# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

# The Holy Eucharist

# Preparation for Worship in God's Name

### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

O God of the still-small voice of peace, help me to quiet my mind, my spirit, and my life, that I may become a dwelling place, and may know, embrace, and embody your in-breaking Word, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

# The Liturgy of the Word



—Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697–1769); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.; st. 3, tr. Henry Sloane Coffine (1977–1954) Music: Tysk, from Psalm und Choralbuch, 1719

During the hymn, Melanie Gillespie places the angel over the creche.

# ACCLAMATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Remain standing.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living God:

People: You come to your people and set them free.

Celebrant: Jerusalem, rejoice with great rejoicing,

People: For your Savior comes to you, hallelujah.

Celebrant: Today we light the fourth candle, the candle of love. This flame signifies the love

of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, the love that we recognize in a special way in the life of Jesus. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death.

We love, because God loves us.

# SONG OF PRAISE "Magnificat"

The choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat:



The choir sings the verses and the people join for the Antiphon:

- 1. For he has favored his lowly one, and all shall call me blessed. The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. *Antiphon*
- He favors those who fear his name, in every generation;
   He has shown the might and strength of his arm, and scattered the proud of heart.
   Antiphon
- 3. He has cast the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with all good gifts and sent the rich away. *Antiphon*
- 4. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy.
  He promised his mercy to Abraham and his children for evermore. *Antiphon*

The choir sings: Proclaim the greatness of God! Rejoice!

—Setting: James Chepponis, para. of Luke 1:46–55. © 1980 by GIA Publications. All rights reserved.

# COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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.

### FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Book of 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.

### PSALM 80:1-7 Everyone sings.



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- Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a <u>flock</u>; \* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the <u>cherubim</u>.
- In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma<u>nasseh</u>, \* stir up your strength and come to <u>help us</u>.
- ‡3 Restore us, O God of <u>hosts</u>; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be <u>saved</u>.
  - 4 O Lord God of <u>hosts</u>, \* how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your <u>people</u>?
  - You have fed them with the bread of <u>tears</u>; \* you have given them bowls of <u>tears to drink</u>.
  - You have made us the derision of our <u>neighbors</u>, \* and our enemies laugh us to <u>scorn</u>.
  - 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

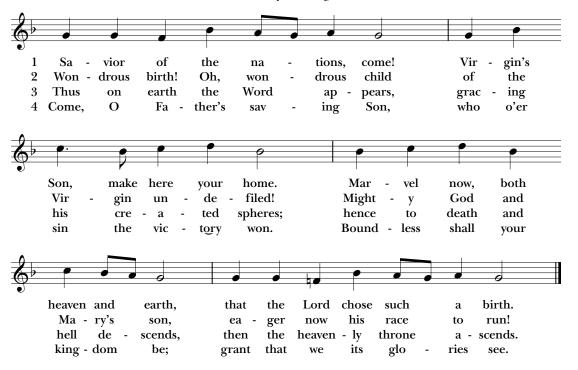
### SECOND LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:5–10).

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN** "Savior of the nations, come" Everyone sings.



—Words: Martin Luther (1483–1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340–397) tr. William M. Reynolds (1812–1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938) Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524

# GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1:39–55).

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."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

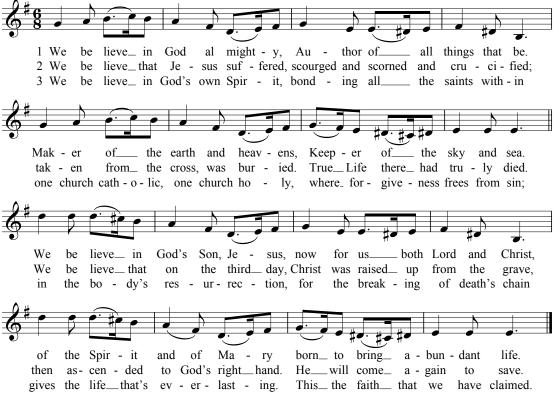
Children may join Laura Airhart and Katherine Smithwick for Children's Chapel.

They will return at the Peace.

### **SERMON**

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

### CREED Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt.

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Music: Greensleeves, traditional English melody, adapted

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remain standing.

Leader: Rejoicing with Mary that the word comes among us, let us offer our prayers to

God, saying: We are your servants; let it be with us according to your word.

Leader: May we find in Mary, the servant of the Lord, the model of our heart's willing

surrender to God's call. For this let us pray to the Lord.

We are your servants; let it be with us according to your word. People:

May we discover in true spiritual purity the richness of what God alone can do

to make Christ come alive in Mary, in us, and in all the world. For this let us

pray to the Lord.

We are your servants; let it be with us according to your word. People:

Leader: May the God of mystery who dwells in unapproachable light draw us more and

more deeply into the path of divine wisdom beyond all human expectation. For

this let us pray to the Lord.

People: We are your servants; let it be with us according to your word.

Leader: May our assembly of disciples be a womb and a place for the shaping of Christ

by God's power, so that we may give birth to Christ from the womb of our community for the world. We remember especially those of our community who

are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: We are your servants; let it be with us according to your word.

Leader: May our deepest hearts find strength in the gift of blessed hope that what God

has begun to do in our world and in all our beings by Christ's saving work will

be brought to its fullness by our Savior. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: We are your servants; let it be with us according to your word.

Leader: May we remember before God all who are in any need and who cry for God's presence: for those facing adversity; for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless; for the wider community of our families and friends, our parishioners

whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray for:

ED Archer MARGE Hudson BELLE Parman
CHIP Beets PATRICK Hundley ALLAN Philp
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet ANGELA Lister JANE Reed
GAIL Cox FRANCIS Lloyd NICK Richards
LOIS & RON Dearolf ELLEN LoCurto-Martinez TOM Schlitt

JUDY Dernbach ANN McClain DENISE & ROGER Tibedo

DANA & DEWELL Downey DALE Oakley SAM Venable
DOUG Embler PAT Pagni and

THE GREELEY FAMILY KENT Parish ALICE & FRED Wegmann

Leader: That the gift of community may sustain us all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: We are your servants; let it be with us according to your word.

Leader: May we pray for all who rest in the eternal light of Christ, and for their families

and friend who grieve, that we may one day join them in that dwelling place where there are many mansions prepared for us. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: We are your servants; let it be with us according to your word.

Silence is kept for a space.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants,

who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious

majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

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.

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.

PEACE Standing, all who are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Seated.

# **Holy Communion**

### **OFFERTORY**

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

# ANTHEM Sung by the Choir.

### Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by any din of drums, Nor his manners, nor his airs, Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by his crown or by his gown, But his coming known shall be By the holy harmony Which his coming makes in thee.

Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

—Words: Anonymous. Music: Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

HYMN "New advent of the love of Christ" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt..

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une Pastourelle genetille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng die Heubartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

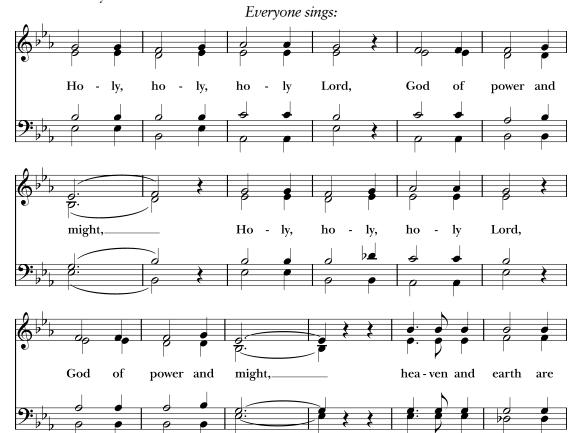
People: We lift them to the Lord.

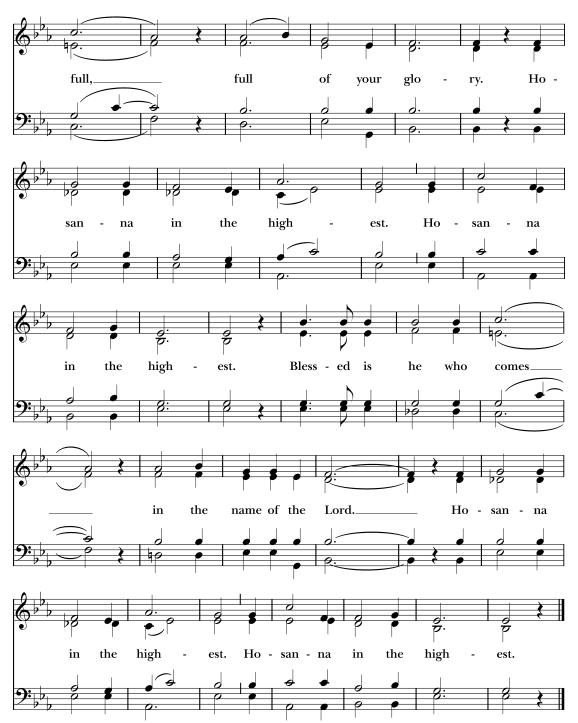
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to

you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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, 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 people stand or kneel.

Celebrant:

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,

All:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant:

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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

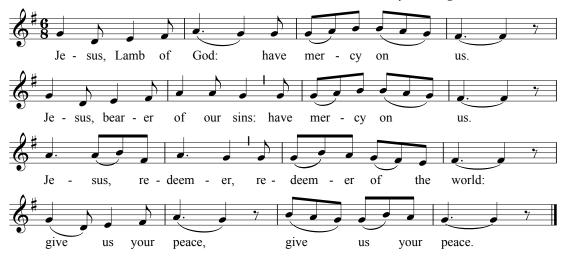
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



—Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

### INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

### **DURING COMMUNION**

HYMN "Lo, how a rose e'er blooming" Everyone sings.



-Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934).

St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859): tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. Hymnal 1940 Music: Es ist ein Ros, melody from Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599;

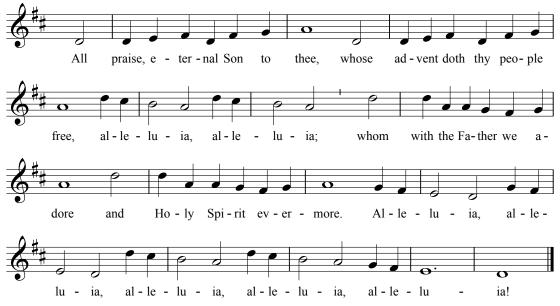
HYMN "Ye who claim the faith of Jesus" Everyone sings.



—Words: Sts. 1–3, Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles (1845–1929), alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984), metrical Magnificat Music: *Julion*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

### ADVENT DOXOLOGY "All praise, eternal Son, to thee"

Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. C.W. Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler, (1806–1876); alt. Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623.

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION Remain standing.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR Remain standing.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, 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. We who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

# BLESSING Remain standing.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in

great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all

sin. Amen.

May he whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you

steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. Amen.

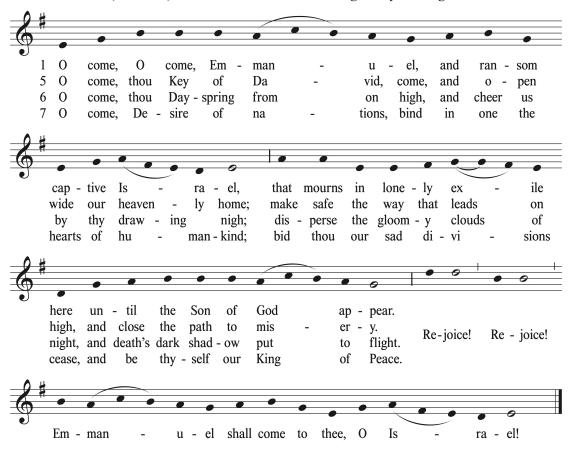
May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent

be rewarded with unending life. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

HYMN "O come, O come, Emmanuel" Remain standing; everyone sings.



-Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

### DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

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