Smith

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Velegai Beyan, Lorpu Yanquoi & Christina Yarma

God of Joy, we come before you with eager hearts. We still wait in hope, and yet we are filled with your song of love. We light candles trusting that the smallest flame can drive out our greatest fears. We anticipate your coming among us with peace and thankfulness. As we await your coming, light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.

God of Joy, as we light this fourth candle, we remember with gratitude the song you placed in Mary's heart. May we know the joy of your presence. Open our hearts to meet friends and neighbors with the same welcome Elizabeth gave Mary. May our joy be multiplied. Light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR JOY.

God of Joy, we remember today our brothers and sisters in Africa and beyond who work and steward the land to provide for their families. Incline our hearts to listen to their prayers. Teach us to sing a song of hope, and to join our voices as one. Let us share our abundance so that others may not only survive, but thrive. Light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.

God of Joy, keep our spirits rejoicing and proclaiming the holiness of God's name.

GUIDE US IN THESE ADVENT DAYS UNTIL OUR SAVIOR IS BORN AMONG US.

Turn our attention to you, the One who is our song, our hope and our joy. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the light that has no end. **AMEN**

OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Verses 1-4)

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APOSTOLIC 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.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

FIRST READING:

Micah 5:2-5a

PSALM:

Psalm 80:1-7 (*Spoken Responsively*)

- 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;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**
- 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;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 10:5-10

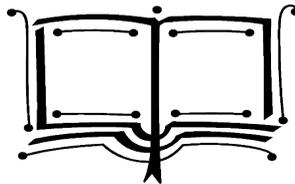
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : (*Spoken in unison; please stand.*)

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

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 1:39-55

SERMON



SILENCE FOR REFLECTION & MUSIC MEDITATION

Advent Prayer

Anthony Giamanco

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**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.**

**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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Faithful God, you stir up the hearts of those who love you. We give you thanks for those who, like Mary, were courageous in their witness (*especially*). *Give us such courage until that day when you fulfill all things. Hear us, O God.* **Your mercy is great.**

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

OFFERING

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . Not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving. While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, ways: through the mail there are other or with online. However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

All Earth Is Hopeful
Alberto Taule

CHOIR ANTHEM

Come Now, O God
All Creations Sing 902

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give 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 angles, with the church on earth and the hosts of Heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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, forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

BLESSING May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN *Joy To The World*

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
Franklin Ritter



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Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion with Rite of Healing (Chapel)

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