

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT****DECEMBER 23, 2018**

8:00 A.M.		Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)
10:30 A.M.		Rite II: beginning on page 355 (red book)
Prelude	It Came upon the Midnight Clear, R. Willis, arr. Boyd	
Opening Hymn	<i>Creator of the stars of night</i>	60 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation		355 (red book)
Hymn of Praise		S 92 (front blue book)
Collect of the Day		212 (red book)
I reading	Micah 5:2-5a	
Magnificat		65/91 (red book)
II reading	Hebrews 10:5-10	
Gradual Hymn	<i>O come, o come Emmanuel</i>	56, v 1, 8 (blue book)
Gospel	Luke 1:39-55	
Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
Nicene Creed		358 (red book)
Prayers of the People		392 (red book)
Confession		360 (red book)
The Peace		
Offertory		
Presentation of Alms	<i>Prepare thy way O Zion</i>	65, v 1 (blue book)
The Great Thanksgiving		367 (red book)
Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i>	S 125 (front blue book)
Memorial Acclamation		S 138 (front blue book)
Amen		S 147 (front blue book)
Fraction Anthem		S 156 (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".*

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.

*When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to attend, 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

366 (red book)

Blessing

Closing

*Tell out, my soul*

437 (blue book)

Dismissal

366 (red book)

Postlude

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down, D. Doherty, arr. Hayes

### **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.

## **MAGNIFICAT**

65/91 (red book)

### **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.

### **LUKE 1:39-55**

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 Sav-

ior, 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."



### **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.

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