

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020—8:00 AND 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

*--Parishioner Pick for Hymn



Reflections on today's readings:

Welcome to Christ Church. On this The central figure in today's liturgy is the Blessed Virgin Mary and her vocation as the human instrument of the Incarnation.

Today's Gospel is the account of the Annunciation, when Gabriel announced to the Virgin that God had chosen her to be the mother of the Messiah. Mary's humble obedience, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word..." is the model for Christian living.

The first reading today is the promise God made to David to establish his line as kings over God's people. This promise to raise up a new king of David's lineage was understood by Jews in the first century as a promise to send the Messiah.

In the second reading today Paul concludes his letter to the Church in Rome. He expresses the early Christian proclamation that in Christ the clouded meaning of the Old Testament prophecies has been revealed. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God's plan has been made clear and the hints of that plan in the writings of the prophets have been fulfilled.

Christians gather in the liturgy to remember our story: a story which goes back through the ages. The central actor is always God, who acts in history to lead all the creation into the Kingdom. God, who acted in the lives of people in the past such as David and the blessed Virgin, continues to act today in our lives. The Eucharist is the moment of encounter with God in which, like Mary, we respond, "Yes, let it be done to me according to your word."

God's People Gather

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Today we light the first and second, third and Fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is **HOPE**, the second candle is **PEACE**, the third candle is **JOY** and the fourth is **LOVE**.

All candles are lit.

Scripture: John 13:34— “Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Prayer

Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love, and following the example of you Son, spread that love to the love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.

Trisagion *(Said three times)*

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Together, 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 people sit.

The Word of God

The Epistle

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome. (*Romans 16:25-27*)

²⁵Now 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 ²⁶but 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—²⁷to 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.***

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary (The Magnificat)

***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.

The people stand as they are able.

The Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (*1:26-38*)

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And 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. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸Then 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

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant

As we near the end of our time of waiting, let us offer prayers to our God through Jesus who is called Emmanuel, God with us, saying: ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

Leader

For the Church: especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our bishops, and for Chris our Priest. We pray that that we may embrace God's will, however mysterious or surprising. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation /San Estaban y La Encarnación, DC, St. Thomas' Church, DC, St. Thomas' Church, P.G. County, and the Chapel of the Incarnation. ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

For this parish family, that, like Mary, we may respond to God's invitation and allow God to do great things in and through us. ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

For a listening heart, that our lives may be stilled and quieted so that we may hear the Word of God as it comes to us in word, people and experience each day. ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

For new and expectant parents, that they may see God's presence in their child, and nurture the gift of life entrusted to them. ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

For all who travel during this season, that God will protect them from harm and help them have safe and good visits with family and friends. ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

For all who must be away from home, especially those in the military, and hospital caregivers, that God will keep them safe, help them fulfill their duties and bring them home quickly. ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

For the many who are suffering economically, that God will watch over those who have lost employment, struggle to pay their bills or have enough to eat. ***Come, Emmanuel and save us.***

For an end to the Covid pandemic, that God will bring healing to the sick, strengthen the caregivers, and guide the distribution and administration of the vaccines. ***Come, Emmanuel and save us.***

For all those for whom we offer our prayers, remembering especially those our Prayer List. ***(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)*** We pray that the birth of Christ may bring light and peace to their lives. ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

For those who have died, remembering especially Victoria Curtiss. ***(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)*** May they rejoice in the presence of Mary's child Jesus. ***Come, Emmanuel, and save us.***

For all the blessings we have received. *(The people may name their thanksgivings at this time.)* We give thanks this week for Kathy Cooke and Logan Wright who are celebrating their birthdays. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, St. Thomas the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

All: Blessed Emmanuel, God with us, hear our prayers, let your Holy Spirit dwell among us and be born anew in the lives of your people, that we may be filled with the fullness of Christ, to the honor and glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

The Confession

The Celebrant says

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

Minister 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.***

The Absolution

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 Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Offertory

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer B from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer)*

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 God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

And now we give you thanks because your Son our Lord was awaited by the prophets, announced by an angel, conceived by a virgin, and proclaimed at last to men and women of every race.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. + Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, St. Thomas the Apostle, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The people remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori for Spiritual Communion **(At 10:00 a.m. only)**

My, Jesus, I know that you are present in the Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

***Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally
come spiritually into my heart.***

***I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.***

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us, the People of God. ***Amen.***

The Post Communion Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing for the Advent Season (Church of England)

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal. ***Amen.***

May God the Son,
who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light. ***Amen.***

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on (name) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon (name) and (name), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 24TH—CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 25TH—CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27TH—1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:00 A.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST

4:00 P.M.—CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS VIA ZOOM

All services will take place in the Parish Hall. Due to Social Distancing requirements, seating is limited at each service. Please RSVP at www.cckqp.net to make sure you have a seat. Masks must be worn at all times and a signed Regathering Covenant is required.



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10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

11:00 a.m.—Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom Conference)

Weekdays (M-F)

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer (Zoom Conference)

Thursdays

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music streamed live

6:30 p.m.—The Way of Light (Stations of the Resurrection) streamed live

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