

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2019

8:00 A.M. Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)
10:30 A.M. Rite II: beginning on page 355 (red book)

Opening Hymn *Blessed be the king whose coming* 74 (blue book)

Opening Acclamation 355 (red book)

Collect for Purity

Song of Praise 56 v. 5-6 (blue book)

Collect of the Day 160/212 (red book)

I reading—Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 702 (red book)

II reading—Romans 1:1-7

Gradual Hymn *The angel Gabriel from heaven came* 265 (blue book)

Gospel—Matthew 1:18-25

Homily The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

Nicene Creed 326/358 (red book)

Prayers of the People 8:00 a.m. Form I 328 (red book)

10:30 a.m. (*Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.*)

At end of prayer- (*Intercessor: Joining our voices...to the living God through Christ.*)
(**People: To you, O Lord our God.**)

The Peace

Offertory *Instrumental*

Presentation of Alms

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer II, 8:00 a.m. 340 (red book)

Prayer B, 10:30 a.m. 367 (red book)

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, Lord* S 130 (front blue book)

At the Breaking of the Bread S 164 (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 *(During the Sundays of Advent we will receive in silence)*

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 339/366 (red book)

Closing Hymn *Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord* 438 (blue book)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



ISAIAH 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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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