

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Contemplation

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OPENING HYMN

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Hymnal 81

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Officiant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

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.**

## FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

*Lector* A reading from Second 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.

*People* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 89:1-4,19-26

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim 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 David 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 deceive him,  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend  
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.’

**SECOND READING**

Romans 16:25-27

*Lector* A reading from 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 for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

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

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.

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.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 1:26-38

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

*People* **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 who 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.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Officiant* Together let us affirm our faith.

*All* You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

based on Advent hymns  
Emily Williams Guffey

*Reader* Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim:  
Awaken hope and kindle our longing for your return.

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free:

Release us from our sins and fears, that we may live in your light and truth.

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* O Come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind.

Dissolve our sad divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace.

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* With the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy, let us name the blessings of our lives, especially those who celebrate birthdays these next two weeks, including *Hugh Wilbert, Michael Johnston, Tom Nihem, Sonia Olsen, Richard Thomas, Will Basse, Sabine Landsberg, Andy Guffey, Chelsea Wilbert*, and those we now name.

*(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

You lift up our lowliness in many marvelous ways.

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* Comfort all who sit in the darkness of illness, grief, or distress, especially *Marie Abdulla, Pat Ald, Sue Barber, Genet Barthwell, Tim Cook, Margie Deeb, David Dieter, Digory, Kate Latham Driscoll, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Grace, Hope Hoffman, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Matthew Klein, Kathryn Lincoln, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Paul, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shabby, Owen Sprague, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, John T., Bobbie Traxler, Sue Urbanski, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, Bob Wright*, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding.

In your mercy,

*People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Reader* Welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer, especially those we now name.  
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

*Silence*

May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together.

*People* In your mercy,  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Officiant* Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; comfort those who mourn, and give new hope to your people, who seek you and trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

*Officiant* 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.**

*Officiant* 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.**

## PEACE

*Officiant* In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*



## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

BCP 377

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

*Please give generously at [christcd.org/online-giving](http://christcd.org/online-giving)  
or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ave Maria*

Bach-Gounod

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructose ventriculo tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.

*Celebrant and People*

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Common Worship*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Common Worship*

*Celebrant* Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,  
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,  
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

*All* **Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation  
and consume these gifts of bread and wine together,  
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence,  
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

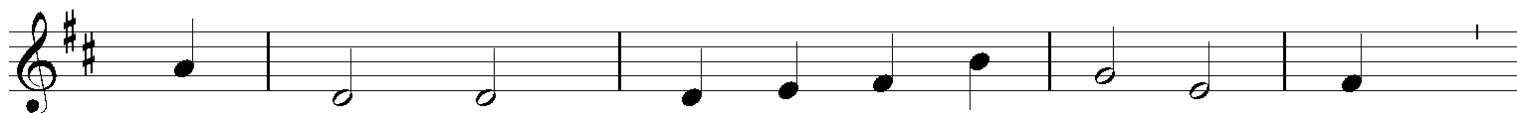
## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, stay with us. Assure us with and revive us in the truth that in you alone, we are  
and always will be one body. Nourish us with solace and strength to be bread for the  
world, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet, where with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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