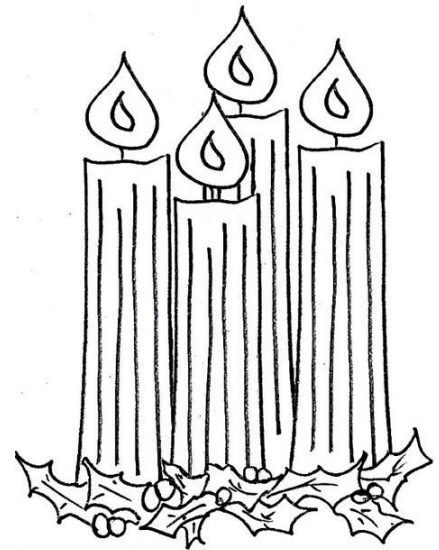


# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

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# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**VOLUNTARY** Festival Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL George Schafer (1919-2001)

*[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*[Please stand when the chimes sound and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]*

### PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT: PEACE

*Lector* Today we light four candles. The first candle calls us to behold the glory of the season with renewed wonder. Advent is a time to be awed by God's redeeming love for the lost and broken. The second candle calls us to reclaim the promises of God spoken in ages past. As the light fills this room, so the Work of God fills our world with hope for the hurting, peace for the restless, and joy for the heavy hearted. The third candle is an invitation to wait patiently upon the Lord. In a world where we often lack for patience, Advent reminds us to rest in God's timing and trust God's plan. The fourth candle challenges us to grow in faithful expectation. As people whose faith often becomes tamed to the miraculous, Advent is a time to remember afresh a God in whom all things are possible.

**ADVENT HYMN** The Wonder of Christmas Joel Raney

**Congregation:**

There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a  
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they  
sing. O — come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and join us here.

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Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
 he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
 of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
 evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessèd, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
 by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;  
 and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
 evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
 powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;  
 let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,  
 evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
 hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;  
 honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,  
 evermore and evermore!

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* 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.

### THE 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.

*All* AMEN.

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

THE FIRST READING:

Micah 5:2-5a

*Lector*      *The First Reading is taken from Micah chapter 5...*

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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE 15**

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

KINGSFOLD

**My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Savior's praise!  
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.  
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim  
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.**

**To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows.  
With mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.  
The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;  
The hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.**

**To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;  
The promise to our parents made their children will secure.  
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honor to the Word,  
And praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.**

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

*Lector*      *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews chapter 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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      O Come, O Come Emmanuel

TUNE: VENI EMMANUEL

**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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon*      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.**

*The people sit.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Cindy Roehl

*All stand as able.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People*  
*Lector*

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Shirl Ahrens, Cameron Boothe, Michael Tomalesky, Bethany Elder, Aubrey Elder, Barbara Groff, Nancy Fisher and Diane Linton and the anniversaries of Cameron & Sherry Boothe, Troy Abell & Lisa Baker, Jerald & Janet Ozbun.

*Silence*

*Lector*  
*People*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [add names from notebook] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector*  
*People*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**CONFESSIOIN & ABSOLUTION** *Please kneel or stand as able*

*Deacon*  
*People*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

**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.

*All* **AMEN.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**OFFERTORY** A Child Is Born in Bethlehem arr. David Hurd  
Choir

*All stand as able.*

### THE PRESENTATION

*Deacon* We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

**PRESENTATION HYMN** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow VENI EMMANUEL

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here be low. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel." The score includes chord symbols above the notes: Em, G, C, D7, G, D, G, C, G on the first staff; Am, Bm7, Em, Am, Em, B7, Em, A7, D, Em on the second staff; D, Bm, G, C, Am, D7, G, D, Em, Bm, G on the third staff; C, D7, Em, D, G, C, G, Am, Em, Bm, Em on the fourth staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*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.

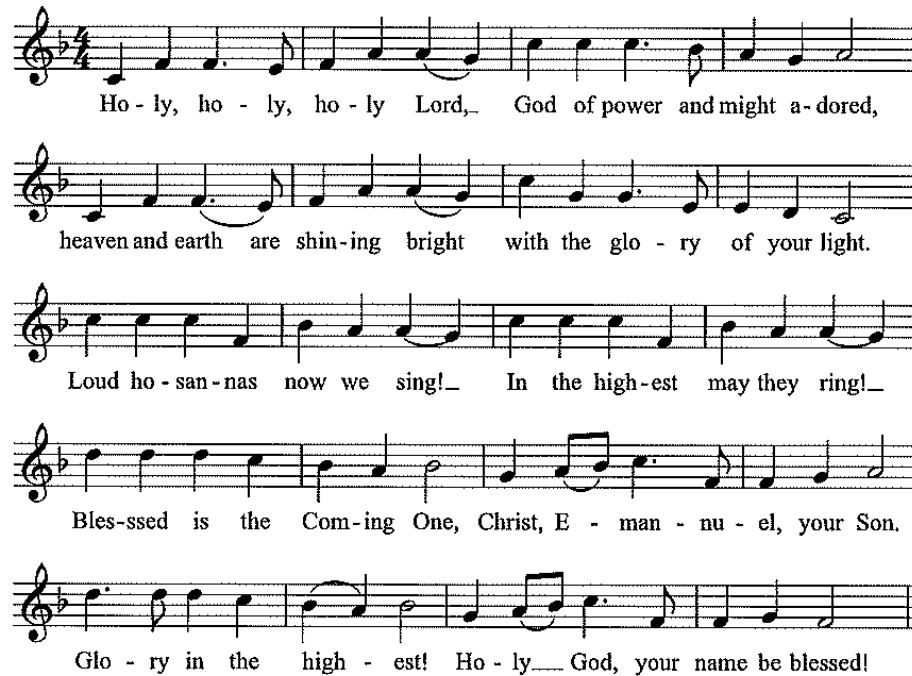
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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.

*Celebrant* (*Proper Preface*)

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*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might a-dored,  
heaven and earth are shin-ing bright with the glo - ry of your light.  
Loud ho - san-nas now we sing! In the high-est may they ring!  
Bles-sed is the Com-ing One, Christ, E - man - nu - el, your Son.  
Glo - ry in the high - est! Ho - ly God, your name be blessed!

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### *The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*            **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*            And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People*                **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. A period of silence is kept.*

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

*Celebrant*            The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind.  
If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION**  
*Please remain seated.*

Midwinter

Gustav Holst  
Cindy Huffman, Alto

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 73**

The King Shall Come

TUNE: ST. STEPHEN

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.**

**Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.**

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant*  
*All*

Let us pray...

**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.**

**THE BLESSING**

**THE SENDING HYMN 65**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

TUNE: BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

**Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!**

**Let every hill and valley a level way appear.**

**Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.**

**Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

**He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.**

**Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.**

**Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.**

**His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.**

**All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.**

**Oh, blest Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
*People*      **Thanks be to God!**

**VOLUNTARY**      Festal Flourish on "Ding Dong! Merrily on High"

David Lasky

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Laurie Toohey
Lectors	Carolyn Hughes
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Ushers	Phil & Carol Beauchamp
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel
Welcome Table	Betty & Joe Lombardo, John Draga
Cantor	Cindy Huffman



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