

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 18, 2022**

8:00 A.M.	Rite I	323 (red book)
	Collect of the Day	160 (red book)
	Nicene Creed	326 (red book)
	Prayers of the People	328 (red book)
	The Great Thanksgiving—Form II	340 (red book)
	The Lord’s Prayer	336 (red book)
	Post-Communion Prayer	339 (red book)

11:00 A.M.	Rite II	355 (red book)
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This service is livestreamed to the parish Facebook page

Prelude		
Opening Hymn	<i>Blest be the king whose coming</i>	74 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation		355 (red book)
Collect for Purity		
Hymn of Praise		Hymn 56 (vs 7-8) (blue book)
Collect of the Day		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	<i>The angel Gabriel from heaven came</i>	265 (blue book)
Gospel—Matthew 1:18-25		
Homily	The Rev. Catherine Carpenter	
Nicene Creed		358 (red book)
Prayers of the People—	Response “Hear our prayer”/”To you, O Lord our God”	
The Peace		
Preparation of the Table	<i>O day of God draw nigh</i>	601 (blue book)
The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer B		367 (red book)

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, Lord* S-130 (blue book)
At the Breaking of the Bread *Jesus, Lamb of God* S-164 (blue book)

Communion

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead, please cross your arms across your chest.

During Communion *Wait for the Lord* insert
Post Communion Prayer 366 (red book)

Seasonal Blessing

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord* 438 (blue book)
Dismissal 366 (red book)

Postlude

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 fulfil 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.



WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from the welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). 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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