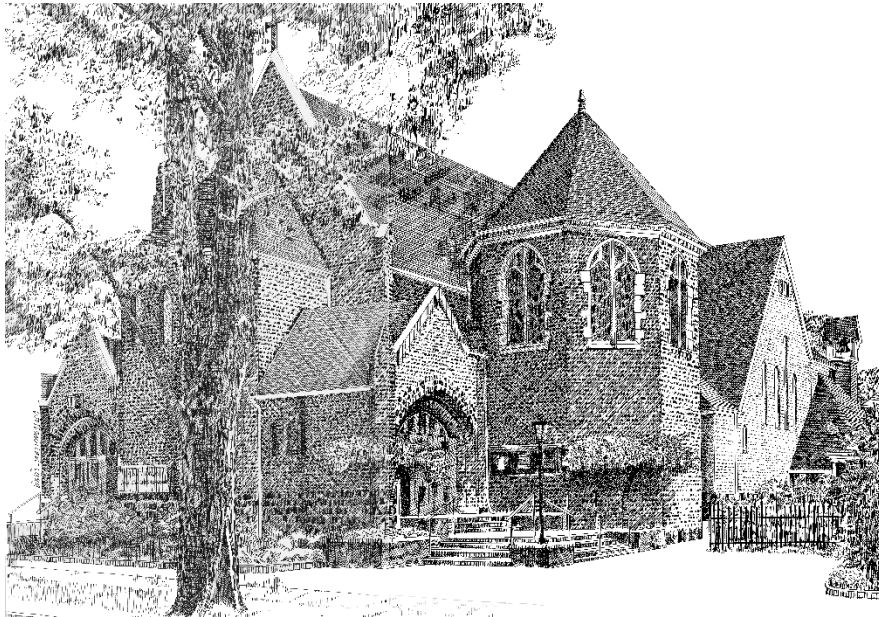




## **The Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

**Sung Eucharist at 9:30 am**  
*livestreamed*



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**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – New Plainsong Mass, *David Hurd*

**PRELUDE:** Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder, BWV 742, *J.S. Bach*

### **GREETING**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: *To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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**

*Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Please stand for the Collect*

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

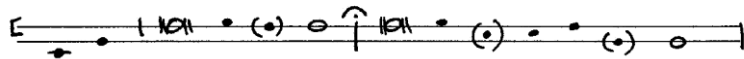
Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16**

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.' But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

The word of the Lord  
R / *Thanks be to God*

**PSALM 89.1-4,19-26 (Tone V,1)**



- 1 *Your love*, O Lord, for ever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful péople:  
“I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen óut of the péople.
- 20 I have found David my sérvant;  
with my holy oil háve I anóinted him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fást  
and my árm will máke him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall decéive him,  
nor any wícked man bríng him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes befóre him  
and strike down thóse who háte him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall bé with him,  
and he shall be victórious thróugh my name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion exténd  
from the Great Séa to the Ríver.
- 26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Fáther,  
my God, and the rock of mý salvátion.’”

**SECOND READING: Romans 16.25-27**

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord  
R / *Thanks be to God*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: Luke 1.26-38**

V / The Lord be with you.

R / *And also with you.*

V / The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

R / *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of Christ

R / *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

## SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: *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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.*

### INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy  
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for Andrew our bishop, Jenny our area bishop, and for all the clergy and laity who serve God's people, especially in this parish; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and Linda our Primate.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy  
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen, and for all in authority in our country, province and city; for all entrusted with promoting and protecting our health and safety during the pandemic; for justice and peace among all people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy  
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need: for the sick, especially \_\_\_\_\_; for the elderly and isolated, especially \_\_\_\_\_; for prisoners; for those who mourn and all for whom we have been asked to pray, especially \_\_\_\_\_

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy  
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the departed, especially \_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for \_\_\_\_\_; that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy  
R / *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: 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.*

#### INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*A Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

*All: 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 neighbours 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.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R / *And also with you.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN - Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-gone was the night.
- 2 Isaiah `twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to men a Saviour  
When half-gone was the night.
- 3 This Flower, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendour  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load.

*St. 1-2, German (15th cent.);  
St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859);*

*tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934).  
tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925).*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen*



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*V / The Lord be with you.*

*R / And also with you.*

*V / Lift up your hearts.*

*R / We lift them to the Lord.*

*V / Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*R / It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. 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.

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*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.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

*Celebrant:* Therefore, Father, according to his command:

*People:* ***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, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

*All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*People:* ***Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.***

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

#### AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.*

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION  
WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING**

**My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.**

**ANIMA CHRISTI**

**Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesu, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me.  
And bid me come to thee,  
That with thy saints I may praise thee,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen*

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**CONCLUDING HYMN 62 – O Come, O come, Emmanuel**

- 1 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.
- 2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.
- 3 O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by thine Advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
- 4 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.
- 5 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, from Sinai's height,  
In ancient time didst give the law  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*VENI EMMANUEL*  
*Melody adapted from a French Missal*  
*by Thomas Helmore 1811-90*

*From the 12th cent. Latin*  
*Tr. J.M. Neale 1818-66*

**POSTLUDE:** Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733, *J.S. Bach*