

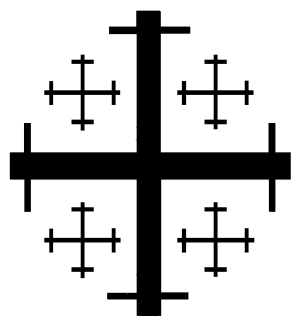
# Advent IV

24 December 2023

10:00 am



# The Liturgy at Calvary



**ADVENT IV** God keeps the promise made to David to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."

## Penitential Rite

*Please stand and face the Baptismal Font*

### Emmanuel

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,  
His name is called Em - man - u - el;  
God with us, re - vealed in us;  
His name is called Em - man - u - el.

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L "the Mighty One has done great things...Holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:49-53). Let us confess our inmost thoughts that God might be merciful and create in us willing and humble spirits.

*Silence is kept for confession and reflection*

L Most merciful God

**C We confess that our ways are not your ways. We do not love you with our whole heart, mind and soul. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us that we might be lifted up and filled with good things.**

L The mercy of almighty God comes to us new every day. Your sins are forgiven for God's love stands firm forever, His faithfulness established in heaven itself (Psalm 89:2).

**Reprise**      *Emmanuel*

### **Apostolic Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

# Kyrie Eleison

ALL *Capo 1* D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A>(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2) D(sus4) Eb(sus4) Bm Cm

For peace in our hearts, the sal - va - tion of our souls,

Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A>(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR D Eb Fm Gm G Ab A Bb

For peace throughout the world; the well be - ing of God's church,

Em Fm A Bb Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

and the un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Fb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A>(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2) D Eb G A>

For this ho - ly house and for all who ga - ther here to

Em Fm 3 A Bb Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

lift up their hearts in wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A>(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

CANTOR D Eb Fm Gm Em Fm G A> A Bb D Eb

Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us grac - ious Lord.

ALL D Eb Em Fm A Bb D(sus4) Eb(sus4)

A men.

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Canticle of Praise

*Stir Up Your Power and Come*

1. Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. A - gain we  
 2. Is hea- ven's mo - ment far or near? And when will  
 pray, "Your will be done." May Ad- vent blue to us for -  
 Je - sus re - ap - pear? The com - ing dawn is our de -  
 tell the ec - ho of Em - man u - el.  
 light in this, the dark - est hour of night.

3.. We could in - side the church re - main, like dry ground  
 watch - ing for the rain. We could de - cide to sit and  
 wa - it, as Je - sus we an - ti - ci - pate.

4.. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is  
 both not yet and now, Our faith in - forms what we shall  
 do. May Christ re - turn and find us  
 true. May Christ re - turn and find us true.

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## Blessing & Lighting the Advent Wreath

*We sing the verse below before and after the blessing.*



Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah; let the light ban-ish dark - ness  
He - is com-ing tell the glad tid - ings Let your light- be shin - ing!

P We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C **Amen**

*Please sit for today's readings from scripture.*

### **First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan:  
<sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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?" <sup>8</sup>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; <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

**The Magnificat Millie Rieth (1940–2003)**

Mary's Song

1. My soul does mag - ni - fy your love O Lord.  
 2. Great are you, God, and ho - ly is your name.  
 3. Ah, how you fill the hun - gry with your love.  
 4. My soul does mag - ni - fy your love, O Lord.

My soul does mag - ni - fy your love O Lord. For you  
 Your mer - cy reach - es to the end of time. Ah, the  
 With emp - ty hands the rich are sent a - way. You will  
 My soul does mag - ni - fy your love, O Lord, For you

gazed on your ser - vant with com - pas - sion  
 low - ly you raise to the heav - ens,  
 al - ways be mind - ful of your mer - cy  
 smiled on your ser - vant, with com - pas - sion

And you reached out and took me by the hand.  
 And the proud heart - ed have no part with you.  
 As you prom - ised your peo - ple long a - go.  
 And you reached out and took me by the hand.

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## Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

<sup>25</sup>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  
<sup>26</sup>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—<sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

L The Word of the Lord.     **C Thanks be to God.**

## Advent Verse & Gospel Acclamations

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer - ci - ful.  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
**C Glory to you, O Lord**

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

P The Gospel of Our Lord  
**C Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon** Pastor Kyle

**Hymn of the Day ELW 672**

Signs and Wonders



1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:  
 2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,  
 3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;  
 saw the ra - diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;  
 God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;  
 bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:  
 Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.  
 beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.  
 and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

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 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551  
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## **Creed**

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God

**ALL 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 Faithful**

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Instrumental Intro

In the si - lence Lord, Hear our prayer.  
 In the still - ness Lord, Hear our prayer.  
 Our spo - ken words, our si - lent thoughts:  
 these we hum - bly share.  
 In this mo - ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

*After each petition*

A Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Concluding with*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
 trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our  
 Lord **C Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you**

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*Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:*

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C B♭ Gm

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C<sup>7</sup> F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C

you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

Gm F/A C F Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>

I might be re - newed. So fill me and

Am<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> Gm/D C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> C<sup>7</sup>

heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Gm F/A C F

ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.  We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new, when He comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus & Benedictus** [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.

# Eucharistic Prayer

## *Eucharistic Acclamation*

Musical notation for the Eucharistic Acclamation. It consists of two staves of music in a 4/4 time signature. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we". The second staff contains the lyrics: "break this bread and share this\_ cup un - til you come a - gain." Above the notes are chord symbols: C, G7, Am, F, G7, C, F, G7, C, F, G7, C.

**P** Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**C** **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, forever and ever. Amen**

## **Agnus Dei**

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei. It consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." Above the notes are chord symbols: F, C, F, F, Bb, F, Bb, C, F, C, F, F, Bb, F, Bm, Bb, F, Gm, F, Bb, C, F.



## Holy Communion

**In-Person:** We commune at the altar. Ushers will guide. Wine is Red. Grape Juice is White.

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time.

We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

*Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:*

### Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth— oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version  
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524  
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# In Deepest Night



In deep - est night, in dark - est days, when harps are  
 When friend was lost, when love de - ceived, dear Je - sus  
 When through the wa - ters winds our path, a - round us



hung, no songs we raise, when si - lence  
 wept, God was be - reaved; so with us  
 pain, a - round us death: deep calls to



must suf - fice as praise, yet sound - ing  
 in our grief God grieves, and round a -  
 deep, a sav - ing breath, and found be -



in us qui - et - ly there is the  
 bout us mourn - ful - ly there are the  
 side us faith - ful - ly there is the



song of God.  
 tears of God.  
 love of God.

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**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
 and keep you in God's grace.

**C** **Amen**



## Post Communion Canticle

Inspired by an Easter homily  
of St. Augustine

The monks of Weston Priory  
Vermont

With bro- ken bread in our hands, your  
word a fire in our hearts, we now pro - claim our own  
myst- 'ry: in this jour- ney from death in -  
to your new life, we are your bread, we your bo - dy.

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**A** Let us pray... Generous God,  
in bread and cup you have revealed your glory  
for all people to see together.  
Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim  
your good news of liberation and release,  
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you  
peace.

**C Amen**

*Please turn in place, facing the cross carried by the crucifer.*

# Recessional – ELW 267

## Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, George F. Handel, 1685–1759, adapt.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord  
C **Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude Reprise Joy to the World**

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

#### **Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Tuesday, December 26, 2023**

Stephen was a deacon and the first martyr of the church. He was one of those seven upon whom the apostles laid hands after they had been chosen to serve widows and others in need. Later, Stephen's preaching angered the temple authorities, and they ordered him to be put to death by stoning.

#### **John, Apostle and Evangelist Wednesday, December 27, 2023**

The son of Zebedee and brother of James, John was one of the twelve disciples and witness to the transfiguration. Tradition has named him also the writer of the Gospel of John, the three New Testament letters bearing his name, as well as Revelation.

#### **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Thursday, December 28, 2023**

This day commemorates the young children killed by Herod in Bethlehem in his jealous attempt to murder the baby Jesus, a sobering reminder of the evil that led Christ to be born for our salvation.

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Jacob Groening, *trumpet, vocals*  
David Lakota, *bass guitar*  
Christy Gibson, Pete Moxley, *vocals*  
Robert Morris, Paul Slezak *trombone*

Debbie Villavicencio, *organ*  
Karen Moxley, *violin, vocals*  
Dale Taylor, *guitar*  
Brian Haywood, *sax, vocals*  
Blake Kitch, *percussion*

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**One service next Sunday**  
**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10 AM**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**