

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 18 December 2022 ♦ 10:00 AM  
Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, IL



## GATHERING TOGETHER

**PRELUDE** Chorale prelude on NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND Andreas Kneller (1649-1724)

## WELCOME

## BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Presider* Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones.  
As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we wait and dream for you.  
Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles,  
and more dear than all else we seek.  
Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good,  
and banish all our fears.  
We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior. **Amen.**

**HYMN** "Hark! The Glad Sound! the Savior Comes" RICHMOND



1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
2 He comes, the pris - 'ners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim; and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne, and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

## THE ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider* 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* 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 WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

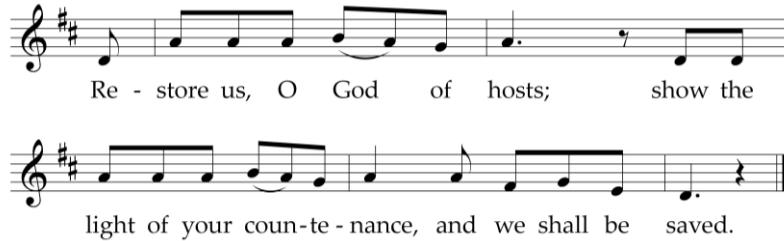
**A**gain the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

## THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

### Response



Re - store us, O God of hosts; show the  
light of your coun-te - nance, and we shall be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray? *Response*
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
- 17 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself. *Response*
- 18 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

*Response*

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

**P**aul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*Preschool- and elementary-aged children are invited to process to Children's Chapel.*

The people stand, as able, to sing the Gospel Acclamation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ken Simmons

### Refrain



Je-sus is Lord, al-le - lu - ia! Je-us shall come, al-le - lu - ia!

### Verse (Cantor or choir):

*Advent 1: Stay awake and be prepared.*

*Advent 2: Prepare a way for the Lord.*

*Advent 3: Go out into the world.*

*Advent 4: I am your servant, Lord.*



ALL: Je-sus shall come, al-le - lu - ia!

*Advent 1: Be ready to greet the Lord.*

*Advent 2: Make straight the path for him.*

*Advent 3: Take the good news to the poor.*

*Advent 4: Let your will be done to me.*



ALL: Je-sus shall come, al-le - lu - ia! (to refrain)

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

*Preacher* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

**N**ow the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Preacher* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

### THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Presider*                    The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents & Godparents* I present Elizabeth Elaine Williams to receive  
the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Presider*                    Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present  
is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents & Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Presider*                    Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow  
into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents & Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Then the priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak  
on behalf of the child.*

*Question*                Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness  
that rebel against God?

*Answer*                    I renounce them.

*Question*                Do you renounce the evil powers of this world  
which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer*                    I renounce them.

*Question*                Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer*                    I renounce them.

*Question*                Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer*                    I do.

*Question*                Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer*                    I do.

*Question*                Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer*                    I do.

*The priest then addresses the congregation.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People*        **We will.**

*The priest then says these or similar words*

Let us join with this person who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Priest*        Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*        **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest*        Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People*        **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.**

*Priest*        Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People*        **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.**

*Priest*        Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People*        **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest*        Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example  
the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,  
loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*The priest then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ  
your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to

come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Priest* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.  
Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.  
Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage  
in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received  
the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah,  
the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection,  
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith,  
baptizing them in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Minister touches the water.*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again  
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*Priest* Elizabeth Elaine Williams, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism if desired, says*

Elizabeth Elaine Williams, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

*A candle lighted from the Paschal Candle is given to each of the newly baptized or to a godparent.*

*The Priest then says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* **We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

#### Offertory Sentence

*With joy, we give thanks to God for all who support this community of love and faith.  
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**Offertory Anthem**      “People Look East”    Besançon carol, arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

People look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People look East, today: Love the Guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though the earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.  
People look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast Him who cometh from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the Word, the Lord is coming.  
People look East and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

**The Iona Invitation**

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.  
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been here for a long time or ever before;  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, not because the Church invites you;  
it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical notation consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled 'Presider' and the second part is labeled 'People'. The lyrics for the first staff are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is also divided into two parts: 'Presider' and 'People'. The lyrics for the second staff are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.'

*Presider*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

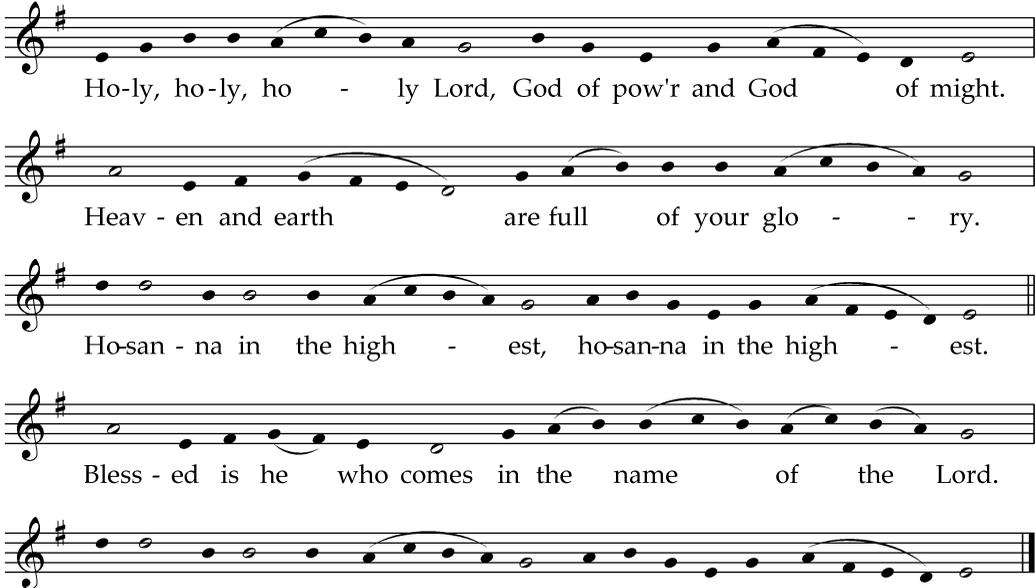
*People*



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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:



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

*Presider* Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:



*Presider* With this bread and cup we remember your Word  
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.

*All* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Presider* Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit.

*All* **Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Presider* All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The bread is broken. Silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God**

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) on a treble clef staff. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs, corresponding to the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (eighth pair), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), A1 (quarter), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (quarter), B0 (quarter), A0 (quarter), G0 (quarter).

## The Invitation

*From a sermon by St. Augustine*

*Presider* Behold what you are;  
*People* **May we become what we receive.**

## THE COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive Communion, including children. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.  
Those who prefer to receive a blessing may cross their arms over their chest.*

### Communion Hymn "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" GABRIEL'S MESSAGE



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
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## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.  
*All* **Almighty and everliving God,**

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of our 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

### HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

## SENT FORTH TO THE WORLD

### THE DISMISSAL

*The preacher offers a dismissal, then the people respond*

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

**POSTLUDE**

Caprice in g minor

François Roberday (1620-1690)

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of Christ's love;  
if you're here, you belong!*



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