
Fourth Sunday in Advent

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CP 89 vs 2-7 O COME, O COME EMMANUEL
The First verse will be sung by the Celebrant alone if possible

INVOCATION

Introit Sentence

I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.
Luke 1.38

THE GRACE (STAND)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (KNEEL OR SIT)

Please say or sing the KYRIE ELESION after each of the three petitions.

Kyrie Eleison. (MERBECKE: CP 678/ HB C177)

Christe Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison.

THE COLLECT (STAND)

Silence

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading – 1st Reader,

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."

ISAIAH 7:10-16

Psalm – 1st Reader,

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.

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 neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Second Reading – 2nd Reader

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power

according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 1:1-7

GOSPEL (STAND)

Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (CP: 708)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospeller: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Isaiah 40.3-5

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospeller: The Lord be with You. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 fulfil 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.

MATTHEW 1:18-25

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

SERMON

(SIT)

THE NICENE CREED

(STAND)

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say, We believe in one God,

All: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

(KNEEL OR SIT)

The response to the petition will be announced.

THE PEACE

(STAND)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III - BAS P.198

(REMAIN STANDING)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

(REMAIN STANDING)

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA

(MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

(KNEEL OR STAND)

*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

All: Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, And deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, And the glory are yours, Now and for ever. Amen.

SILENCE

FRACTION SENTENCE

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI

(MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION SENTENCE

(KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(KNEEL OR SIT)

Silence

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR ADVENT

(KNEEL)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL

(REMAIN STANDING)