

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: Meine Seele erhebt den Herren, BWV 648

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

(My soul magnifies the Lord)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Advent wreath is lit as the Choir sings the Introit.

Introit *Rorate, coeli*

Plainsong, Mode 7

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth a Savior. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

– Isaiah 45:8, Psalm 19

Hymn 66: “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

Stuttgart, *stand*

Opening Sentences

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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.**

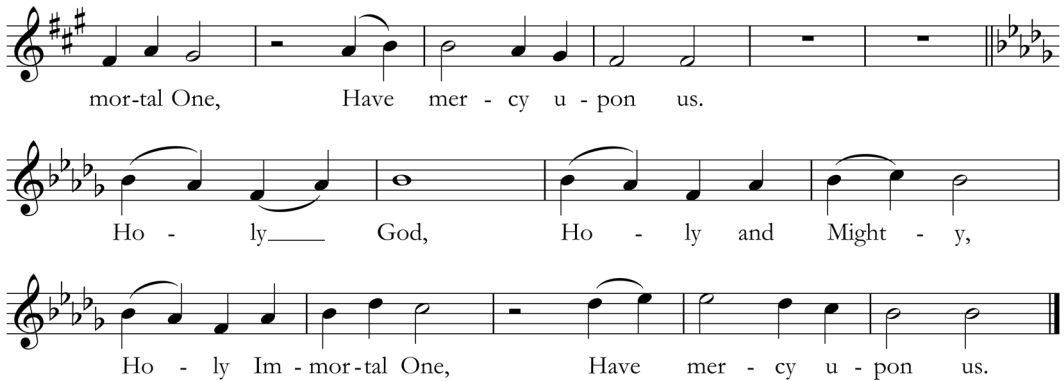
Trisagion

David Sinden (b. 1982)

Organ: All:

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and
Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Organ, starting with a 2/2 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, Ebb5, F5, G5. The second staff is for the voice, starting with a 2/2 time signature and a key signature of two flats. It begins with a whole rest, followed by notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, Ebb5, F5, G5. The third staff is for the voice, starting with a 2/2 time signature and a key signature of two flats. It begins with a whole rest, followed by notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, Ebb5, F5, G5. The lyrics are placed below the notes.



mor-tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans. (1: 1-7) *sit*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 **O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn: "People, look East. The time is near"

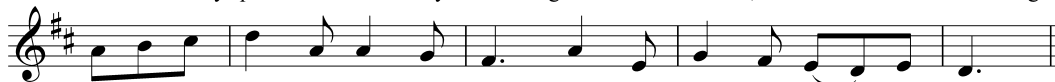
Besançon (trad. French carol), *stand*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of ___ the year.
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed there:
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life ___ to earth.



1. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim_ the hearth and set___ the ta - ble.
2. give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that_ in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
3. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God_ for fledg - ling time_ has cho - sen.
4. shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun___ and moon to - geth - er.
5. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord_ is com - ing.



1. Peo - ple, look East, and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on___ the way.
2. Peo - ple, look East, and sing to - day: Love, the Rose, is on___ the way.
3. Peo - ple, look East, and sing to - day: Love, the Bird, is on___ the way.
4. Peo - ple, look East, and sing to - day: Love, the Star, is on___ the way.
5. Peo - ple, look East, and sing to - day: Love the Lord, is on___ the way.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
(1: 18-25)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly Carlson

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The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: In this season of Advent, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

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That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's healing in every act of forgiveness, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That the leaders of the church, in both word and deed, may show forth God's love for the world, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Deon, our Bishop-elect; and Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all in any need, especially those served by our ministry partners Beyond Housing, Bravely, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Outreach Haiti, may receive God's mercy and grace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all who suffer from sickness of body, mind or spirit may know the power of God's love, especially Brooke Erwin, Carol Fisher, John McKinney, Bryan Miller, Kathy Sheehan and Rolla Wetzal, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all who have died may find eternal life in God's loving presence, remembering especially Phyllis Brissenden and Scott Peterson, and Bill Engelsmann, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. And accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously given, make ready our hearts for your coming, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

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

All: **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.**

The Absolution

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

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The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

At the Offertory, Carol: Gabriel's Message

Basque, arr. Jim Clements (b. 1983)

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy Name."
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

– Sabine Baring-Gould

The Presentation (*Hymn 76, stanza 5*)

Winchester New, *stand*



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A
Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 129*)

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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Administration of the Sacrament

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Carol

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

For in this rose containèd was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda¹.

By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three,
Pari forma².

The angels sungen, the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis Deo³:
Gaudeamus⁴.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus⁵.

1. a wonderful thing; 2. of the same form; 3. rejoice;
4. Glory to God on high; 5. let us go
– 15th century, from Trinity roll (modernized)

Hymn 268: “Ye who claim the faith of Jesus”

Julion

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 54: “Savior of the nations, come”

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, *stand*

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

MUSIC NOTES: The familiar Basque carol “The angel Gabriel” receives a rich, treatment from the English choral composer Jim Clements (b. 1983). The word “Gloria” opens the carol and is singled out for special treatment • American composer *Gerald Near (b. 1942)* studied composition with Leo Sowerby and Dominick Argento. He is a prolific composer of sacred music and is well represented in the Hymnal 1982. His setting of the medieval carol text “There is no rose” features each section of the choir in turn: sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. Near continues an active career as a church musician and currently serves as Parish Administrator and Director of Music at St. Francis in the Valley, Green Valley, Arizona. • The organ music before and after the service is based on a traditional chant melody for the Magnificat, or Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55).

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Bill Engelsmann, by Nancy, Beth and Lisa.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce Ryder, Cindy Kohlbray
Ushers: Michael Newport, Susan Schettler, Bruce Mardis, Doug Adderton
Acolytes: Sam King, Henri Sokolich
Acolyte Master: Bill Gilbert
Hospitality: Jane Gilbert, Loura Gilbert, Ann Randazzo
Altar Guild: Merrill Buettner, Cheryl Gelstein, Connie Lohr
Susan Schettler, Susie Wilson
Counters: Lisa Acker, Doug Adderton

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller and Rolla Wetzel.

For Family and Friends: Carol Fisher, John McKinney and Kathy Sheehan.

For the Faithful Departed: Phyllis Brissenden and Scott Peterson.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Michelle Arthur, Susan Bartlett, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Holly Parks, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Molly Robinson, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

FAMILIES – Children are always welcome in church! Childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel today at 10:00 a.m. for a special service! Children’s Chapel will meet next at 10:15 a.m. on January 5th.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

RECTOR’S FORUM meets this morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. The topic is “God is with Us—what this means and why it matters.”

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN – During this season of joy and giving, many of us make charitable contributions. We invite you to consider a gift to St. Peter’s in thanksgiving for all the ways God lives through us in this spirit-filled community. Thank you to the 225 families (43% of households) who have pledged your support to the campaign for a total of \$827,055. Please complete and return your pledge card via mail, the Sunday offering, or you can pledge online at www.stpetersepiscopal.org. Every pledge is important. **Thank you!**

THIS WEEK...

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – Please note the service times:

Tuesday, Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist/Pageant
 6:00 p.m. Choral Holy Eucharist with strings
 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with choir

Wednesday, Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – The Christmas offering will support the mission of our outreach partners. Please use the special offering envelopes which will be in the pews on Christmas Eve and Day. Thank you for joining us as God calls us to love and serve others in Jesus’ name.

ENJOYING THE HOLIDAYS – Playgroup, Woman’s Guild, Searching for God in the Daily News, Thursday Bible Study and Friday morning Prayer Group will not meet this week. The Church Office will close at Noon on Christmas Eve and the office and buildings will remain closed on December 26th and 27th. The Office will be open December 30th and until Noon on December 31st, but all will be closed on January 1st. If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours please call the Church Office at 314-993-2306, and press 2 and your call will be forwarded to the clergy.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST – Please note that there will be no 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist on December 25th or January 1st.

ST. PETER’S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter’s has a ministry that can help – that’s St. Peter’s Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

THE SUNDAYS OF CHRISTMAS – Worship services **next Sunday, December 29th** will follow our usual schedule of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. There will be no childcare, Children’s Chapel or Sunday School, and no breakfast or Rector’s Forum. All will resume on the usual schedule on **January 5th**, the 12th day of Christmas! Come to the 10:30 a.m. service that day for Christmas Lessons and Carols. Hear the Good News of Christmas, sing Christmas carols, and join in a joyful celebration of Holy Eucharist! After Lessons and Carols, come down to the Undercroft for a “Cookies and Cocoa” Coffee Hour; the choir may just have a caroling surprise to share! All are welcome to join in joyful fellowship.

FOOD DRIVE – As you shop for groceries in the coming days, please take the food list with you for our January 5th food collection for Trinity (CWE) food pantry. The groceries and toiletries most needed for January are: canned pasta with meat; peanut butter; Ramen noodles; bar soap and toilet tissue.

YEAR-END OFFERINGS – The Finance Office will be open on Monday, December 30th and until Noon on Tuesday, December 31st to receive your contributions. Please note that **all offerings for 2019 must be postmarked on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2019.** For stock transactions, the “date of gift” must be on or before December 31, 2019. Contributions for 2019 may be made by credit card online through 11:59 pm CST on Tuesday, December 31, at www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give.

MEN'S RETREAT – On January 11th, the men of St. Peter's are invited to a one-day retreat at the Marianist Retreat Center. Register at <http://stpetersepiscopal.org/news/st-peters-mens-retreat/> or mail your check for \$50 to the Church Office.

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS – A candlelit service of music and readings will be sung by the St. Peter's Singers on Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 p.m. Music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton, Jane Marshall, John Weaver, Nico Muhly, and David Sinden.

SAVE THE DATE! Please plan to join in celebrating our Rector's ministry among us on Friday, January 31st, at the Deer Creek Club. This will be a wonderful opportunity to thank Luke for all he has done with and for us at St. Peter's. Look for your invitation to arrive in the mail early in the new year!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP – The 2020 EYC Senior High mission trip will be to the Appalachian region of Kentucky, June 14-20. The cost of the trip will be \$750, with \$50 registration fee due by end of December.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22 - 29, 2019

Sunday	12/22		The Fourth Sunday of Advent
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum – Undercroft
		10:00 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	12/24		Christmas Eve
		9a.m.-12:00 Noon	Church Office open
		4:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist
		6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
		11:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	12/25		Christmas Day
			Church Office closed
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thurs.-Fri.	12/26-27		Church Office and Buildings closed
Sunday	12/29		The First Sunday after Christmas
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist