

**MORNING PRAYER: Rite II**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Officiant: Richard McCormick**  
**December 18, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL BOB #38 Crown Him**  
**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Leader:** Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

**All:** *And may His love shine in our hearts.*

**Leader:** And may the Lord's peace be with us all.

**All:** *The Lord is our hope and our life.*

**Reader:** And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold I bring news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

**Reader:** The fourth candle on the Advent Wreath is called the **ANGEL'S CANDLE** and speaks of the actual coming of the Christ. It is the candle of love - a reminder of the Good News that God has graced the world forever in the birth of His Son.

**Leader:** Let us pray, that the newborn Saviour will bring us His love which lasts forever.

**Reader:** Lord, our minds and hearts are filled with hope. We long to hear the voice that tells us of the coming of the Christ Child. Amen.

**Reader:** O God Divine, leaping down from heaven, touch our eyes and hearts to behold Your glory! Come!

Officiant:

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**BCP 79**

*The Officiant says to the people:*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in

heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept, after which Officiant and People say together, all kneeling:*

**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 Officiant says:*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**THE INVITATORY & PSALTER**

**BCP 80**

*All stand.*

*Officiant: Lord, open our lips.*

*People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and People:*

**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. Alleluia.**

**Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.**

*Officiant and People:*

**JUBILATE (Ps. 100)**

**BCP 82**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;\*  
serve the Lord with gladness.  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God;\*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;\*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;\*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**PSALM 24**

**BCP 613**

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

**PSALM RESPONSE** (say)

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

**READING            Isaiah 7:10-17                            Pew Bible 721**

The Word of the Lord

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

Officiant & People:

**CANTICLE 9, The First Song of Isaiah    BCP 86**

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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

**READING    Romans 1:1-7                      Pew Bible 1177**  
The Word of the Lord.  
*People                      Thanks be to God.*

*Officiant and People:*

**CANTICLE 16 The Song of Zechariah                      BCP 92**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation\*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

**GOSPEL PROCESSION**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

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

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible 1007**

*Officiant* *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law,  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. (Refrain)

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*Officiant and People:*

**CANTICLE 21 You are God**

**BCP 95**

**You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father;  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints**

to glory everlasting.

Message

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**BCP 96**

*Officiant and People together, all standing:*

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.

**THE PRAYERS**

**BCP 97**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People:*

**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.**

*Then follows these Suffrages*

**BCP 97**

*Leader & People:*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*The Officiant says:*

Let us with gladness present the Offerings of our life and labor unto the Lord.

### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*All things come of Thee, O Lord  
And of Thine own have we given Thee.*

*The Officiant then says the following Collects:*

*The Collect of the Day*

**BCP 212**

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 forever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Sundays*

**BCP 98**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Renewal of Life*

**BPC 99**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of His Cross and His Blood, we pray your protection over Paul Laursen, Kathryn Sears and all involved in the ministry outreach in Nepal and Bangladesh. We bind up the power and actions of any evil spirits that attempt to block their ministries. We ask that you send your angels, especially St. Michael, to help them in these battles. Give them the Spirit's power and passion to accomplish the mission for which you have called them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Our Father in heaven,*

*We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.*

*Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:*

*For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.*

*We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.*

*Amen.*

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**BCP 101**

*Officiant and People:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**



**not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*The Officiant says:*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two of three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*The Officiant concludes with the following:*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL Hymn #438 Tell Out My Soul**