

MORNING PRAYER II WITH COMMUNION
ADVENT IV
DECEMBER 22, 2024 8 A.M.



Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are. St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a Visitor Card and give it to one of our ushers, so we can send you more information about our church. We are blessed that you are here, and we look forward to meeting you!

This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and is a resource for the material needed for this service. You will find three books in the pew rack in front of you - The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (red book), The Hymnal 1982 (blue book), and LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing II - black and red cover). Hymn numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of The Hymnal 1982. It is customary to stand during the singing of hymns and either stand, sit, or kneel for prayers. All items in **bold** are to be read aloud by the people.

PRELUDE

Little Prelude in E Minor

St. Edward's Ringers

PROCESSION

We're marching to Zion

LEVAS Hymnal 12

sts. 1,3 &4

OPENING SENTENCE *All stand, if able*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40:3

BCP 78

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BCP 80

VENITE

BCP 82

PSALM 24 *Please be seated.*

BCP 613

PSALM 29

BCP 620

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

MICAH 5:2-5a

A Lesson from the Book of Micah.

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 he 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.

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE CANTICLE. THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH *All stand, if able.*

BCP 92

SECOND LESSON *Please be seated.*

LUKE 1:39-45

A Lesson from the Gospel According to Luke.

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."

Lector: Here ends the Lesson.

THE HOMILY

Father Fabio Sotelo (*prerecorded*)

THE APOSTLES CREED *All stand, if able.*

BCP 96

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: The Mighty One has done great things for us. And so we appeal to God once again, praying, "Stir up your strength, O Lord; and come to help us." Prepare in us a mansion for yourself, O Christ. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

Intercessor: Restore us, O God of hosts. May we know security. May we know peace. May we know the benefits of the reign of your Christ. Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

Show the strength of your arm, O God: lift up the lowly. Fill the hungry with good things.
Look on your children with favor. Stir up your strength, O Lord;
And come to help us.

For those celebrating birthdays this week especially, Valerie Curry, Joy Sibley, Gaby De la Hoz, Hannah Gatland, Paula Pleitez, John Dagnan, Sharon Portier, Asher Onwuzor, Bill Paasewe, Bernadette Matthews, Nicole Harrison, and Erica Cummins (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Stir up your strength, O Lord;
And come to help us.

Have mercy on all captives and prisoners, O God. Remember them and come to their aid. Fill our hearts with mercy. May we learn to forgive even as you forgive us. Stir up your strength, O Lord;
And come to help us.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God of hosts. May those who have fed on the bread of tears, feed instead on your strength, O Lord. Show them the light of your countenance and be their salvation, especially for Rob, Joyce, Lisa, Xhakeal, Jasmine, Kyle, David, Sarah, Yvonne, Jan, Patrick, Ruth, Joyce, Jorge, Shandi, Winsome, Laura, Richard, Judy, Blanding, Vinny, Kay, and for the victims of war and violence in schools and in the world. (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Stir up your strength, O Lord;
And come to help us.

Great Shepherd, gather your flock into your eternal kingdom. Bless the dying, embrace the dead, and comfort those who mourn, especially Kay Morgareidge (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Stir up your strength, O Lord;
And come to help us.

Officiant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

Officiant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY *Please be seated.* **O come, O come, Emmanuel**

BLUE HYMNAL 56
sts. 1&7

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 97

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is offered in both kinds by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

COMMUNION HYMN

Adoration

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant: 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.

NOTICES *Please be seated.*

THE BLESSING *All stand, if able.*

Officiant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify us with the light of this blessing and set us free from all sin. May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. May we, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant:: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL

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Intercessor – Marver Browne-Thomas
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