



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

The Service of the Word

Prelude: *Holy Cross Music Ministry*

Opening Hymn 56: v. 4-6 “O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel”

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Collect for Purity

*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*

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the
Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: S-96: Kyrie

*Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: : 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.

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

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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 of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 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;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

Sequence Hymn: “God With Us” (*See insert*)

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 1:18-25*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
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



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Waiting for Emmanuel”

Holy Cross Chancel Choir

A tired traveler on a dusty road,

A lonely shepherd on a hill

And empty manger stall in Bethlehem; waiting for Emmanuel

A weary woman and a worried man,

Hoping her time is soon fulfilled

A pile of neatly folded swaddling clothes,

Waiting for Emmanuel

(Refrain) Waiting, watching, hoping,

Longing: each with a need,

That only he could fill. They were waiting for Emmanuel.

A silent angel perched on heaven’s edge,

Eager, his glorious news to tell; Gloria!

A nation studying the promises:

God himself with us to dwell.

A brilliant star holds back

It’s brightest rays, yearning,

The darkness to dispel

The faithful magi looking heaven-ward;

Waiting for Emmanuel (Refrain)

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

Sanctus S-129

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.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Communion Hymn: “Beyond the Moon and Stars”
(See insert)

Communion Hymn: “Creator of the Stars of Night Melody” *(See insert)*

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 74: “Blest be the Lord Whose Coming”

Flower Dedications

Your Sermon Notes:

Prayer List

*Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks.
Please let us know if you need to be on longer.*

Requested Prayer

Ann, Anne, Arlie, Art, Axel, Barbara E., Barbara S., Betty E., Bob D., Bobby, Brad, Brenda B., Brian, Brenna, Cheri, Chloe, Chris G., Courtney, Curtis, Debby, Della, Dewey, Diane, Dixie, Donnie, Ede, Elaine, Eleanor, Ellen, Emily, Fay, Fr. Chris, Gary, Gordon, Gretchen, Harold, Jack, Jackie Lap., Jacob, Jerry H., John H. Jr., Joyce, Kathy M., Kelli, Kenneth, Laura G., Laura W., Leslie, Linda D., Linda S., Mabel, Madeleine, Manuel, Margaret, Marilyn, Mary, Matthew C., Melissa, Melodie, Michelle, Mike, Nancy, Pamela, Patrick, Phyllis S., Rachel H., Ralph, Sally, Scott, Seth, Sherry Jo, Sylvia, Thomas, Tom L., The Rev. Marguerite Alley, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Valerie, Wade, Wendy, William B., & William Z.

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough,

Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post, William Verwoerd

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

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Repose of the Soul

Don Dowd

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