

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

### WITH RECEPTION

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 am • December 22, 2024

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ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

THE VOLUNTARY: Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, Op. 122 No. 8 Brahms

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 66. Come, thou long-expected Jesus *Stuttgart*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355 | CG 3

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

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.**

We lift up in prayer the children and families of the Abundant Life School in Madison, Wisconsin and for all victims of gun violence. We know, Lord, that it is not your will that so many would die by violence, and yet our government uniquely

persists in ensuring that instruments of destruction are available and accessible, despite all evidence to the contrary. We pray that you may rend the hearts and minds of our elected leaders so that they will take seriously the issue of gun violence in our country and do the bare minimum to ensure our children can go to school safely without fear of violence. **Amen.**

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT: THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*After the lighting, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.*

*Leader* We light this candle to share God's great love with the world. Mary's song in Luke reminds us that God's mercy and love are for all generations.

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

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. Therefore 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. And 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; and he shall be the one of peace.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 80:1–7. *Qui regis Israel*

*The psalm will be sung by the choir. Chant: William Bradley Roberts*

- 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

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.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 438. Tell out, my soul

*Woodlands*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39–55

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

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

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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rt Rev. Samuel Rodman

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 415

*Melissa Carrier, Ellen Nason, and Marshall Taylor*

*Bishop* The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters* I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Bishop* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Bishop* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

*Bishop* 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

*Bishop* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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

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

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

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

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

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

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

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

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Bishop then says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Ave Maria

Jacques Arcadelt

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Savior the Nations, v. 4

4. Come, O Fa-ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er sin the vic-to ry won.  
Bound-less shall your king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367 | CG 29

*Celebrant* *People* *Celebrant*  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts.  
*People* *Celebrant*  
We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

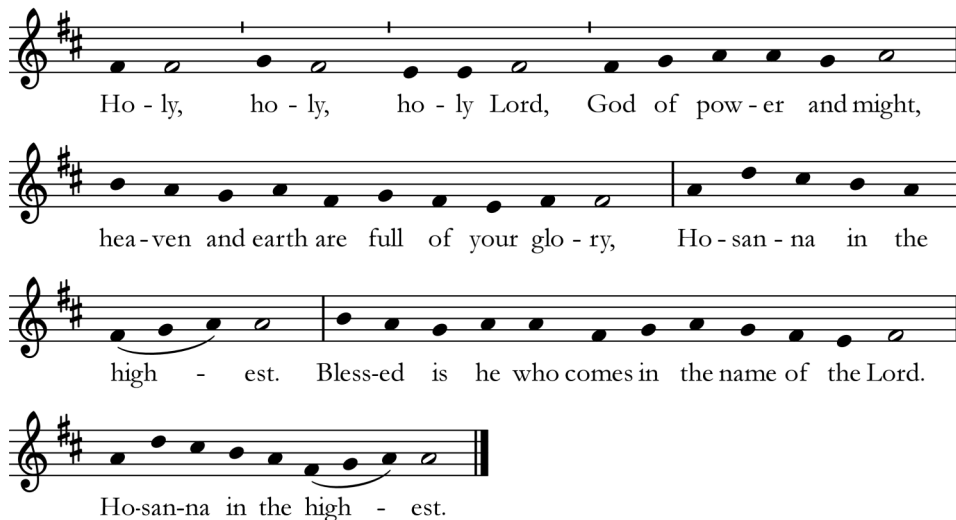
The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts.' The second staff is for the People and Celebrant, with the lyrics 'We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The third staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The lyrics are printed below the notes.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.*

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 - er and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.



We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, withall your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 33

FRACTION ANTHEM: S154 Christ Our Passover from *New Plainsong* David Hurd

Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is  
sac-ri-ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia,  
al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Propers for Advent III

Adam Bartlett

*Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.* The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands. Day unto day conveys the message, and night unto night imparts the knowledge. No speech, no word, whose voice goes unheeded; their sound goes forth through all the earth, their message to the utmost bounds of the world. There he has placed a tent for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent, rejoices like a champion to run his course. At one end of the heavens is the rising of the sun; To its furthest end it runs its course. There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

THE ADVENT BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: 56. O come, O come, Emmanuel, vv. 1, 2, 6, 8 *Veni Emmanuel*

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People, who respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE VOLUNTARY: Improvisation on *Veni Emmanuel*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP366 | CG 37

**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.**

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CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

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*We thank the following people for their service today:*

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rt Rev. Samuel Rodman
BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN	The Rev. Nancy Titus
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist & Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Anne Ramirez, Henry Dehart
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Bernadette Correa
ACOLYTE	Raylan Neece
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ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Robin Rhaney, Julia Cavalier
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emilie Sigel
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Duff McAdams
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	David Dykes
FELLOWSHIP (10:30)	The Knapp Family

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