



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert –
Isabelle Peterson (*voice*) & Isabelle Areola (*piano*)

Opening Hymn 56: "O Come O Come Emmanuel"
(verse 5&6)

*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*

*(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come thou dayspring come on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death dark's shadow put to flight (Refrain)*

Celebrant Bless 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: "Even So Come"

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come*

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not
desired, but a body you have prepared

for me; in burnt offerings and sin
offerings you have taken no pleasure.

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

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

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

Canticle 15 Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly
servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

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

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be for ever. Amen.**

Sequence Hymn: "Come Lord Jesus"

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come redeem us.
We will wait for You.*

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:39-45(46-55)*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Message: "Finding and Receiving *Love* in Uncertainty and Waiting"

The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

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.

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. *Amen*

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, during this season of Advent and beyond, help us to prepare ourselves for your Son.
That he may dwell in us and us in him, eternally.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those among our families and friends who experience sadness and grief during the holiday season; *That they may experience your steadfast love and be filled with peace and joy.*

We pray for all who have died; *Silence* - lovingly receive them into your eternal kingdom. *That we may one day be reunited with them, in you.*

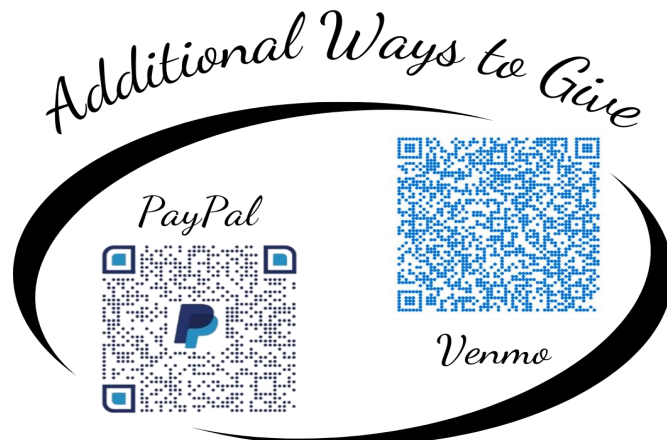
We pray for those on our church's prayer list, for all who are sick or lonely, for prisoners, and for the victims of crime everywhere. *That your healing presence may embrace them all.*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of others.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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.*

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 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: ““Holy is His name” (See insert)

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.

For this portion of the service you will need your Book of Common Prayer (The red book in your pew). P. 370

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.

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

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.

Fraction Anthem: “O Saving Victim”

O Sav-ing Vic-tim, o-pen wide the gate of heav'n to
us be - low, our foes press on from ev' - ry
side; Your aid sup - ply, Your strength be - stow.

Communion Hymn 356: “Let all Mortal Flesh”

Communion Hymn : “Come Lord Jesus” (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 : “O Come O Come Emmanuel”
(verse 7 &8)

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bind in one the hearts of all mankind
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace*

*(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear (Refrain)*

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Mary Shontz
Ambassadors:
Chalice Bearers: Kathy Bleecker
Readers: DeAnne Amacker, Hunter Walker

10:30am

DOD: Greer Mims
Acolytes: Lamar Parsley, Evelyn Spain,
Gregory Rider
Ambassadors:
Chalice Bearers: Janelle Berger, Laurie White
Readers: Sarah Tarkus, Patrick Resler

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

Art Harrison, Connie Marse, Dale Nicklow, Daniel Cecil,, Diane Persell, Duane Shontz, Evelyn Spain, *Fay Scordato, Fr. Chris Coats, Gretchen LeGrand, Harriett Kerr, Josh & Crystal,. Tony Kimmons, Herman Stuebing, Jaime Padilla Laura Catalfamo, Mabel, Marguerite, Marilyn, Martha, Nancy G., Shontz/Beckwith Families, The Deuber Family, Tony Kimmons, Valenzuela and Monreal Family

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, 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, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven, Tyler Post

Repose of the Soul

Svetlana Karochkina (Mother of Alla Bressler) , Martha Tissington (Fr. Rob's Great Aunt), Adele & Jorge Valenzuela, Darlene Beckwith, Dallas Barbara Nell Goodrich