

Holy Eucharist - Rite II 10am

December 21, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Order of Service

BCP pages on the left hand side are found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns are in the Hymnal 1982.

Prelude:	<i>Behold, a Rose is Blooming</i> Johannes Brahms	
<i>Hymn #72</i>	<i>Hark! The glad sound</i>	
BCP 355	Opening Acclamation	
<i>Hymn S-96</i>	<i>Kyrie (Lord have mercy)</i>	Schubert
First Reading	Isaiah 7:10-16	
Gradual Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	
Second Reading	Romans 1:1-7	
<i>Hymn #56</i>	<i>O come, O come Emmanuel</i>	v.1-3 only
The Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25	
Sermon	Matt Jones	
BCP 358	The Nicene Creed	
BCP 385	Prayers of the People	Form 2
BCP 360	Confession of Sin	
BCP 360	The Peace	
Offertory	<i>Carol of the Advent</i>	Philip Dietterich
BCP 367	Eucharistic Prayer "B"	
<i>Hymn # S-130</i>	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>	Schubert
BCP 364	Lord's Prayer	
BCP 364	The Breaking of the Bread	
<i>Hymn # S-164</i>	<i>Jesus Lamb of God</i>	Schubert
<i>Hymn #577</i>	<i>God is love, and where true love is</i>	
<i>Hymn #383</i>	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	
BCP 366	Post Communion Prayer	
<i>Hymn #74</i>	<i>Blest be the King whose coming</i>	
Postlude	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i> J.S. Bach	

Advent Wreath Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant:

Today we light the first, second, third, and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE.”

The candles are lit.

John 13:34

Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Let us pray together:

Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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.***

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

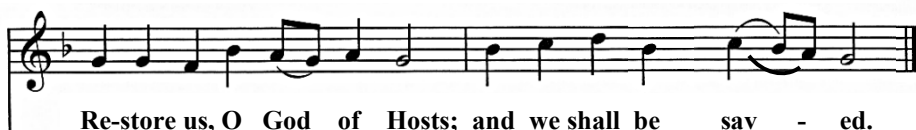
Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put

the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.

Antiphon

O Lord God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?
 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Antiphon

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Antiphon

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

A Reading from the book of Romans.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

TODAY	Coffee Hour after 8 & 10am services
Monday	8am Morning Prayer by phone: 339-209-4611 1:30pm Parish Prayer Group
Tuesday	1pm Parish Prayer Shawl Group Library 2pm Caregivers Support Group
Wednesday	10am Wednesday Healing Eucharist Service 11am Bible Study 3pm Christmas Eve Service with Pageant 9pm Christmas Eve Service (8:30 Concert)
Thursday	OFFICE IS CLOSED thru 12/30. 10am Christmas Day Service NO Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am SAS at Shining Light Garden 10am DOK Meeting Library

Jamaican Hurricane Relief – Please donate-see the CT for details

Caregivers Support Group – Tuesday, 12/23 2pm Parish Hall

Christmas Eve/Day Services

Wednesday, 12/24 at 3pm: Christmas Eve Family Eucharist
– includes congregational Christmas Carols.

Wednesday, 12/24 at 9pm: Christmas Eve Eucharist preceded
by a Choral Concert with Organ and Brass at 8:30pm.

Thursday, 12/25 at 10am: Christmas Day Service with
organ and congregational Christmas Carols. (Rite II)

SAS at Shining Light Garden – Saturday, 12/27 8:30am Offsite

New Year's Brunch – Sunday, January 4 after the 10am
service. No sign up necessary –come and enjoy!

Connections: Women's Bible Study – starts a new 12 week
session **Tuesday, 01/06** from 9:30-11am in the Parish Hall on
the book of Exodus – see CT to order study guide.

Clean Up Crew Training Meeting - Sign up in the Narthex to come to an Organizational Training meeting **Tuesday, 01/06** at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Contact: Beth Weatherstone 772-538-6185

Music Bingo – Friday, 01/09 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Come sing along as DJ Troy spins the tunes from the ‘50s -‘80s!

ECW Blood Drive – Saturday, 01/10 from 9am-2pm. Please sign up in the Narthex. Pam Wehrberger (gran459495@aol.com)

Salvation Army –Continue to give **pasta, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter** for the **Salvation Army**.

Birthdays

23 – Pam White
Mimi Gerstell
24 – Kay DeMola
Tom Elwood
Brian Murphy

25 – Stephanie Woolard
27 – Harvey Lynch

Departed

21 – Joseph Lurgio, Jr. (2021)
23 – Richard Reinsmith (2019)
24 – Robert Kirby Shirley, III (2023)

Anniversaries

23 – Mary & Lockwood Rianhard

Please Pray For – Pam, Jay, Beemer, Gladys, Margaret, Gloria, Melanie, Samira, Paulo, Rosanjela, Jacira, Valerie, Carol, Sarah, Linda Sue, Dakota, Arden, Elinor, Jacinth, Andy, Joanne.

10am

Ushers:
Lessons/POTP:
Chalice Bearers:
Crucifer
Torches:

12/21/25 Altar Servers

Brian & Karen McIntyre, Pam Wehrberger
Anita Plummer/Heather Bennett
Pam & Tom White
Tom White
Heather Bennett, Pam White

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