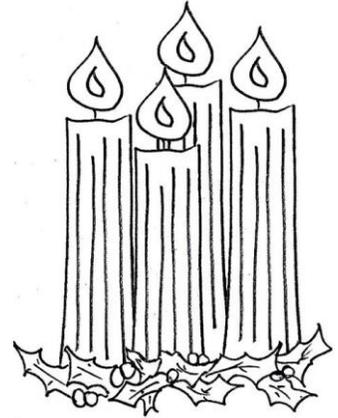


# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**During this time of social distancing:** Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

**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.

**Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles** are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

**Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.**

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Symbols in the Bulletin:** **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

W. Held  
Isabelle Schueler, cello

*[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

*[Please be seated.]*

### THE LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER

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

Symbols in the Bulletin P Priest, D Deacon, C Congregation, L Leader, A Everyone.

Advent Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

H 56, v. 1, 7

A ***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

### The Prayer for the Fourth Candle of Advent: Peace

*[Please stand.]*

- P We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope. *[One blue candle is lit.]*  
We light the second candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Love. *[2<sup>nd</sup> blue candle is lit.]*  
We light the third candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Joy. *[A pink candle is lit.]*  
We light the fourth candle as a symbol of Christ, the Prince of Peace. *[Last blue candle is lit.]*
- L For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of  
Peace.
- C **Our God, we come to you today in the spirit of peace. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.**

Hymn

A ***O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

- P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
C **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

A **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.**

***Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.***

***He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.***

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** 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.

**G** **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38  
*[Please be seated.]*

#### The First Reading

**L** *The First Reading is taken from 2 Samuel, chapter 7...*

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.

**L** The Word of the Lord

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm 89

[Tune: All People that on Earth Do Dwell]

***From age to age I will proclaim Your faith, forever sing your love;  
Your faithfulness endures always, Your love is set in heaven above.***

***“To David I have sworn an oath, Made covenant with him alone:  
‘I will maintain your line always, Eternally preserve your throne.’***

***“You gave your faithful people once A vision and within it said,  
‘I have raised up my chosen one And set a crown upon his head.’***

***“My servant David I have found, Anointed him to lead my flock;  
My arm will make him strong to lead, My hand secure him as a rock.***

## The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, chapter 16...*

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.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

[Please stand.]

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

## The Gospel

☐ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

☐ 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.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Michael Durning

*[Please be seated.]*

## NICENE CREED

*[Please stand.]*

☑ **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

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

☐ Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

☐ 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...* We pray in peace.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ 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...* We pray in peace.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ 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...* We pray in peace.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ 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 thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given to the glory of God, and for the birthdays this coming week of Shirl Ahrens, Cam Boothe, Michael Tomalesky, Bethany Elder, Aubrey Elder, Barbara Groff, Nancy Fisher, Sally Wakefield, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Cam & Sherry Boothe, Troy Abell & Lisa Baker, Jerald & Janet Ozbun, and for those blessings we now name, aloud or in our hearts. *Silence...* We pray in peace.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, especially *[read names from notebook...]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[Leave time...]*. Bring them the peace of your salvation. *Silence...* We pray in peace.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *[read names from notebook...]*. We pray also for those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[leave time...]*; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence...* We pray in peace.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....

☑ **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

℣ These things and all for which we pray, we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

☩ Amen.

### THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*[Please stand or kneel.]*

℣ 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.**

℣ 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 GREETING OF PEACE

*Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]*

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ And also with you.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

℣ Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

*[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]*

#### OFFERTORY

*The Angel Gabriel*

*Basque Carol*  
Julian Guini, soloist

*[Please be seated.]*

#### THE PRESENTATION

*[Please stand.]*

℣ 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.

**THE PRESENTATION HYMN**

*God of the Fertile Fields*

***We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere,  
that all may live.***

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

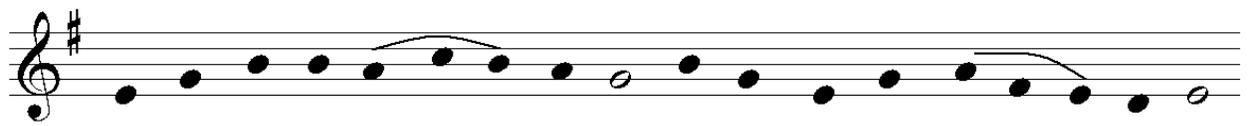
**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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:

# SANCTUS

## Emmanuel

AD



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.



Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name o - f the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

- P** 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."

- P** 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:

**☑ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**☐** 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.

**AI**



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**AI** **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 bread we break makes us one in Christ.

**☑ Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

**☐** 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.

**[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.*]**

## COMMUNION CHANT

## WAIT FOR THE LORD

*[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]*

**All**



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

**P** Let us pray...

**C** 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

*[Please stand.]*

**P** The Lord calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Day of the Lord by focusing our lives on the promises of hope, the labors of love, the depths of joy, and the strengths of peace; go from here with the blessing of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, this day and forever.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*Awake, Awake*

***Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! The Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
He opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.***

***To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.***

**THE DISMISSAL**

☐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Bourrées*

J. S. Bach

**SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Dan Depies
Lector	Andrea Zahn
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Ushers	Phil Beauchamp & Bob Roehl
Building & Grounds	Butch Niford