The Holy Eucharist
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018
8:00 AM
Newcomers and visitors, the community of Saint Mark’s welcomes you. We hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Mothers are most welcome to breastfeed their infants during the service. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty, Associate to the Rector, Presider & Preacher

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Improvisation on “Salve Regina”

Denis Bédad (b. 1950)

All rise as able.

HYMN 56

O come, o come Emmanuel ♦ The Hymnal 1982 #56

TUNE: Veni Emmanuel

stanzas 6, 7 & 8

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presider O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High; and reach from one end of the earth to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things:

Assembly Come and teach us the way of prudence.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

Assembly And Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

TRISAGION

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

Assembly Have mercy upon us.

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

Assembly Have mercy upon us.

Presider Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

Assembly Have mercy upon us.

PLAYERS

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**READING**

*Micah 5:2–5a*

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.

*Reader*  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*Assembly*  Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

*The Song of Mary [Luke 1:46–55]  ♦ read by all in unison

**Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; * for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever. ♦*
**READING**  *Hebrews 10:5–10*

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.

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*Assembly*  Thanks be to God.

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL**  *Luke 1:39–45*

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

*Assembly*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”


*Assembly*  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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**SERMON**

The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty
All rise as able.

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 ASSEMBLY

After each petition:

Intercessor We look to you in hope,
Assembly Come, Lord Jesus, come.

The Presider concludes the prayers with a collect. All respond: Amen.
CONFESSIO

Presider    Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

You are invited to stand or kneel for the confession.

Presider    Most merciful God,
All        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.

The Presider pronounces God’s forgiveness of our sins. All respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider    The peace of the Lord be always with you.
Assembly    And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All rise as able as the bread, wine and money we offer to God are brought forward and presented at the altar table.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING    Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider    The Lord be with you.
Assembly    And also with you.
Presider    Lift up your hearts.
Assembly    We lift them to the Lord.
Presider    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly    It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Presider    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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
    Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one 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.

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,

All 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.

All AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All Our Father in heaven,
   hallowed be your Name,
   your kingdom come,
   your will be done,
   on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
   as we forgive those
   who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
   and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
   and the glory are yours,
   now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Assembly Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider  The gifts of God for the people of God.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ’s Table.

If you need communion brought to your seat, please let any of the liturgical ministers know. Rice wafers for those who do not eat wheat are available; simply ask for one at the time of communion.

◆ Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.
◆ Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip in the wine and feed you.
◆ To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY  Organ Improvisation

All rise as able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider  Eternal God,
All  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

The Presider asks God’s blessing on the Assembly. All respond: Amen.

HYMN 437  Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  The Hymnal 1982 #437
stanzas 1 & 4  TUNE: Birmingham

Dismissal

Presider  Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Assembly  Thanks be to God.

Voluntary  Gottes Sohn ist kommen, bwv 600
J.S. Bach (1685–1750)  [tune of Hymn #53: “Once he came in blessing”]

Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Canon Jennifer King Daugherty

Assisting Lay Minister
Greg Simon

Eucharistic Minister
Julie Braybrooks

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Intercessor
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