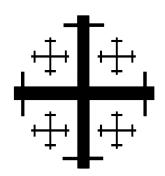
Advent IV

22 December 2024

9:30 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for

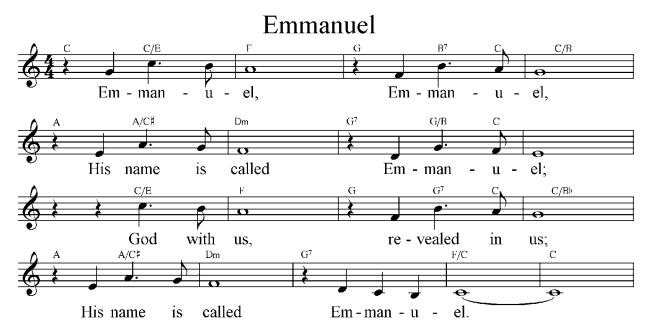
"the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

PRELUDE

O Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Tunes: Consolation, Hyfrydol Arr. Vincent M. Ryan, b. 1971

PENETENTIAL RITE



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L God has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. Rulers have been brought down from their thrones but the humble have been lifted up. The Lord has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich have been sent away empty" (Luke 1:51-53). Let us confess the pride of our inmost thoughts that being humbled, we might be lifted up.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

- L Restore us, O God
- C make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved (Psalm 80:3).
- Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; It is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Hebrews 5: 5,10).

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 [Greek, LORD HAVE MERCY]



Music: Viktor Andersson © 1999 Calvary Lutheran Church

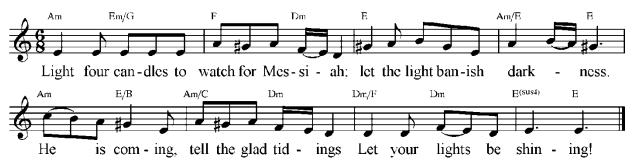
HYMN OF PRAISE Stir Up Your Power and Come



Music: Linda Cable Shutte. Lyrics: Rusty Edwards © 2002 Augsburg Fortress Used by special permission from the composer for Calvary's liturgy

BLESSING & LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We sing the verse below before and after the blessing.



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P We praise you, O God, for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Please sit for today's readings from scripture.

FIRST READING Micah 5:2-5a

²But 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.

³Therefore 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.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,

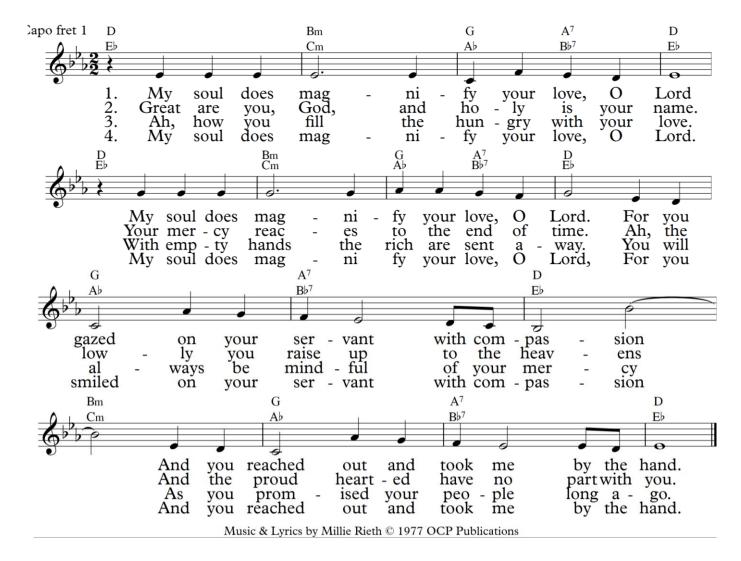
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

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

CANTICLE St. Luke 1:68-79 *Magnificat {The Song of Mary}*



SECOND READING Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

⁸When 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), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[46And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

P The Gospel of Our Lord

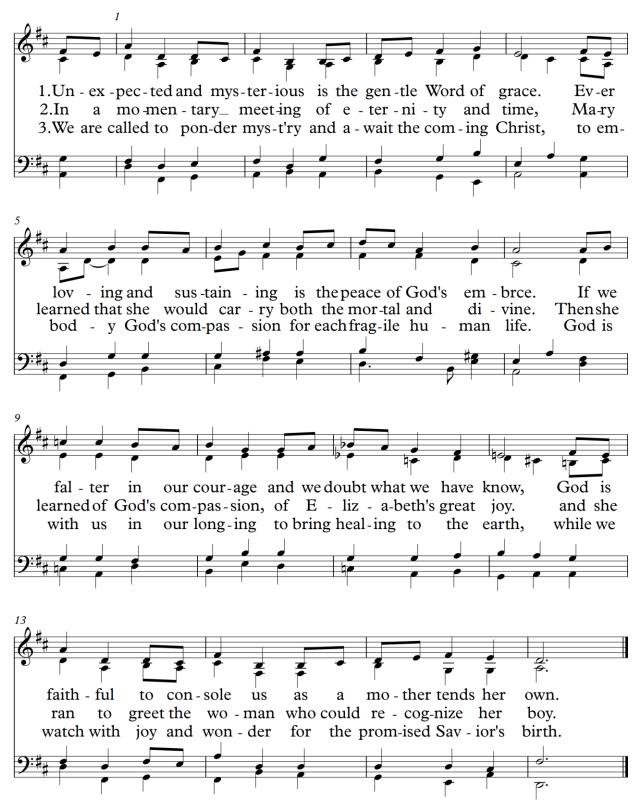
C Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Intern Rebecca

HYMN OF THE DAY

Unexpected & Mysterious

Accompaniment



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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.

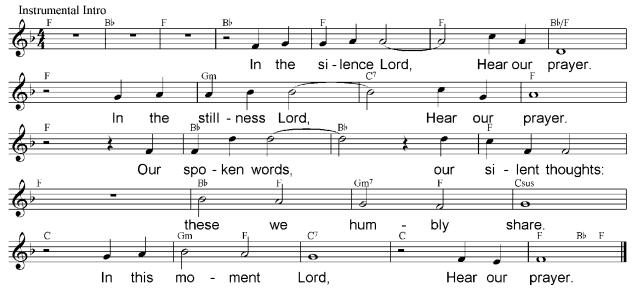
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

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.



After each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Concluding with

A 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.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Please show one another a sign of peace

OFFERTORY Sussex Carol English Carol (1684)
Flute and Harpsichord
Setting by Peter Crisafulli, b. 1946
Flute - Toni Tharp



Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:



- 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

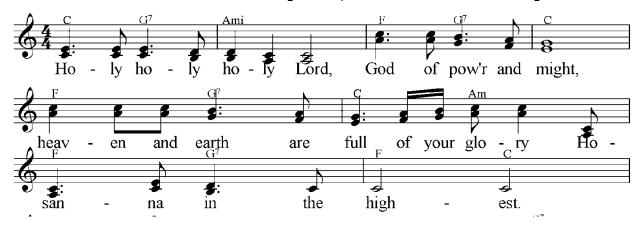


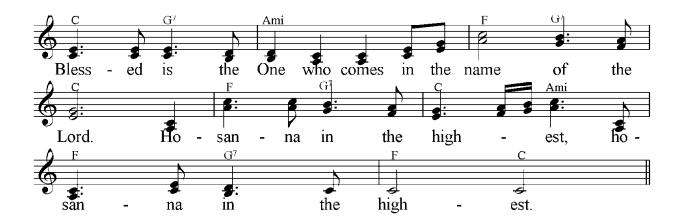
P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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]



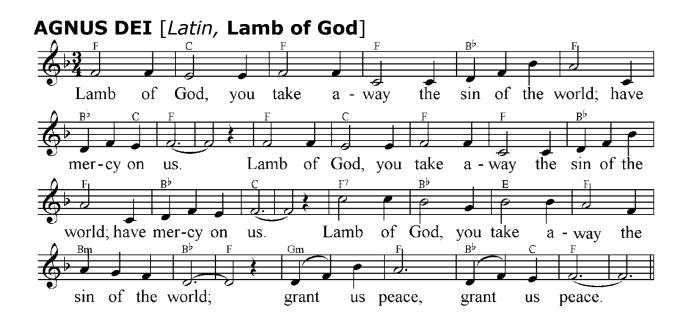


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Acclamation



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- ALL 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
- P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.





HOLY COMMUNION

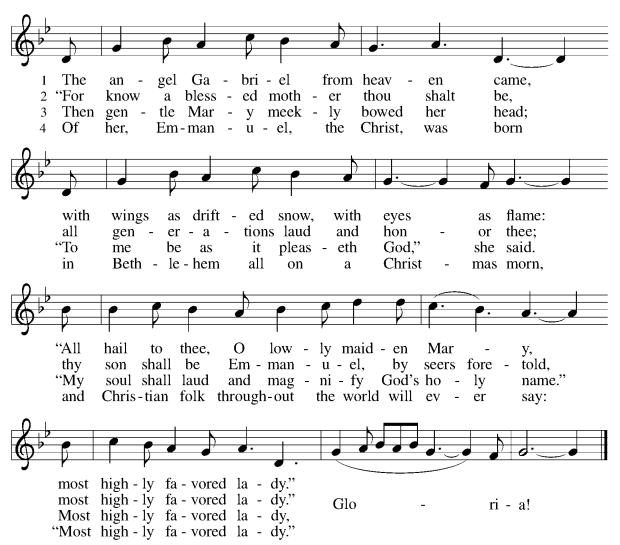
In-Person: We will commune by continuous line. We will commune the pulpit side first. You will be ushered up in small groups to receive bread from the Pastor and then an individual cup from the tray.

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."

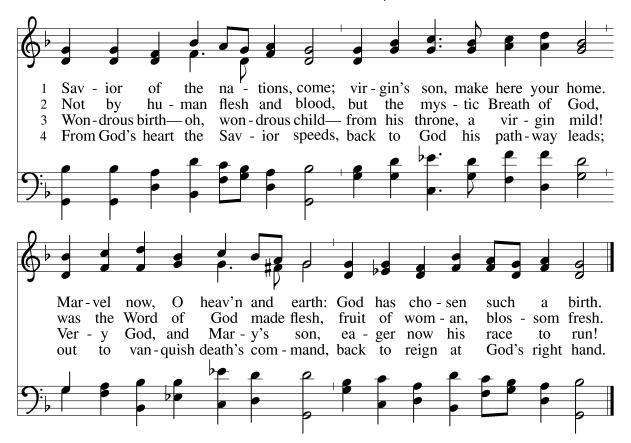
One or more songs on the following pages may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



Text: Basque carol, para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924. Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol.

Savior of the Nations, Come

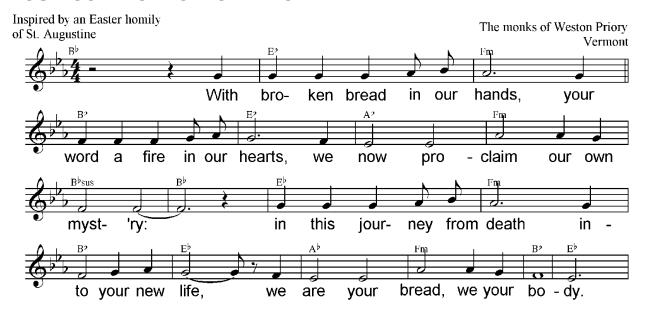


- 5 Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light. Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.
- 6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!
 To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version. Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbuchlein,* 1524 Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



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A Let us pray... Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE Toccata on Antioch

Tune: Antioch - Lowell Mason, 1848 Setting by Craig Phillips, c. 1996

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Robert Morris, Paul Slezak, trombone, vocals
Blake Kitch, Charles Denison, percussion, vocals

Commemorations This Week

Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Thursday, December 26, 2024

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 Friday, December 27, 2024

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 Saturday, December 28, 2024

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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.CHRISTMAS HARP RECITAL Monday, December 23rd at 7pm in Calvary's Sanctuary

CALVARY CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

All services: In-Person Sanctuary and Live-Streamed Online

4, 6, 8 pm Lessons Carols Eucharist

15 minute carol sing prior to each of these services

4 - Children's Assembling of the Creche, Solos & Ensembles

6 - Harp ensemble, Hand Bell choir, and soloists

8 - Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir and soloists

(Nursery available during 4 pm & 6 pm services)

11 pm Midnight Mass

The full liturgy with Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir, and soloists