



The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020

The Service of the Word

Temporary Safety Rules

- ✠ Be joyful, grateful, and blessed!
- ✠ **Please wear mask** as much as possible and certainly anytime you are not seated.
- ✠ Bathroom: please only one person in a bathroom at a time.

Opening Voluntary: “Still, Still, Still”
“The Holly and the Ivy”
Stephanie Backes (clarinet)

Advent Wreath

Opening Hymn: “Savior of the Nations Come”
*Savior of the nations, come!
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.*

*Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son,
Eager now his race to run!*

*Come, O Father's saving Son,
Who o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be;
Grant that we its glories see.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever! Amen.**

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *Romans 16:25-27*

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise

God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! *Amen.*

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him,
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

Sequence Hymn: “Holy Mary, Gentle Mother”
*Gentle woman, quiet light
Shining Star, so strong and bright
Gentle Mother, peaceful dove
We see wisdom, we see love*

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:26-38*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

Sermon 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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those
who are alone. (Silence)*

For this community during this season of Advent, help us
to prepare ourselves for your Son;
That he may dwell in us and us in him. (Silence)

For the United States of America and for the world;
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
(Silence)*

For the just and proper use of your creation;
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
(Silence)*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the
needy. (Silence)*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
– *(Pray aloud or silently for your own needs and
concerns).* We pray especially for all who have died and
for those who miss them. – *Pause.* Comfort and sustain
us. Help us to trust in you and in the never-ending life
you eternally offer all people.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

And now, Heavenly Father, we pray to you for the
forgiveness of our sins.

The Confession *Altogether*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



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.

Offertory: “Breath of Heaven”

Amanda Dixon

Leanne Whalen

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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;***

Prayer for Grace and Blessing

Loving God, while I cannot receive your Holy Communion at this time, I sincerely ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon me now and upon all of your children. Fill me, sustain me, and lead me with your life-giving Grace and strength, today and forever. *Amen.*

Communion Hymn: “What A Beautiful Name”

*You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ*

Refrain

*What a beautiful Name it is. What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus*

*You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now (Refrain)*

*Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again*

*You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God, You reign*

*Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names (Refrain)*

Post Communion Prayer

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?
Ringin' 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.”*

Closing Voluntary: Zach Dake (trumpet)

The Dismissal

Your Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Adam, Adam D., Aly & Baby Logan, Barbara, Betty J., Betty W., Bobbie, Bobby, Brad, Brenda, Catherine, Fr. Chris, Christian, Christina, Christy Clark, Cindy, Dana, Darlene, David H., David I., Debrah, Drew, Ellie, Elsie, Emme, Emet, Erick, Faith, Fay, Fred, Grace, Jackie, James, Jamie, Jan, Jean, Jennifer W., Jessica, Jillian, Joey, John B., John G., Jordan, Joseph, Jude, Judy G., Karen, Kayla, Kelly, Ken, Kevin, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Laya, Leola, Linda E., Linda M., Lorrie, Luke Allen, Max, Melissa, Neta, Pat, T., Patrick B., Paula, K., Paula M., Peggy, Ralph, Sarah, Selene, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Stacie, Sue, Susan C., Susan K., Teresa K., Teresa L., Thalia, Tif, Tom, Tony B., Tony K., The O'Neill Family, The Youth, & Wendy

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden,

Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, Jason Wine, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

Repose of the Soul

Polly O'Neill
Terry Burris
Arlene Jordan
John Rubino
Natalie Gribble
Diane Roberts
Americans who have died from COVID-19

Clergy

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