



Holy Eucharist ~ Sunday, December 19, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

North Main at Fourth Street

Jamestown, New York

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop

The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector; The Rev. Deacon Cathy Smith;

Mr. Paul Johnson, Verger; Mr. Ron McEntire, Minister of Music;

The Rev. Deacon Jessica Frederick, Curate for Children, Youth & Family Ministry

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*The mission is simple: to **Connect** all people, help them **Discover** God's love,
empower them to **Serve** and watch them **Grow**."*

PRELUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

- J. Pachelbel

LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Come, O Holy One, as the beloved child Emmanuel! Soften our hearts and open our arms for
your daily arrival, that we may offer a place worthy and warm, kindly and safe, for all your children.
We pray through Jesus Christ our incarnate Lord. **Amen**.*

OPENING HYMN # 61, *Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us*

- blue pew hymnal

ADVENT ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People: **You come to your people and set them free.***

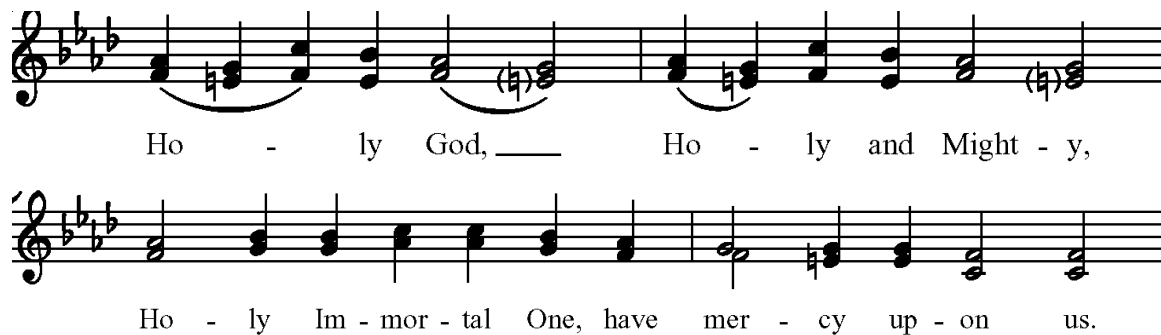
COLLECT FOR PURITY, said by all

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.**

TRISAGION (3X)

Front pages of the Blue pew Hymnal, S-102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: The Lord be with you. *Response: And also with you.*

Let us pray: 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.**

THE FIRST READING IS FROM THE BOOK OF 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.

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15, The Song of Mary, *please join in saying the Magnificat* (sung by choir at 10 AM service)
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.

THE SECOND READING IS FROM 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.

The Word of the LORD. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL SEQUENCE HYMN # 68, *Rejoice, rejoice believers*

- blue pew hymnal

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO LUKE 1:39-55

Response before the Gospel: 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

FAMILY CHAPEL TIME

SERMON

The Rector

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, *sung to the tune of "Come thou fount of every blessing"*

We believe in God the Father

**God almighty by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame,
virgin born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.**

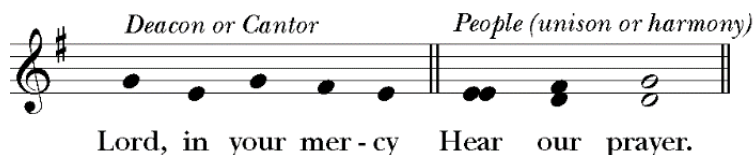
**We believe in Jesus risen heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit,
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven
Christ our Saviour Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV, *with chanted response*

BCP 388



Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for

Barbara Bumsted, Donald Ruland, Sydney Benson, Millie D., Richard Allberg, Cara Murphy, Clyde Card, Dawn Hammond, Paula and Tim Pickett, Mac Dawson, Jamie Knowlton, Pete Cortez, Mindy Parinella, Pete Nagle, Bob Whitman, Amy Quilty, Bob & Bev Campbell, Kirk & Deb Cardone, Mary Holton, Joyce Crate, Jeanne Green, Ann Lamp, Barbara Lissfelt,

and those others we now name. *a moment of silence* Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, *remembering Clarence Beish, Jr.*

that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor ...

CONFESSION OF SIN, *said by all, kneeling as able*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *Let us exchange the Peace of Christ with one another! Please remain at your seat*
The peace of the Lord be always with you. *Response* **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN # 67, *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Doxology: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, son and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your ' hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All join in singing the SANCTUS

Front pages of the Blue pew Hymnal, S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.


On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant and People


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Celebrant




Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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Unison or harmony

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Slightly faster

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Silent moment*

Enriching Our Music # 57

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION *Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all are invited to receive Communion.*

Gluten-free wafers, as well as grape juice, are available at the floor communion station; please indicate your preference.

If you have difficulty coming forward, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

You are invited to light a candle for a person or concern for your prayers.

The candle station is located to the right of the sermon pulpit.

COMMUNION HYMN # 324, *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

- blue pew hymnal

POST COMMUNION PRAYER, said by all

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 73, *The King shall come when morning dawns*

DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Response: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* - J. Pachelbel

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by John and Bonnie Rappole
in loving memory of John's father, Dr. A. W. Rappole, M.D.,
on the occasion of his birthday, December 19th.*

The Christmas Pageant

All children and youth are invited to participate in St. Luke's annual Christmas pageant – we need sheep, shepherds, angels, stars, Mary, Joseph, and more! Rehearsals are
+ **Dec. 19:** Rehearsal for **all** children and youth following the 10 am service
+ **Dec. 24: Christmas pageant - arrive at church at 3 pm**
Parents are always welcome to participate by helping with costumes and guiding children.

TODAY join us for Christmas in a Barn at 4pm (Dec 19th)

Join St. Luke's family and our friends of Grace Episcopal Church for a “**Christmas in a Barn**” service **at 3 Springs Alpacas, 548 Route 394 in Kennedy, NY**. This is an opportunity to experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the Christmas – in a barn, with live animals!

Christmas Services,

Dec 24th, Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm Family Services with Children's Pageant

11:00 pm Festival Eucharist where we celebrate the majesty and wonder in candle-light splendor.

On **Christmas day, December 25th at 10am** we unwrap the message of incarnation.

On Sunday the 26th, we'll have a special service of Christmas Lessons and Carols.

Supporting St. Luke's Youth... One Gift Box at a Time

After the 10 am service on December 12th and 19th, St. Luke's will be selling mini gift boxes, fit to trim the tree or stuff stockings! These boxes are made with recycled greeting cards, giving them the opportunity to spread some holiday cheer for a second time this Christmas. All proceeds raised will support St. Luke's youth. Many thanks to Kay Stahlman and Maddie and Norma DeJoy for crafting these boxes with love!

Reminder to send in your Christmas Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings, or place them in the offering plate today.