

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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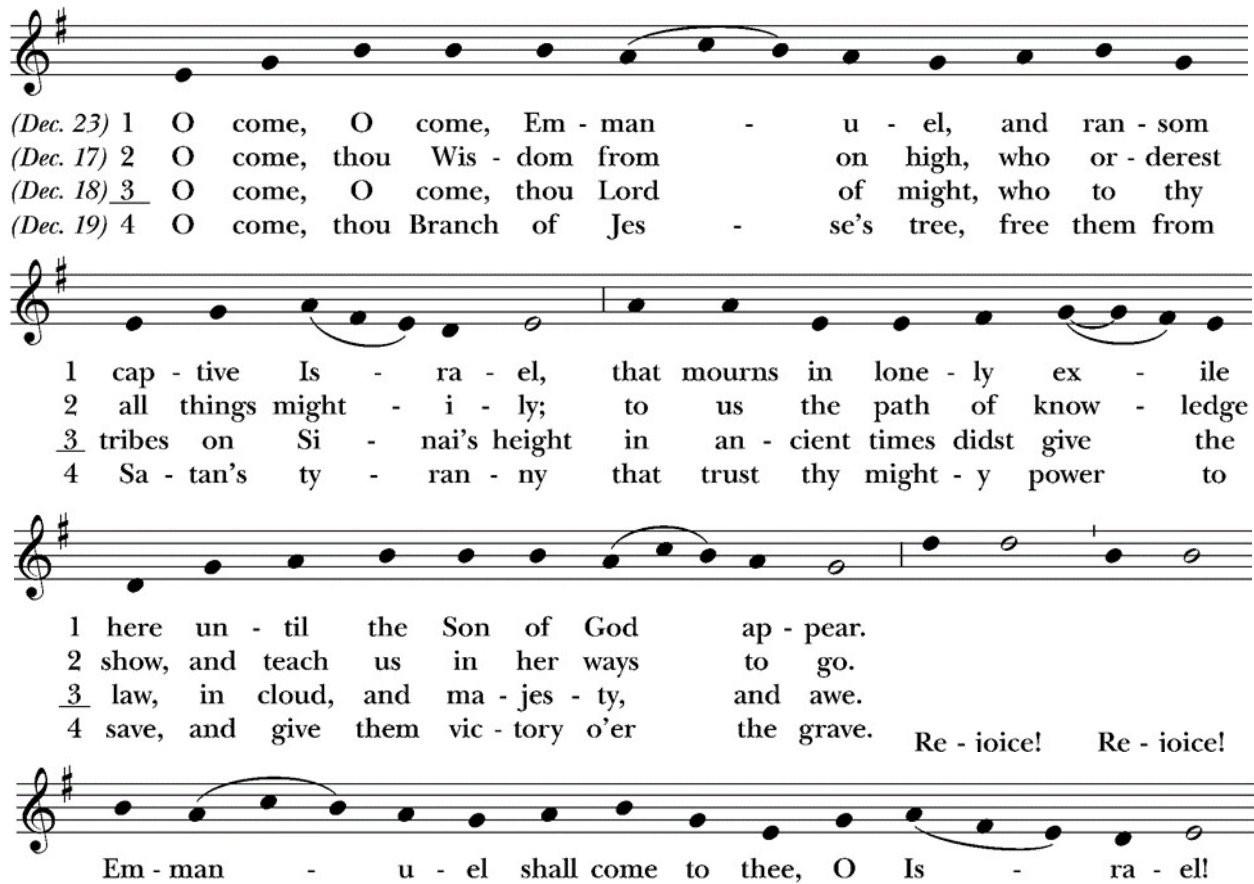
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THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

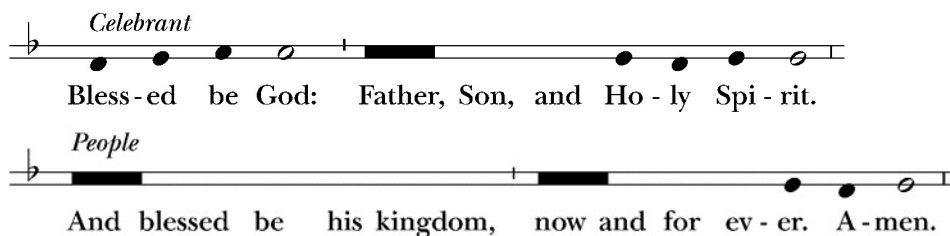
1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - ioice! Re - ioice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing,, the Celebrant chants



Celebrant
 Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People
 And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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 following is sung, all standing or kneeling.

KYRIE

Schubert/Proulx

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

THE LESSONS

The people sit.

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a

Reader A Reading from the prophet Micah.

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.

THE RESPONSE

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

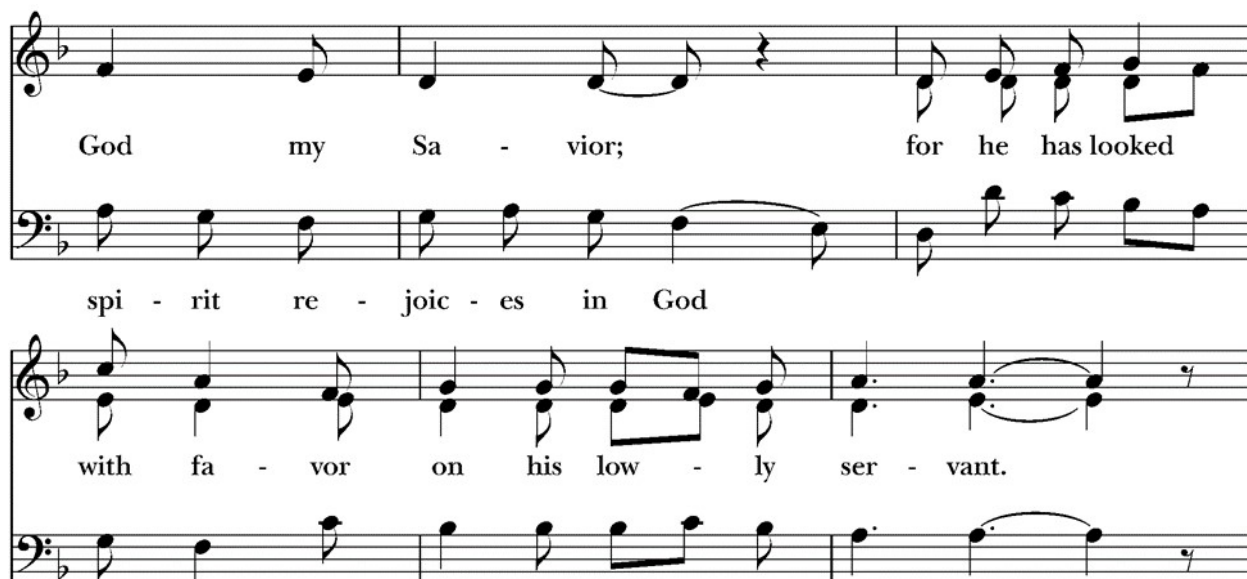
The Magnificat

Antiphon
Unison or harmony

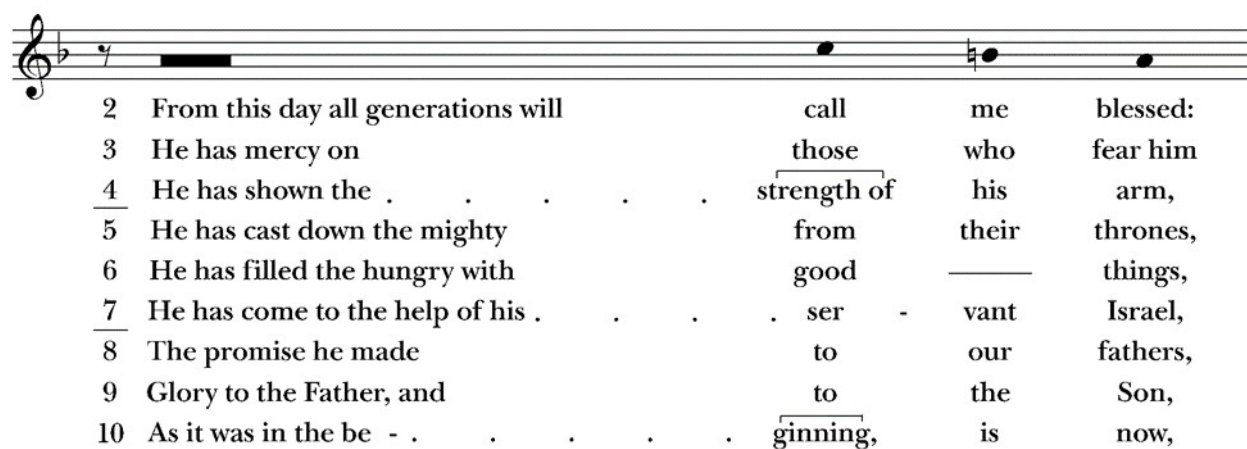
1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness

of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in

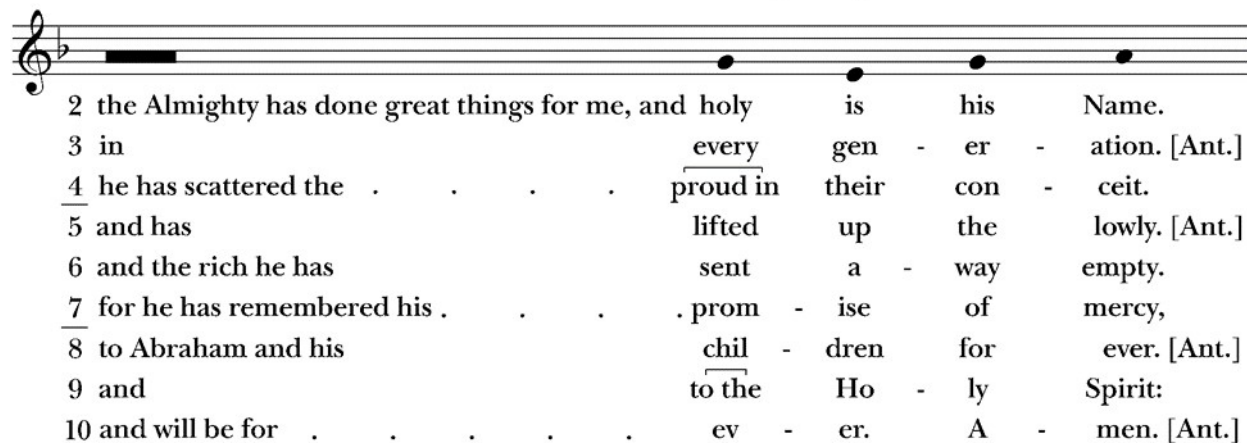
claims the great - ness of the Lord, my



God my Sa - vior; for he has looked
spi - rit re - joic - es in God
with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.



2 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
3 He has mercy on those who fear him
4 He has shown the strength of his arm,
5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
6 He has filled the hungry with good things,
7 He has come to the help of his ser - vant Israel,
8 The promise he made to our fathers,
9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
10 As it was in the be - ginning, is now,



2 the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
3 in every gen - er - ation. [Ant.]
4 he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit.
5 and has lifted up the lowly. [Ant.]
6 and the rich he has sent a - way empty.
7 for he has remembered his prom - ise of mercy,
8 to Abraham and his chil - dren for ever. [Ant.]
9 and to the Ho - ly Spirit:
10 and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

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SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.

GRADUAL HYMN

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Gabriel's Message

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn. The second system covers the next four lines. The third system covers the final four lines. The piano accompaniment is written in a simple, harmonic style, supporting the vocal lines. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4.

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—



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Music: harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-45

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord 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.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

THE NICENE CREED

Said in unison.

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

All remain standing.

Leader The Mighty One has done great things for us. And so we appeal to God once again, praying,
“Stir up your strength, O Lord; *and come to help us.*”

Prepare in us a mansion for yourself, O Christ. *Silence*
Stir up your strength, O Lord; *And come to help us.*

Restore us, O God of hosts. May we know security. May we know peace. May we know the benefits of
the reign of your Christ. *Silence*
Stir up your strength, O Lord; *And come to help us.*

Show the strength of your arm, O God: lift up the lowly. Fill the hungry with good things. Look on
your children with favor. *Silence*
Stir up your strength, O Lord; *And come to help us.*

Have mercy on all captives and prisoners, O God. Remember them and come to their aid. Fill our
hearts with mercy. May we learn to forgive even as you forgive us. *The congregation is invited to add their*
thanksgivings, followed by silence
Stir up your strength, O Lord; *And come to help us.*

Hear the prayers of your people, O God of hosts. May those who have fed on the bread of tears, feed
instead on your strength, O Lord. Show them the light of your countenance and be their salvation.
The congregation is invited to add their petitions, followed by silence
Stir up your strength, O Lord; *And come to help us.*

Great Shepherd, gather your flock into your eternal kingdom. Bless the dying, embrace the dead, and comfort those who mourn. *Silence*
 Stir up your strength, O Lord; *And come to help us.*

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Breath of Heaven (*Sung by the Choir*)

Eaton/Grant

I have traveled many moonless nights	Be with me now	Do you wonder as you watch my face
Cold and weary with a babe inside	Be with me now	If a wiser one should have had my place
And I wonder what I've done	<i>Refrain</i>	But I offer all I am
Holy Father you have come	Breath of heaven	For the mercy of your plan
And chosen me now	Hold me together	Help me be strong
To carry your son	Be forever near me	Help me be
	Breath of heaven	Help me
I am waiting in a silent prayer	Breath of heaven	
I am frightened by the load I bear	Lighten my darkness	<i>Refrain</i>
In a world as cold as stone	Pour over me your holiness	
Must I walk this path alone	For you are holy	
	Breath of heaven	

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

SURSUM CORDA

The People stand.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And al - so with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him 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.

Because you sent your 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 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

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.

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The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The Bread is given to communicants with these words:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
he will give to all the faith - ful
that the powers of hell may va - nish
"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.
his own self for heaven - ly food.
as the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

ADVENT BLESSING

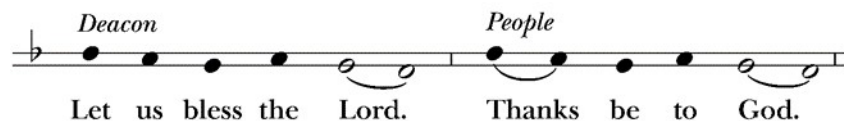
May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

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 forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL



RECESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O come, Emmanuel (v. 5-8)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORK DAY— Today after church we will have a work day to prepare the church for our Christmas Services. Please stay and lend a hand to this annual inside clean-up.

ADVENT STUDY MAKE UP DAY—Make up session of the Advent Study will be Sunday, December 19 at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

PLEDGE CARDS—Please return your pledge card as soon as possible. Even if you do not plan on pledging, it helps us to have a pledge card on file for each family. If you did not receive a pledge card, or if you have any questions, please contact Mother Mindy or one of the Stewardship Committee: Cole Jones, Terrie Knox, or Breck McHenry. Thank you in advance for being generous of your time, talent, and treasure.

FOOD PANTRY—St. Peter's is serving at the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry all month. If you can help on Mondays and/or Thursdays from 3:00–5:30, please contact Laurie McHenry.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—The final day to return Christmas flower envelopes to have the memorial noted in Christmas Bulletins is today. We will still gladly accept Christmas flower donations, but the memorials will not be noted if received after December 19.

PRAYERS

Parishioner Cycle of prayer: Njari Crosby

Ministry Rotation of Prayer: Flower Ministry

Happy Birthday: Kevin Davis

Happy Anniversary:

For those who are sick: Kitty, Bob, Jerry, Jack, Gary, Vickie, Joleen, Christine, Charlie, Cynthia, Kristin.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S

Friday, December 24

9:00 PM Carol Sing

9:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25

9:00 AM Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 26

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

