



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHURCH OF
OUR SAVIOUR
圣公会救主堂

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
DECEMBER 22, 2024 | 10:00 AM



The Visitation by James He Qi

THE WORD OF GOD

At 9:55, the gathering Tower Bell rings.

Welcome

Prelude

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone (1928-2020)

The final Tower Bell rings. All stand, as they are able, to sing the following hymn:

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 66 – Come thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

During the Kyrie we invite all children ages 4 years through 5th grade to follow the cross and process out of the historic sanctuary and into Grace Chapel to have their own worship experience. While everyone ages 4 years through 5th grade is invited, they certainly are not expected or required to go to Children's Church. We hope to give you a variety of ways to worship and encourage you to engage in a way that feels life giving for you and your family.

Kyrie

Hymn S 96 – Lord, have mercy

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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.**

THE LESSONS

The Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

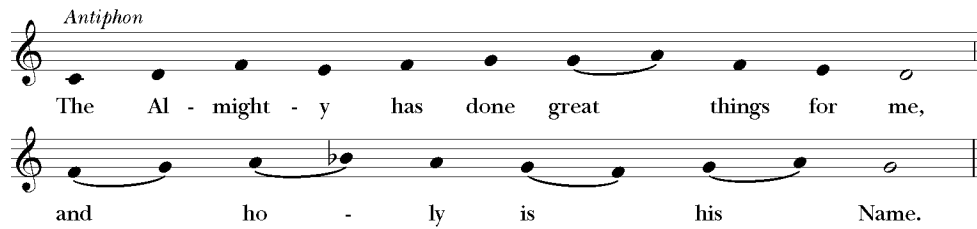
You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred 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.**

Silence is kept.

The Response *Canticle 15 (Hymn S 242)*

sung by the choir with congregational antiphon



Antiphon (sung by all)

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.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their
conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their
thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of
mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.*

Antiphon (sung by all)

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 265 (vv. 1-2) – The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's Message

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

Deacon 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."

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

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 265 (vv. 3-4) – The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's Message

The people are seated for the sermon.

The Sermon

The Rev. Marilyn Omernick

After a brief silence for reflection, the people stand, as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant and People

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.**

Prayers of the People

When the Intercessor invites us by saying "Lord in your mercy," please join in saying "Hear our prayer."

During the silence, the people add their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says the following,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**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.**

Absolution

Celebrant 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says the offertory sentence.

Offertory Music

The hands that once held Mary's child

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

The hands that first held Mary's Child
were hard from working wood,
from boards they sawed and planed and filed
and splinters they withstood.
This day they gripped no tool of steel,
they drove no iron nail,
but cradled from the head to heel
our Lord, newborn and frail.

When Joseph marveled at the size
of that small breathing frame,
and gazed upon those bright new eyes
and spoke the Infant's name,
the angel's words he once had dreamed
poured down from heaven's height,
and, like the host of stars that beamed,
blest earth with welcome light.

This Child shall be Emmanuel,
not God upon the throne
but God with us, Emmanuel,
as close as blood and bone.'
The tiny form in Joseph's palms
confirmed what he had heard,
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms
for heaven's human word.

The tools which Joseph laid aside
a mob would later lift
and use with anger, fear and pride
to crucify God's gift.
Let us, O Lord, not only hold
the Child who's born today,
but, charged with faith, may we be bold
to follow in his way.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The people remain standing, as they are able, and the Celebrant begins,

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:

The Celebrant and people sing together,

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn S 130 – Sanctus

Franz Schubert



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-
sanna in the high - est. Hosanna in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho-sanna in the high - est. Hosanna in the high-est.

The people remain standing, or kneel, as they are able. 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;**

The Celebrant continues

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, with all 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,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant says the Invitation to Communion.

Communion Anthem

He shall feed his flock

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs with his arm.
And carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Prayer for Spiritual Reception

(A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion).

The Celebrant says the following,

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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; from Bishop Curry)

The Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest blesses the People.

Dismissal

After the Dismissal, you are welcome to leave quietly.

Please join Coffee Hour in Telleen Courtyard (exit through the nave to the patio in front of Cleaver Hall).

If you would like to remain in your seat to listen to the Postlude, please do.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn in Procession

Hymn 269 – Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

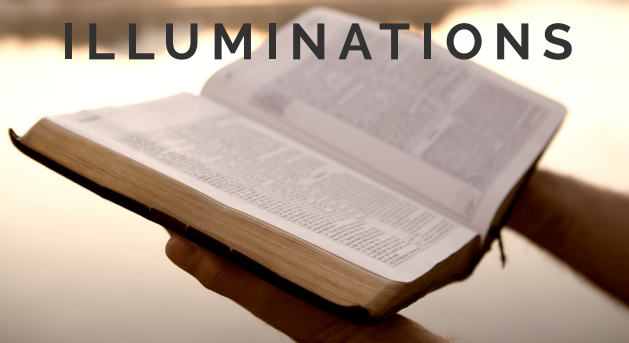
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Postlude

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

ILLUMINATIONS



PRAYER LIST

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First reading: Micah 5:2-5a

The book of Micah begins with a judgment oracle: the Assyrian army conquered the northern kingdom twenty years earlier, and now it would return and chasten the southern kingdom. This judgment oracle is followed by a salvation oracle: after the judgment—the day of the LORD—all nations will joyfully look toward Zion, and “each man will sit under his own vine or his own fig tree, with none to cause alarm” [Micah 4:4]. This will not be fulfilled by one who comes from the unjust courts of power in Jerusalem, who precipitated the judgment. No, we must look to the weak and the undistinguished instead.

Second reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Chapters 7 through 10 of Hebrews are concerned with the nature and consequences of Jesus’ saving act. Like all priests, Jesus offers sacrifice; unlike the priests of the Temple, he offers sacrifice only once, and he offers it in the real sanctuary before God, not the earthly sanctuary on the Temple mount. His sacrifice deals with our sin in a permanently-effective manner, and brings the sacrificial system to completion.

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SHORT TERM

- The Abbott Family
- Rocky Abbott
- Johnny Angiuli
- Annamarie Arnold
- Elizabeth
- Kathleen F.
- Fabian Gonzalez
- Diana Holland
- Tracey Lemon
- The McCutchan Family
- Eileen S.
- St. Paul’s Episcopal Church,
our sister parish in the Holy Land
- Terry and Dennis Stanfill
- Wicks Stephens
- Susan Williams
- Dr. Colin Zimbleman

LONG TERM

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| Fernando Aguilar | Michael Lawler |
| Maria Lucero Aguilar | the Lee family |
| Robert Aguilar | Fran Lester |
| Wilma & Alistair Anderson | Charlene Liebau |
| Bettina Ayers | Linda & Sarah |
| Freya Baldwin | Greg M. |
| Garrett Baltz | the MacDonald family |
| Virginia Barger | Angel Manuelos, Jr. |
| Alex Beauchamp | Angel Manuelos |
| Bill & Dina | Dewey Martin |
| Steve Black | Elizabeth Meek |
| Amy Bonady | Jerry Messing |
| Bishop Ben Botengan | the Moss family |
| Gary & Peg Bradley | Andrea Moss |
| Travis Burgdorf | Marion N. |
| Nancy Bushnell | Harriette Nagata |
| Kathy Buskirk | Laurie Norman |
| Andrew Cairns-Berteau | Gretchen Notley |
| Casey and family | Octavia |
| Jocelyn Chan | Trevor Orme |
| Maria Clement | Sally Padilla |
| Margaret Coombe | Susan R. |
| Karen Cranston | Erin and Josh Rehard |
| Lenny Dalrymple | Diana Davis Rieger |
| Saraswathi Dasu | Olive Rosvall |
| Denise Davis | Bo S. |
| Terry Davis | Susan Salisbury |
| John De Modena | John Schlicter |
| Gloria Delgado | David & Margie Schlicter |
| Gail Downs | Sheryl Schreiner |
| Will Dumain | Sylvia Seitz |
| Eliza | Gigi Sherman |
| Sherri Enz | Nicholas Pinkerton Smith |
| Thomas Ewig | Kirsten Stanwyck |
| Brennan Feidler | Paul Stapp |
| Bill Ferry | Sterling |
| Trevor Fox | Amanda Stringer |
| Yolanda Galeazzi | Natasha Suter |
| Russ Giambelluca | Marge Telleen |
| Alaine Gill | Vicki Thompson |
| Gil Gonzalez | Rebecca Trouber |
| Michael & Stephen Gutierrez | Matt Tufenkian |
| Renee Guy | Jason Vine |
| Ursula Hawkins | Rachel Vine |
| Marilyn Hendersen | Michael W. |
| Blanca Hidalgo | Cathy Wetzell |
| Jerry Hoff | Ashley Whitehead |
| Terry Hoff | Claire Hornsby Windham |
| Ian and David Jackson | Marnee Woodruff |
| John | Jacob Wright |
| Maria Juarez | Liliana Eileen Wysocki |
| Kathleen | Milana Zotovich |
| Joanna Kinsley | |

Departed

We pray for the dying and the dead, especially Doryce McCutchan.

Law Enforcement & Military

We pray for all those serving in our law enforcement and military, especially:

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| Los Angeles Police Sergeant Louie Origel | Captain K. C. Chase |
| Captain Thomas Matthews | Major J. W. Hammond |
| Lieutenant Commander Ross Cooper | USMC First Class Michael Yeast |
| 1st Class Petty Officer Kevin Rossini | Captain William Cooper |
| Air Force Captain Daniel McAllister | Private First Class Vito He |
| Lieutenant Jonathan Moss | Private First Class James Zhang |
| Staff Sergeant Adam Briceno | Officer Dylan Bartley (Upland PD) |

Christmas at COS

• DECEMBER 24th •

4 pm: Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist

This service is ideal for families with young children and those who would like to share their Christmas Eve with families with young children. It will be 1 hour or less.

7:30 pm: Bilingual Festive Holy Eucharist

This service will include choirs and readers from both our Mandarin & English speaking worship services. It will be about 1 hour & 15 minutes.

11 pm: Traditional Midnight Festive Holy Eucharist

This traditional Anglican service will be entirely in English and will include our choir. It will be about 1 hour & 15 minutes.

Non-speaking costumed parts for children in the Christmas Pageant are available as late as 3:40pm on Christmas Eve!

• DECEMBER 25th •

10 am: Christmas Day Holy Eucharist



Clergy The Rev. Jeff D. S. Thornberg, *Rector* • The Rev. Tim Hartley • The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ni • The Rev. Anne Thornberg • The Rev. Marilyn Omernick, • The Rev. Reese Riley • The Rev. Bill Doulos, *Deacon*

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