

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 24, 2017



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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9:00 A.M.	Rite II: beginning on page 355 (red book)
Prelude	Variations on Advent Songs, arr. Vernyi
Opening Hymn	<i>Come thou long expected Jesus</i> 66 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation	355 (red book)
Hymn of Praise	S 90 (front blue book)
Collect of the Day	
I reading	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Canticle 15	
II reading	Romans 16:25-27
Gradual Hymn	<i>O come, o come Emmanuel</i> 56 vs. 1, 8 (blue book)
Gospel	Luke 1:26-28
Homily	The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
Nicene Creed	358 (red book)
Prayers of the People	392 (red book)
Confession	360 (red book)
The Peace	
Offertory	When Jesus Came
Presentation of alms	<i>All Praise eternal Son</i> 76 (v. 5) (blue book)
	All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth they people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.
The Great Thanksgiving	367 (red book)
Sanctus	Holy, holy, holy, Lord S 130 (front blue book)
Fraction Anthem	Christ our Passover S 172 (front blue book)

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant “gluten-free”.

Communion Music

Christ be our light

Bernadette Farrell

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Church gath-ered to-day.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ be our light'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves form the first line of the hymn, and the last two staves form the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church service.

When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to be present, they are sent at this time.

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.

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

Post Communion Prayer

365 (red book)

Blessing

Closing

Rejoice! Rejoice!

68 (blue book)

Dismissal

366 (red book)

Postlude

Variations on Advent Songs, arr.Vernyi

THE COLLECT

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.*

2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

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.

CANTICLE 15

The Song of Mary Magnificat



- 1 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.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
- 4 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

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.

ROMANS 16:25-27

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.

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking
and serving Christ in all persons.*

LUKE 1:26-38

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.

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WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). After the service please join us in the Welcome Area for coffee and hospitality. We are glad that you are here with us today.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES for the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.