

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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 say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

We pray together with those who are unable to receive communion.

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though not everyone can consume these gifts of bread and wine with us today, we thank you that we have received Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

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 & Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Variation on "I, the angel, am of God"* Louis-Claude Daquin

If you would like to receive reserved sacrament, please contact the church office or Rev. Robin.

Lay Reader: 10:00 Nancy Holden

Audio/Visual: Lee Adams, Bill Miller

Christ and Grace Bell Choir, Tim Richardson, Director

WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, visit our website where you will also find links to our YouTube channels. You may also email us and we will be in touch. We are glad you are here.

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Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality



CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.
During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 20, 2020

10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – live streamed

The Word of God

Prelude: *Variations on "I, the angel, am of God"* Louis-Claude Daquin

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

Hymn 66 *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Stuttgart

*Come, thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*Reader* The Word of the Lord*People* **Thanks be to God.****Second Reading: Canticle 15 The Song of Mary Magnificat***Reader* *The Word of the Lord**People* *Thanks be to God.***Gospel:***Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.****Luke 1:26-38***Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****The Sermon**

The Rev. Robin Teasley

Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

*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.**O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.**O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, keep us awake, be our strength and consolation, and reign in our hearts that your Son Jesus Christ may find in us a mansion prepared for himself.

We pray for the Church, that through it your light would cast away the works of darkness. Help us to bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners, and comfort all who mourn.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

O God, give us grace to heed the prophets and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be known in every heart.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Almighty God, you have done great things for us, and holy is your Name. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Henry & Linda Tomlin, Rachel Traylor and Larry & Betty Ann Tucker. Sanctify us entirely, O God of peace, that we might rejoice in you always.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low.

We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially Robyn Arrington, Diane Basta, Yvonne Butler, Langley Curry, Ronnie Elder, Lucy Hallman, Hillary Hettinger, Stacy Hettinger, Theresa Hettinger, Horace Higgins, Dianne Holloman, Jim Hunter, Rawn Hyatt, Sharon Plymire, Lilly Rudd, Yava Scott, Mark Sheffield, Patricia Thorpe, Larry Tucker, and Cameron Wilson. *pause*

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. We thank you for the comfort you give to your people, drawing near with redemption and life everlasting for those who have died.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Hear our prayers, loving God, and let it be with us according to your word. When the Son of Man comes among us in clouds with great power and glory, and in silent nights in lowly mangers, may we recognize his face and his voice and adore him. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(pause)*

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.****Greeting and Announcements****Offertory Sentence**

Please remember while we are closed for in person services, you may mail your offering to the church office, or give online through your bank or our website.

The Holy Communion**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B***Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **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 say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.**

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.