

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22ND, 2024

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 2

This service may be livestreamed

Prelude: Organist Phill Sterling

Opening Hymn *O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Verses 7&8* 56 (blue book)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation 355 (red book)

Gloria S280 (blue book)

Collect of the Day 4th Sunday of Advent 212 (red book)

1 Reading — 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary

Luke 1: 46-55

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.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

Epistle — 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel — Luke 3:1-6

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

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 Savior,
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."]

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ



Homily	Fr. Joe Hannah
Nicene Creed	358 (red book)
Prayers of the People	
Confession of Sin	360 (red book)
The Peace	360 (red book)
Announcements <i>Birthday & Anniversary Prayers</i>	
<i>Offertory</i>	Instrumental

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer C	369 (red book)
Sanctus <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>	S130(blue book)
The Lord's Prayer	364 (red book)
At the Breaking of the Bread <i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	S154(blue book)
Communion	Instrumental
<i>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.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer	366 (red book)
Blessing	
Closing Hymn <i>To God Be the Glory</i>	50 (<i>GEC Songbook</i>)
Dismissal	366 (red book)

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