

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sung Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services (p. 185)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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 ELEISON after each of the three petitions.

Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.

(MERBECKE: CP

or

678/HB C177)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 all respond: **Thanks be to God.***

FIRST READING – 1ST READER

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 labour 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.

MICAH 5:2-5a

CANTICLE – 1ST READER

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. 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 away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

CANTICLE 18 (BAS) – LUKE 1:47-55

SECOND READING – 2ND READER

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.

HEBREWS 10:5-10

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.

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 fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." LUKE 1:39-45
Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

SERMON

(SIT)

THE NICENE CREED - BAS p.188

(STAND)

Celebrant: 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 will be announced.

THE PEACE (STAND)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

Eucharistic Prayer III - BAS p.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

FRACTION SENTENCE

SILENCE

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

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

Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon 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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR ADVENT (KNEEL)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)