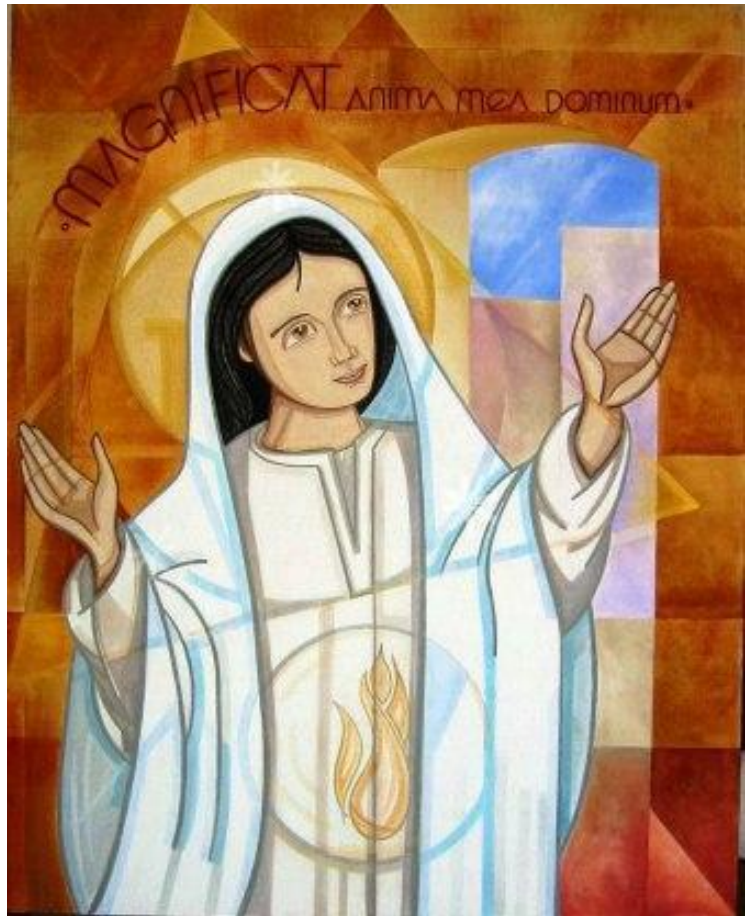


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

23 December 2012

Prelude

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

A Reading from Michah.

Sit

5.2-5a

But 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.**

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1.46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *

throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed 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.

A Reading from Hebrews.

10.5-10

Consequently, 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.**

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

Hymnal 277

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

1.39-45

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Confession of Sin

BCP 331

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

Choir Anthem

Our father's God, to thee (*My country, 'tis of thee*)

Hymnal 717, v. 4

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow (*From all that dwell below*)

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving	BCP 333
<i>Sanctus</i>	<i>Insert</i>
Eucharistic Prayer 1	BCP 333
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread <i>A period of silence is kept</i>	
<i>Agnus Dei</i>	<i>Insert</i>
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
The Invitation	
<i>And now, O Father, mindful of the love</i>	<i>Hymnal 337</i>
<i>Dona nobis pacem, pacem</i>	<i>Hymnal 712</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 339
Advent Blessing and Dismissal <i>People</i> Thanks be to God.	
<i>Tell out, my soul</i>	<i>Hymnal 438</i>
<i>Postlude</i>	

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