

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION: 56, vss. 5-8, *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

<p>5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. <i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!</i></p>	<p>7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. <i>Refrain</i></p>
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<p>6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. <i>Refrain</i></p>	<p>8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. <i>Refrain</i></p>
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DISMISSAL

*The people respond*

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599*

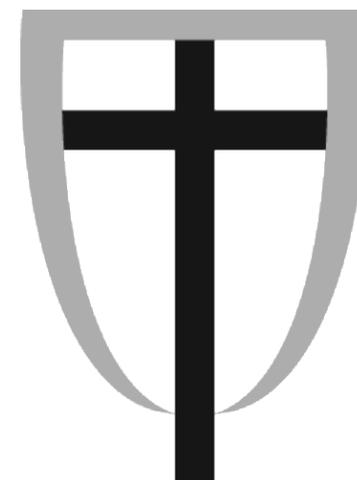
*J.S. Bach*

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

## RITE II

The Fourth Sunday  
of Advent  
Sunday, December 22, 2019  
10:30 A.M.




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Thank you for worshipping with us, today. This order of service for our liturgy — meaning “work of the people” — is meant to help you participate as fully as you desire. As one is able, we sit to listen to the scripture and the sermon, and we stand to sing, recite the Nicene Creed or Baptismal Covenant, and hear the Gospel proclaimed. When it comes to prayer, both standing and kneeling are ancient and accepted practices, so please feel free to stand or kneel during our prayers, as you are able. Before we begin, it is our custom to observe quiet for prayer and meditation. Please silence any electronic devices. Congregational responses are printed in boldface type.

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**VOLUNTARY** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659* *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

**HYMN IN PROCESSION:** 56, vss. 1-4, *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

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| <p>1 <b>O come, O come, Emmanuel,</b><br/>and ransom captive Israel,<br/>that mourns in lonely exile here<br/>until the Son of God appear.<br/><i>Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel</i><br/><i>shall come to thee, O Israel!</i></p> <p>2 <b>O come, thou Wisdom from on high,</b><br/>who orderest all things mightily;<br/>to us the path of knowledge show,<br/>and teach us in her ways to go.<br/><i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3 <b>O come, O come, thou Lord of might,</b><br/>who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height<br/>in ancient times didst give the law,<br/>in cloud, and majesty, and awe.<br/><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 <b>O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree,</b><br/>free them from Satan’s tyranny<br/>that trust thy mighty power to save,<br/>and give them victory o’er the grave.<br/><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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**OPENING ACCLAMATION** *BCP 355*

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

**KYRIE ELEISON:** S-91, *Healey Willan*

**Lord have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord have mercy upon us.**

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD**  
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM:** S-158, *Healey Willan*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *BCP 364*  
*All are invited to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please notify the clergy at the rail. If the chancel steps are an impediment to you, please notify an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

60, *Conditor alme siderum*

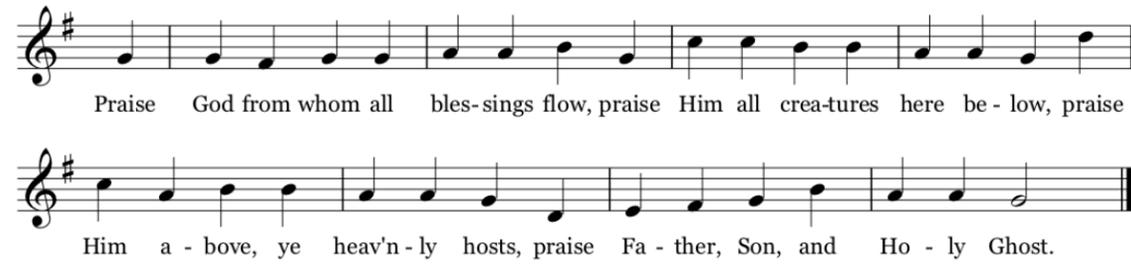
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| <p>1 <b>Creator of the stars of night,</b><br/>your people’s everlasting light,<br/><b>O Christ, Redeemer of us all,</b><br/>we pray you hear us when we call.</p> <p>2 <b>In sorrow that the ancient curse</b><br/>should doom to death a universe,<br/>you came, <b>O Savior,</b> to set free<br/>your own in glorious liberty.</p> <p>3 <b>When this old world drew on toward night,</b><br/>you came; but not in splendor bright,<br/>not as a monarch, but the child<br/>of Mary, blameless mother mild.</p> | <p>4 <b>At your great Name, O Jesus, now</b><br/>all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:<br/>all things on earth with one accord,<br/>like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.</p> <p>5 <b>Come in your holy might, we pray,</b><br/>redeem us for eternal day;<br/>defend us while we dwell below<br/>from all assaults of our dread foe.</p> <p>6 <b>To God the Father, God the Son,</b><br/>and God the Spirit, Three in One,<br/>praise, honor, might, and glory be<br/>from age to age eternally.</p> |
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268, *Julion*

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| <p>1 <b>Ye who claim the faith of Jesus,</b><br/>sing the wonders that were done<br/>when the love of God the Father<br/>over sin the victory won,<br/>when he made the Virgin Mary<br/>mother of his only Son.</p> <p>2 <b>Blessèd were the chosen people</b><br/>out of whom the Lord did come;<br/>blessèd was the land of promise<br/>fashioned for his earthly home;<br/>but more blessed far the mother,<br/>she who bore him in her womb.</p> | <p>3 <b>Therefore let all faithful people</b><br/>sing the honor of her name;<br/>let the Church, in her foreshadowed,<br/>part in her thanksgiving claim;<br/>what Christ’s mother sang in gladness<br/>let Christ’s people sing the same:</p> <p>4 <b>“Magnify, my soul, God’s greatness;</b><br/>in my Savior I rejoice;<br/>all the ages call me blessed,<br/>in his praise I lift my voice;<br/>he has cast down all the mighty,<br/>and the lowly are his choice.”</p> |
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**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come*      *Paul Manẏ (1919-2019)*

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN:** *Tallis' Canon*



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow, praise Him all crea-tures here be - low, praise  
Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly hosts, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Form B, BCP 367*

*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 continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always, and everywhere ... and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS:** S-130, *Schubert*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrants continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, ...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 ...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 LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 FIRST LESSON:** *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Again 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."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE:** *Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18*

*Plainchant, Mode II.1*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>4</sup> O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup> You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>16</sup> Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- <sup>17</sup> And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- <sup>18</sup> Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**THE SECOND LESSON:** *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul, 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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN:** 54, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

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| <p>1 Savior of the nations, come!<br/>Virgin's Son, make here your home.<br/>Marvel now, both heaven and earth,<br/>that the Lord chose such a birth.</p> | <p>3 Thus on earth the Word appears,<br/>gracing his created spheres;<br/>hence to death and hell descends,<br/>then the heavenly throne ascends.</p> |
| <p>2 Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child<br/>of the Virgin undefiled!<br/>Mighty God and Mary's son,<br/>eager now his race to run!</p>                    | <p>4 Come, O Father's saving Son,<br/>who o'er sin the victory won.<br/>Boundless shall your kingdom be;<br/>grant that we its glories see.</p>       |

**THE GOSPEL:** *Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)*

*Preacher* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Now 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.**

*Children wishing to attend Children's Chapel may gather at the rear of the church (Narthex).  
They will return during the Peace.*

**THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Ralph Howe*

**THE NICENE CREED** *BCP 358*

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**

*Form II, BCP 385*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops: Michael the Presiding Bishop, Morris our bishop, and Robert and James our Bishops in residence; for our priests: Chris and Ralph; for our Deacon: Pat; for our Seminarian Annie; for this gathering here; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayer for all those who serve in positions of authority especially Donald our president, John Bel our governor, and Sharon our Mayor. I ask your prayers for all those who serve in the military and law enforcement. I ask your prayer for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Huntley, Simon, Rachel, Celeste, as well as the sick, the hungry, the poor, the oppressed, and those in prison. I ask your prayers for all those who are expecting a child and the newly born. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Sumner Holmes. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*BCP 360*

**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.**

**ABSOLUTION**

**THE PEACE**

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

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