

Morning Prayer – Rite II

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year B

December 20, 2020

Prelude: “Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People” - Peeters
Organist: Trish Rooney

Opening Hymn: “The angel Gabriel from heaven came” **Hymn #265**

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| 1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria! | 2. "For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady," Gloria! |
| 3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria! | 4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever
say-- "Most highly favored lady," Gloria! |

Welcome and Announcements:

The night has passed and the day lies open before us, let us pray with one heart and mind. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you. **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

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. *(Luke 1:39-42)*

Advent Wreath Lighting “O Come O Come Emmanuel”
Tammy Schulz, (soprano)

(V.s. 7) O come, Desire of nations,
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

(V.s. 8) O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept*

Officiant 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

Officiant: 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 Lessons

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Here ends the Lesson.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor 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.**

Interlude:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

- *Peeters*

Second Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

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.

Here ends the Lesson.

Meditation Hymn: “Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

Hymn #438

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!

The Apostles' Creed

**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**

The Collect of the Day: *(Officiant)*

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.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Dear God, we pray with faith in the power of your presence

Today in the hope which Advent brings for the creation of new visions, expectations, and possibilities for us and our world.

In our wildest, most daring dreams of peace in the world, we pray for the welfare and safety of all your people, nations, and religions, living with tolerance, respect, and equality of freedom for all.

For Emmanuel Parish, those whose efforts sustain this church, our clergy, Bishop Elect, and all churches of God throughout the world, we pray for your guidance and blessings.

We pray for healing as you know is needed, for those in unbearable circumstances, the homeless, the prisoners, the fearful, those who are threatened or captive. We pray for those in sickness and those on our parish prayer list; especially Children & Families of Emmanuel, Dorothy, Ellen, Kristen, Margaret, Maryanne, Nick, Owen, Patrick, Rich, Russell & family, Sam, Scott, Sean, Tammy, baby granddaughter to Alan & Barrie and for our families, friends, and neighbors.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays, especially *Thailer Castrey* (12/20); *Elizabeth Castrey* (12/21); *Carol Jambor-Smith* (12/21); *Marilyn Freedlund* (12/23) and those celebrating anniversaries.

We pray for those who have died, especially Richard, those we hold in our hearts, and those who have gone before us to your heavenly joy.

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,
for ever and ever. 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 for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

“The King shall come when morning dawns”

Hymn #73

1. The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks;
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.
3. The King shall come when morning dawns
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that e'er shall last.

Postlude:

“Von Himmel Hoch”

- J.S. Bach

*(From heaven above to earth I come to bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, whereof I now will say and sing.)*

Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. There are no in-person meetings per Bishop Lee.

Wednesdays during Advent: We examine what the gospels tell us of the birth of Jesus in “Light of the World” a presentation by Amy-Jill Levine. We will meet on zoom. There is a study guide available through Amazon, but it is not necessary to participate. If you have any questions, contact Diane.

Virtual Labyrinth Walk: Each **Wednesday at 6:30 CST**, Barrie Gibby will lead a 30-minute finger walking meditation offered throughout Advent as the days grow darker and the lighted path grows brighter. Our online circle will celebrate the progression of lighted candles of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. Labyrinth printout link [labyrinth meditation](#)

Stewardship: Please prayerfully consider your 2021 pledge to Emmanuel. God has richly blessed us. We give back to Him in thanks for His goodness. If you haven't turned in your pledge for 2021, please do so today.

Retirement: December 20th at Noon We toast Gale and wish her well. Gale will be sorely missed in the office she has been a good friend to us all. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2990474775> - If you would like to send good wishes to Gale, please send them to either Mary E. Johnson or Betsy Parker

Calendar of Upcoming Events!:

Lessons and Carols Sunday, **December 20 at 4 pm**

Since we are unable to gather after Lessons and Carols, we thought of gathering virtually for an afterglow with each of us purchasing food from one of these local restaurants in support of the community. **Prairie Street Brewery; Capri Pizzeria; La Cocina Mexican Restaurant and Octane.**

Blue Christmas Monday, **December 21 at 7 pm**

Christmas Eve Friday, **December 24, 6 pm**

Christmas Day 10 am

Christmas I & II 10:30

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Aspire Presents: Join us after the New Year on **Wednesday, January 6, at 7 pm**, for the fifth program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via *Zoom (no masks or social distancing required)*. This is the fifth of the series that will highlight – Francis Perkins and will be presented by Millie Zimmerman and Ruth Cox. Go to www.emmanuelrockford.org or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

Virtual Trivia: Tuesday, January 12, get your team together to play Trivia on Zoom \$10 per person. Sign up with Diane, don't worry if you don't have team, we will find you one.

Kacie Hackett's Trivia game raised \$10,000 for Restaurant Association of Washington Relief Fund, One Fair Wage Relief Fund, World Central Kitchen, and other relief funds for individuals in the restaurant and hospitality industry who have lost their jobs. As we enter “Season 2” of the trivia game, we're raising money for housing security for those facing uncertainty from COVID-19. A full list of organizations that we've donated to are listed here.

Book Club: Diane is starting a Book Club which will **meet at 7 pm Wednesday, January 13th** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2990474775> - We will discuss Bishop Curry's book "Love is the Way" Hope you can join us!

Winter closing in upon us: This can be a time of isolation, but it doesn't have to be so. Small groups are forming for socializing via Zoom. If you are interested, let Diane know.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Vocalist: Tammy Schulz, (*Soprano*)

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