

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



The Annunciation

**Trinity Church**  
Jacksonville, Illinois



## **PRELUDE**

*Savior of the Nations, Come* J. S. Bach

# The Word of God

*The Bell is rung; all stand for the Entrance Hymn.*

## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Stuttgart) (H 66)*

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**OPENING ANTHEM S 91 *Lord, have mercy upon us (Willan) (S 91)***

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>*In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \**  
*stir up your strength and come to help us.*

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>*O LORD God of hosts, \**  
*how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?*

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>*You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \**  
*and our enemies laugh us to scorn.*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>16</sup>*Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.*

<sup>17</sup>*And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.*

<sup>18</sup>*Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

**SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>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.

*All stand for the Hymn and the Gospel.*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel) (H 56), vss. 7 & 8*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25**

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

*People*           Glory be to thee, O Lord.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to

expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>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 in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”  
which means, “God is with us.”<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)**

*All stand for the Nicene Creed.*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;  
    who for us men and for our salvation  
        came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 387)**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*All kneel.*

**Lector:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for **Brian, Michael, Justin, Carlos, Patrick, Daniel, and Zachary**;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority, especially for **Joseph**, our President, **JB**, our Governor, **Cail, Courtland, Levi, Nolan, Rankin, and Thomas**;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake and remember those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially **Jim, Betty, Pat, Owen, Stella, Rhonda, Rob & Maureen, and David & Pat;**

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially on **Bernice and Kathy;**

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially **Michael and Evelyn;**

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

In the communion of the **Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. David,** we praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins

and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

*All stand.*

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*               And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*The Celebrant says*

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*Mary, Full of Grace*

M. Bonasso

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes (Richmond) (H 72)*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## SURSUM CORDA S 112 *Lift up your hearts*

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

## PROPER PREFACE

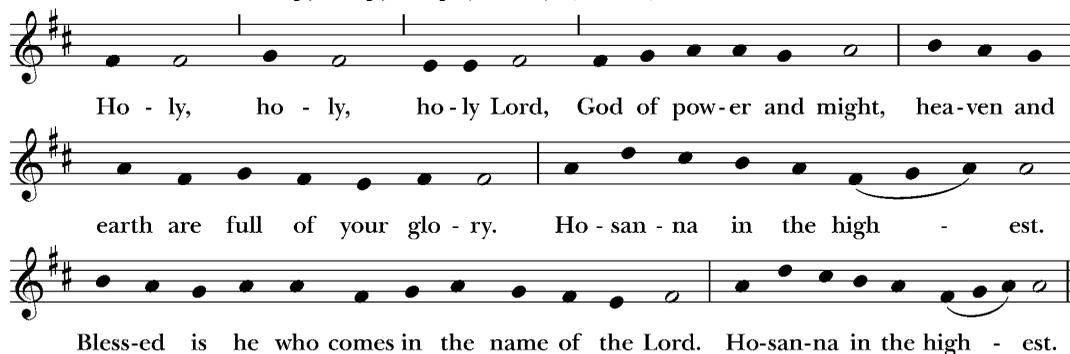
*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### SANCTUS S 124 *Holy, holy, holy (Hurd) (S 124)*



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.

## CANON OF THE MASS

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

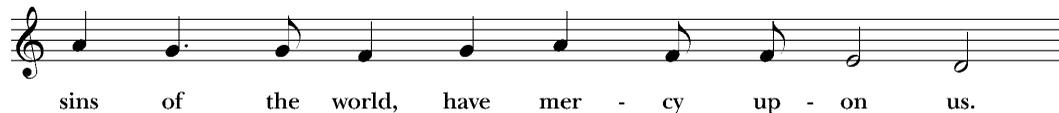
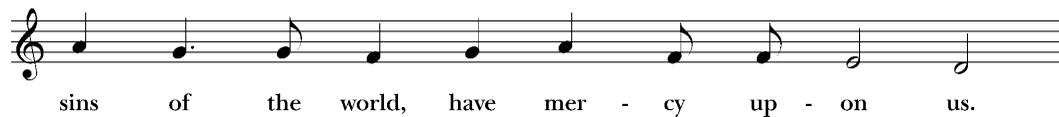
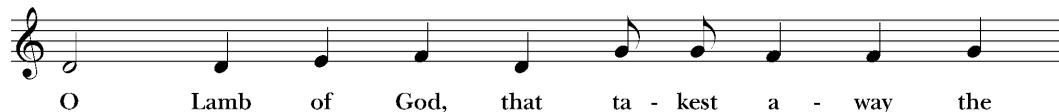
**THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)***



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION HYMN S 157 *O Lamb of God (Merbecke)* (S 157)



## **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

## **INVITATION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came (Gabriel's Message) (H 265)*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## **BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*All stand.*

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*The King shall come when morning dawns (St. Stephen) (H 73)*

## **POSTLUDE**

*Comfort Ye My People* arr. C. Callahan

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## INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

### **The Church**

The Diocese of Springfield	Brian, Bishop
The Episcopal Church	Michael, Presiding Bishop
The Church of England	Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Anglican Church of Korea	
The Region of Arequipa (Peru)	Carlos, Vicar
St. Paul's (Pekin)	
Kahama Deanery (Tanzania)	Patrick, Rural Dean
The Youth Home (Peru)	Daniel, Chaplain

### **Birthday**

Jim Miller (12/19)  
Betty Aldridge (12/23)

### **Baptism**

Pat Snodgrass (12/21)  
Owen Cisne (12/22)  
Stella Van Aken (12/22)  
Rhonda Robb (12/23)

### **Wedding**

Rob & Maureen Vidakovich (12/18)  
David & Pat Bone (12/21)

### **For those who suffer from any sickness or distress**

Bernice                      Kathy

### **Those on active military duty and in law enforcement**

Levi Haley	Nolan Tighe	Samuel Rankin Weller
Cail Lang	Thomas Ramsay	Courtland Woodruff

### **For the Departed**

Michael                      Evelyn

## MINISTRY AND CALENDAR

The Very Reverend Zachary D. Brooks, Celebrant  
Organist: Mary Wilson  
Lector: Cathy Nelson  
Acolyte: Clayton Robb  
Altar Guild: Pat Bone, Adah Mitchell, Ginda Woodruff  
Usher: Bob Hardwick  
Coffee Hour: The Radcliffe Family

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**The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of**

*Michael Henry & Evelyn Wallace Aputis*

*“May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.”*

Wednesday, December 21: **St. Thomas** (Major Feast)  
10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 24: **The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord** (Principal Feast)  
10:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 25:  
**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ** (Principal Feast)  
10:00 am The Holy Eucharist

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