



The Fourth Sunday In Advent  
December 20th, 2020  
Holy Eucharist

**Welcome!**

**Please tune your car radio to 100.1**

Prelude

*Because we are not yet able to sing as a community, please reflect on the text of all hymns*

Opening Hymn

Tell Out my Soul

H82 #437

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

### THE WORD OF GOD

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

**People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

Hymnal #56, vs 5

*O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. 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 Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all

your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Hymn

*The Angel Gabriel from heaven came*

H82 #265

1 *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!*

2 *For know 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!*

3 *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!*

4 *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!*

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Prayers of the People

In this advent season, let us prepare the way as God comes among us.

Let us bring before God all who seek to follow Jesus that they might hear the way has been prepared for them.

Let us bring before God all entrusted with authority in the nations of the world that they would governed by love and humility above all else.

Let us bring before God all people and situations in any kind of need.

Let us bring before God the poor, the lonely, the vulnerable, the lost, those who are struggling.

Let us bring before God those who have asked us to pray for them: Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Hunter, Cheryl, Ralph, Jean, Willie, Bill, Harry, Cindy, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Charles, Susan and the Lambert family.

Let us remember those who have died, especially and pray that perpetual light would shine on them.

Let us bring before God those who in the healing professions, especially those working in hospitals.

Concluding Collect

Emmanuel, enable us to grow as your faithful people and help us prepare our hearts for you. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

*O little town of Bethlehem*  
(alternate tune)

*H82 #78 v 1,3,5*

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.	3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
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5 O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

**Please greet each other with some extended “Holy Honking”!**



### **Serving Today**

Officiant	The Rev. Becky Crites
Organist	Kenyon Scott

### **Upcoming Services**

**Monday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 4:30 pm** St. Thomas Day Dedication of Christmas Wreaths  
On St. Thomas Day, and the longest night of the year, we will dedicate the Christmas Wreaths  
Given in honor and memory of someone.  
The dedication will be recorded and emailed as well as posted on facebook.

### **Christmas Eve 4:30 pm**

We will hold a very special Christmas Eve service of music and candles. There will be chairs set out in Susan Bowers yard as well as our side yard or you can hear the service in your cars via the radio.

### **December Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Annie Chappell	12	Betty and Richard Camp	30
Tred Hunt	13		
Janice Chaney	15	Jeanette and Ed Parramore	31
Lily Chappell	17		
Mark de Paulo	19		
Martha Jane Rush	29		

### **Vestry Members**

Class of 2020: Anne Hunt (Sr. Warden), Carol-Ann Lawson, Laura Chappell

Class of 2021: Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden), Kenyon Scott

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