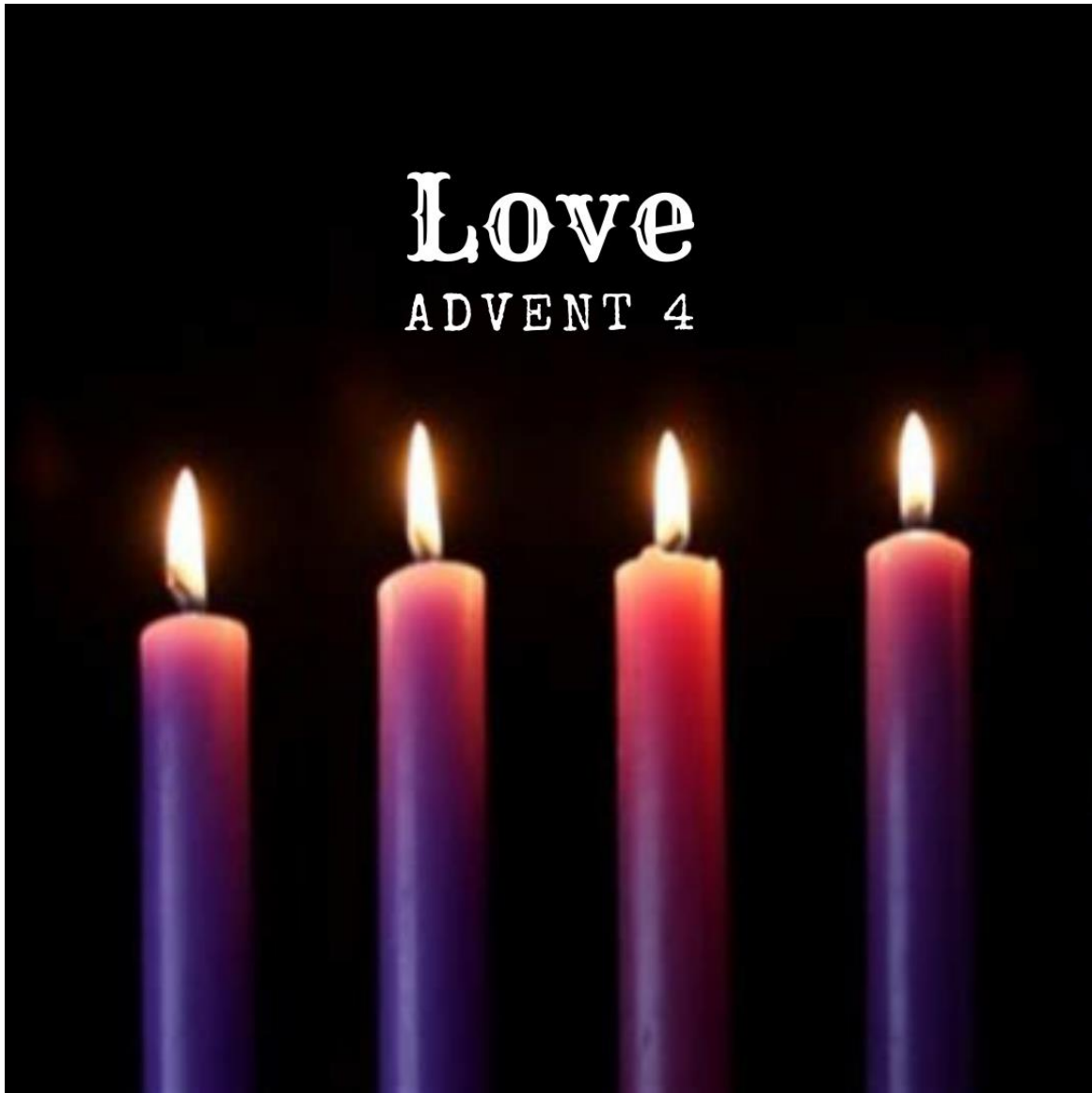


# The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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# Sunday Morning Prayer

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**Prelude:** Magnificat noni toni, BuxWV 205

**Dietrich Buxtehude**

### Opening Hymn

*O come, O come Emmanuel,  
Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

**Hymnal 56**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## **Advent Prayer**

*Leader* The fourth candle of Advent stands for Love.  
As our Advent pilgrimage draws to completion, grant us the courage to share your love.  
Love for the unexpected challenge, Love for the vulnerable one, Love for the presence of God. **Amen.**

## **The Opening Sentence**

*Leader* The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **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.**

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

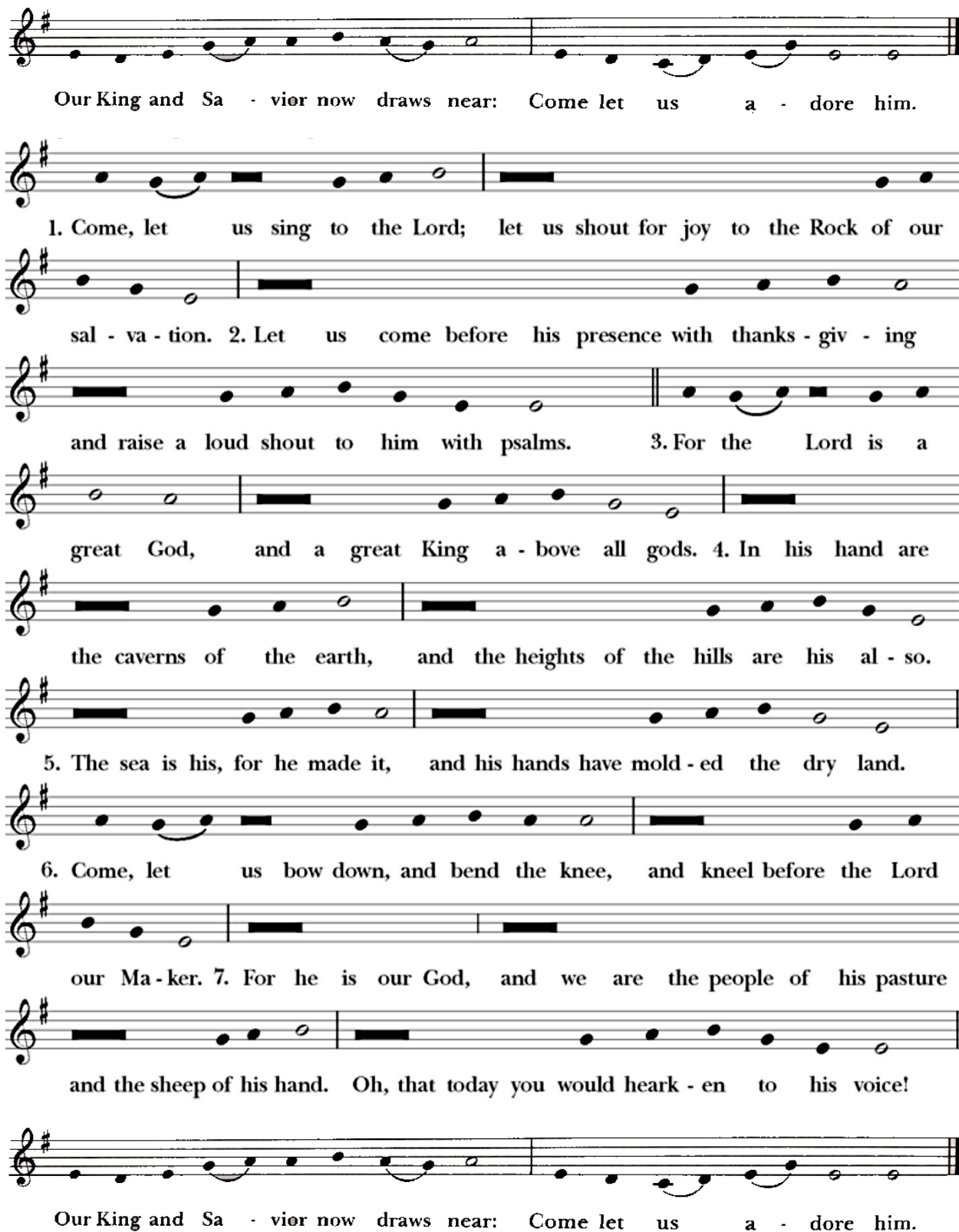
## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Leader* Lord, open our lips.

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

*All* **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.**

## The Invitatory: Venite



Our King and Sa - vior now draws near: Come let us a - dore him.

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our  
sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a  
great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are  
the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.  
5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land.  
6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord  
our Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would heark - en to his voice!

Our King and Sa - vior now draws near: Come let us a - dore him.

*Then follows*

## Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Tone VIII.1



- 1 *Your love, O LORD, for ever / will I sing;\**  
from age to age my mouth will pro/claim 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 Da/vid 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 / people: \*  
“I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out / of the people.
  - 20 I have found David my / servant; \*  
with my holy oil have / I anointed him.
  - 21 My hand will / hold him fast \*  
and my / arm will make him strong.
  - 22 No enemy shall de/ceive him, \*  
nor any wicked / man bring him down.
  - 23 I will crush his foes be/fore him \*  
and strike down / those who hate him.
  - 24 My faithfulness and love shall / be with him, \*  
and he shall be victo/rious through my Name.
  - 25 I shall make his dominion ex/tend \*  
from the Great Sea / to the River.
  - 26 He will say to me, ‘You are my / Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of / my salvation.’
- 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.

## The Readings

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### The First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

*Reader:* A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

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 forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

## Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah

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1. Seek God while he wills to be found, When  
2. Let all of them turn to our God And  
3. Your thoughts and ways are not like mine, Says  
4. For as the earth is wat - ered well When  
5. So, too, my word when it goes forth Will  
6. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And



he draws near you, make your plea; Let ev - il ones for -  
come a - gain to serve the Lord; For his com - pass - ion  
God, nor can they ev - er be; My thoughts rise o - ver  
heaven sends down the rain and snow, Bring - ing forth life and  
not re - turn emp - ty to me; It will acc - om - plish  
to the Ho - ly Spi - rit be, As from the first it



sake their ways, The wick - ed their in - i - qui - ty.—  
will be shown, Rich - ly his mer - cy is out-poured.  
yours as heaven Soars far a - bove the earth and sea.  
giv - ing growth, Both bread to eat and seed to sow,  
all my will And pros - per in it migh - ti - ly.  
was, is now, And will be for e - ter - ni - ty.

## The Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27


*Reader:* A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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 forever! Amen.


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

# Canticle 15: The Song of Mary


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1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav-ior's praise!  
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.



## The Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

*Reader:* A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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, favored 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 favor 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 forever, 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.

*Reader*    The Gospel of the Lord  
*All*        **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

*The Reverend John Gardner*

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## The Apostles' Creed

*All*        **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

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*Leader* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Leader* Let us pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

*All* 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.

## Suffrages A

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People. And grant us your salvation.**

Leader. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People. Let your people sing with joy.**

Leader. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**People. For only in you can we live in safety.**

Leader. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**People. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Leader. Let your way be known upon earth;

**People. Your saving health among all nations.**

Leader. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**People. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Leader. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**People. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Leader* 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.*

## A Collect for the Renewal of Life

*Leader* 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.*

## Collect for Peace

*Leader* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*All* **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.** *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

## The Offertory / Parish Notices

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*Good Morning and Thank you for joining us today.  
We miss seeing you in person, yet we are blessed to continue to worship with you each week.*

*As we continue to bring the church to you in the virtual world, we want to share with you somethings that are happening:*

*Morning Prayer continues each weekday on Facebook Live at 9:00 am.*

*This week, the Longest Night is the Winter Solstice, but we will take some time a few days later to reflect on the long night we have been living for the past nine months, acknowledge the grief and hardship many have during the holidays (and especially this year) and pray together for the Light of the World to seep into the darkness and make us whole. Find us on Facebook at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evening.*

*Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services will be virtual this year. On December 24<sup>th</sup> join us for streaming services on Facebook. The Christmas Pageant Service is at 4:00 pm and at 8:00 pm we will have Christmas Lessons and Carols. [Click Here](#) Then on December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas, watch the rebroadcast of Diocesan Christmas Day Service from The Church of the Holy Trinity Sanctuary. [Click Here](#)*

*If you wish to give a gift today, we encourage you to do it during the Offertory, either by texting CHT DONATE to 73256 or by pressing "Learn More" on our Facebook Page.*

## **Offertory Sentence**

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.  
*Luke 1:46-48*

## **Offertory Anthem    Gabriel's Message**

**Edgar Pettman**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "Thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"my soul shall laud and magnify His Holy Name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in  
Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say  
– “Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

(Basque Carol translated by Sabine Baring-Gould)

## **Prayer for Mission**

*Leader* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen*

## **Advent Prayers of the People**

*Leader:* In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

*Leader:* O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Daniel, our Bishop. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Middle East Study Group. In our companion diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Juan Apostol, (Church of Saint John the Apostle), Chichicastenango, The Rt. Rev. Carlos Enrique Lainfiesta & The Rev. Pascuala Ventura. We pray for this church and all who minister in your name, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

**People: Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

**People: Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind Judy, Victor, the Carambo Family, Jack, Mick's family, Robert, Barbara, Elliott, Jean, Joel, Ava's Family, Nana, Tere, Olivia, the Rose Family, Richard's Family, Maggie, Nathan, Dorothy, Lynn, Grandma Susu, Grandma Moon;

we pray for Elliott Rittenhouse who died this week, that he may rest in peace and rise in glory;

and we pray the prayers our children and youth have asked for: that everyone will mask up, that Christmas will be happy for everyone and that there will be art supplies under the tree, that those who travel will be safe and smart, that we can feel connected to people even if we cannot be together during the holidays, that those who have school interviews will do their best, that everyone has a safe and great Christmas; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

**People: Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate and give thanks for all the things we enjoy; that we might all obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

**People: Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

**People: Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

### **A Concluding Prayer of Self-Dedication**

*Leader* Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*All* 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 or 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

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

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

### **Closing Sentence**

*Leader* 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.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*



## Hymn

## Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Stuttgart

## Hymnal 66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## Postlude:

## Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

## Johann Sebastian Bach

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