



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “The Holy and the Ivy”
Stephanie Backes (clarinet)

Entrance Hymn 56: (vs 5-8) “O Come, O Come
Emmanuel”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and
forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen*

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to
the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Kyrie S-96: “Lord, Have Mercy”

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, have mercy.*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18: (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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 of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall
be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 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;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall
be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for
yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

Sequence Hymn : “Holy Mary, Gentle Mother”

*Gentle Woman, quiet light, shining star, so pure and
bright.
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove, we see wisdom, we see
love.*

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you Lord 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 fulfill 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

"Joseph - The Go to Guy"

The Rev. Roger Hungerford

The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the People

Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love.

Fill your Church with your grace and goodness,
that we may grow in holiness and in hospitality,

that we may reach out in mission and love,

that we may reveal your light and your glory.

Lord, make us active in service and joyful in praise.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. May the resources of the earth be neither hoarded nor squandered, but used to the benefit of all and the relief of those who need. Strengthen all who strive for justice and integrity in world trade; may vulnerable peoples be freed from oppression and abuse. May we all have compassion and concern for the poor.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love.

Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions.

Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others,
that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captives to sin, vice or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence or abuse. We also pray for friends and loved ones who are ill, especially those on our Church's Prayer list. Bless all who seek to rescue and restore those who are in need or distress.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom, especially _____.

We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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 Peace: Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. If you wish to receive a **gluten-free** wafer, please simply request one from the priest while at the rail.*

Offertory: “Breath of Heaven”: Grant/Eaton
Amanda Dixon
Leanne Whalen Klauss (soloists)

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (p. 367 BCP)
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus: S-130 (in front section of blue hymnal)
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna
in the highest.*

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O
Father.
People **We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Communion Hymn: “Emmanuel”
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel*

Communion Hymn 112: “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Communion Hymn 325: “Let Us Breathe Together on
Our Knees”

Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
And for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our
Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn : “Do You Hear What I Hear”
*Said the night wind to the little lamb, “Do you see what
I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb, Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as
a kite, with a tail as big as a kite.”*

*Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, “Do you hear
what I hear?
Ringling through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear
what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the tree, with a voice as big
as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea.”*

*Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, “Do you know
what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king, do you know what I
know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold; let us bring Him
silver and gold, let us bring Him silver and gold.”*

*Said the king to people everywhere, “Listen to what I
say! Pray for peace people everywhere, listen to what I
say! The Child, the Child sleeping in the night, He will
bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness
and light.”*

The Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: Seasonal Medley
Emma Reese (violin)

Flower Dedications

To The Glory of God

Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer:

Adam, Andy, Ariel; Barbara, Bob, Bonnie, Catherine, Cecil, Chris, Cindy, Dan D., Dan S., Debbie, Destinee, Don, Elsie, Fr. Glenn, Frances, Fred, Grace, Jason, Jennifer, Jim, Judy F., Judy G., Julie, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Lana, Linda E., Linda M., Luke Allen, Matthew, Melissa, Mike, Neta, Pat, Polly, Ron, Russell, Sarah; Sherry Jo, Sherry, Steve, Teresa, Teresa L., Susan, Terry, Tif, Tom.

Military

Adam Zigler, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase and Morgan Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez,

Kathy Jensen, Kevin Kahl, Lance Breeding, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

Great Expectations

For the coming birth of a baby to Clay & Tiffanie Coleman

Repose of the Soul

Fr. George Gilbert

Margaret Baker

The Victims from NAS Pensacola and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

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