

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #88 “Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”

Greeting

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Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Children’s Focus

Lighting the Advent Candles

Celebrant In this season of expectation,

People **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

Celebrant Into the bustle of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude,

People **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

Celebrant Into our homes and situations along with friends and families,

People **we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.**

Celebrant Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives, we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.

We give thanks for the light of Christ, shining in the lives of all God’s people.

Reader 1 With the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, we watch and wait for the coming of Christ who will bring light and peace to all the world.

Light the first candle.

Reader 2 With John the Baptist, we cry out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Light the second candle.

Reader 3 With Mary, the mother of Jesus, we rejoice, for the Mighty One has done great things for us. How holy is God’s name!

Light the third candle.

Reader 4 With Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we tell the story of Jesus, the child of Bethlehem, who came to save us, and is coming again in glory.

Light the fourth candle.

Song: “Light of Jesus” (tune Frere Jacques)

Light of Jesus (light of Jesus),
show the way (show the way).
Shine in us forever (shine in us forever);
this we pray (this we pray).

Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, at this time each year, we remind ourselves that you have come and continue coming into our lives. You shatter reasoned expectations, give wonder and awe, and fulfil promises little understood. Watching and waiting, we pray, hasten the day! Amen.

Collect for Purity

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Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Kyrie Eleison [Arranged by Michael Leach]

Cantor Kyrie eleison.

People **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Cantor Christe eleison.

People **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

Cantor Kyrie eleison.

People **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 7:10–16

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore 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. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For 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

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #431 Breslau

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| 1 | O Shepherd, like a flock you lead
Your people Israel; hear our prayer;
Enthroned upon the cherubim
In glory, shine on our despair. | 3 | How long will you be angered, Lord,
Although we kneel before your feet?
You give us bowls of tears to drink,
Provide us bread of tears to eat. |
| 2 | Before Manasseh, Benjamin,
And Ephraim, Lord, grant us your grace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show us the glory of your face. | 4 | Our enemies laugh us to scorn,
Our neighbors witness our disgrace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show us the glory of your face. |

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father’s love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Second Reading:

Romans 1:1–7

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was

declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ 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, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ 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.**

Hymn "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Text from traditional liturgical text

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Repeat

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 1:18–25

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Leader In joyful expectation, we pray.

People **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People

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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.**

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The Celebration of the Eucharist**Offertory Hymn #93** "You Servants of the Lord"**The Prayer over the Gifts***Celebrant* Let us pray.*People* **Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.****Eucharistic Prayer #3**

Proper Preface Advent

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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 our thanks and praise.***Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.*People***Holy, holy, holy Lord,****God of power and might,****heaven and earth are full of your glory.****Hosanna in the highest.****Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.****Hosanna in the highest.**Hymn
#719*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

People **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;***Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.****The Lord's Prayer** [Hymn #684]*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowèd 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 them who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread #5

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Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

O Lamb of God [Hymn #685]

People **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All baptised Christians are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn #116 “Your Kingdom Come”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

People **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #89 verses 1,2,3,7 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace full of expectation to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Services		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
<p>BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)</p> <p>Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.</p> <p>衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。</p> <p>盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。</p> <p>BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language</p>		

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
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