

# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 19, 2021

## The Word of God

**The Prelude:** Shepherd of Israel  
The Advent of Our God

Denis Eliot  
König/Havergal, arr. Callahan

**The Processional Hymn: 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,** *Stanzas 7 & 8*

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Collect for Purity**

*BCP p. 355*

*Celebrant*

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.

**The Kyrie**

*BCP p. 356; Hymnal S 96*

*Celebrant and People*

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

**The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

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.

**The First Lesson**

**Micah 5:2-5a**

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 labor 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.

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

**Canticle 15: The Song of Mary** *Magnificat*

**Luke 1:46-55**

*Read responsively by half verse.*

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.**

**The Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

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.

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

**The Sequence Hymn: 438 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord**

WOODLANDS

*Stanza 1 is sung before the Gospel, stanza 4 is sung after.*

**The Gospel**

**Luke 1:39-45**

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
 People: **Glory to you, Lord 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 fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.  
 People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Carmen Germino

**The Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 358*

*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God, 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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

*Please read together the names on our prayer list, when prompted.*

In this season of anticipation, we lift our souls to you, O Lord, and put our trust in you. Show us your ways and teach us your paths. Even in our busy-ness, help us to remain alert, and help us to prepare our hearts and minds for your coming. Come, Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church, O Lord, that it might be purified by the fire of your love and grace, and that we her members might abound in love for you, for one another, and for all people. Come, Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

In your good time, O Lord, the valleys shall be filled, the mountains and hills made low, and the rough ways made smooth. Guide the people of this land and of all the nations along pathways of justice and peace. Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

You have lifted up the lowly, O Lord, and filled the hungry with good things. Remember, according to your love, those who are sick, suffering, or in any kind of trouble. Together we pray for: **Alison, Anne, Blair & Hunter, Bob, Carol, Caroline, Chester, Courtney, Deanna, Deryl, Florence, Gray, Hilary, Jean, Jeanie, Joe, Mason, Norm, Sandy, Steve, Susan, the Venus family.** Are there others? Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O Lord, you sent your son to be born of Mary. He was proclaimed to be Emmanuel: God-with-us. We thank you that you are indeed present with us, both in life and in death. We pray for those that we love, but see no longer, knowing that they continue in your loving presence, now and into eternity. We remember especially: Alan Barringer, Mildred Breneman, and Grace Graham. Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

## The Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant 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.**

*Celebrant*

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 Exchange of the Peace

*BCP p. 360*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## The Greeting and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

**The Offertory Anthem:** Thou Shalt Know Him

Text: Anon.

Music: Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,  
nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown,  
but his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony  
which his coming makes in thee.

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen. Amen.

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.*

## The Presentation of Gifts

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C

*BCP p. 369*

The Sursum Corda

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 our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People: By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

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*Celebrant and People*

**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: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People:**           **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

**Celebrant:**       Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God**

*BCP p. 364; S 161*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**The Ministration of Communion**

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**The Communion Anthem: Unexpected and Mysterious**

Lindholm & Hampton

Mary Pylipow, *flute*

Unexpected and mysterious is the gentle word of grace.  
Ever-loving and sustaining is the peace of God's embrace.  
If we falter in our courage and we doubt what we have known,  
God is faithful to console us as a mother tends her own.

In a momentary meeting of eternity and time,  
Mary learned that she would carry both the mortal and divine.  
Then she learned of God's compassion, of Elizabeth's great joy,  
and she ran to greet the woman who would recognize her boy.

We are called to ponder mystery and await the coming Christ,  
to embody God's compassion for each fragile human life.  
God is with us in our longing to bring healing to the earth,  
while we watch with joy and wonder for the promised Savior's birth.

**The Communion Hymn: 60 Creator of the Stars of Night**

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

**The Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*This prayer is meant to be prayed by those who are unable to attend in-person worship for any reason.*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

**The Post Communion Prayer**

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*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

**The Recessional Hymn: 72 Hark! the Glad Sound! the Savior Comes**

RICHMOND

**The Dismissal**

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Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude: Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers**

Swedish folk tune

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