

# St. Edward's Episcopal Church



## Holy Eucharist The Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

December 22, 2024 @10:00 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

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

Veni Emmanuel

Organ

*All stand, if able.*

The Posadas Song

*As Mary & Joseph look for lodging, the choir and congregation sing Las Posadas.*

*(see insert)*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: † Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

Presider: 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." (Luke 1:39-42)

WREATH LIGHTING ADVENT IV

Family Promise

Reader: The Mighty One has done great things! Holy is God's Name! The Light of the World is coming.

People: **With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.**

*The first three Advent candles are relit.*

Reader: God's mercy endures from generation to generation for those who are in awe of God.

People: **The proud, the rich, and the mighty no longer have power over us.**

Reader: The lowly are lifted up, and the hungry are satisfied.

People: **We see the light of God shining over the land.**

Reader: We light a fourth candle in anticipation of the wondrous birth.

*Here light the fourth candle.*

Reader: We will open our hearts

People: **That Love may have a place to dwell.**

WREATH LIGHTING MUSIC

We are a people of love

(Barbara Hamm)

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: 'We are a peo - ple of LOVE; \_\_\_\_\_', 'we are a peo - ple of LOVE. \_\_\_\_\_', 'Light - ing a can - dle, we wel - come the dawn;', and 'we are a peo - ple of LOVE. \_\_\_\_\_'. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **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 LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON *Please be seated for the 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 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.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 80:1-7

The Lector reads the Psalm; the People sing the Refrain.

*Refrain*

Re - store us, O God of hosts, show  
us your light and we shall be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *Refrain*
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink. *Refrain*
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *Refrain*

**THE SECOND LESSON**

HEBREWS 10:5-10

A Lesson from the Book of Hebrews.

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.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

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

**THE GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 1:39-45

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

*People:*    **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."

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*    **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

Gabriele Mayes

**THE NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Presider:* 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."

*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.**

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.**

We give you thanks 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.**

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. We pray especially for Rob, Joyce, Lisa, Xhakeal, Jasmine, Kyle, David, Sarah, Yvonne, Jan, Patrick, Ruth, Joyce, Jorge, Shandi, Winsome, Laura, Richard, Judy, Blanding, Vinny, and for the victims of war and violence 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

THE PEACE

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Presider and the people exchange the sign of Peace.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

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

*The Ushers will pass the collection plate for the ministry of the church.*

OFFERTORY

**The Angel Gabriel**

Parish Choir

Basque Carol setting by Richard Shephard

PRESENTATION HYMN

**Tell out my soul**

BLUE HYMNAL 438

*Please stand, if able.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

BLUE HYMNAL S-130

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

**Our Father**

LEVAS HYMNAL 264

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Presider:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Communion is served at the altar rails by intinction.*

*Please indicate to the minister if you take bread/host or gluten free host.*

COMMUNION HYMNS *From the following, as time permits.*

**My soul doth magnify the Lord**

Parish Choir

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

*Presider:* We send you forth bearing this Holy Gifts, that those to whom we go  
may share with us in the mystery of the present of Christ our Lord.

*People:* **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

*Presider:* 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

THE BLESSING

*Presider:* May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of this blessing and set you free from all sin. May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. May you, 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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**O come, O come, Emmanuel**

BLUE HYMNAL 56

*Please stand, if able.*

*sts. 1, 5 & 7*

THE DISMISSAL

*Presider:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE



**Serving Today**

- Presider – Father Fabio Sotelo
- Preacher – Gabriele Mayes
- Verger – Leslie Nystrom
- Altar Guild - Cindy Moseley, Christian Jones, Jewel Ffrench
- Altar Bread – Charles & Mary Lu Rogers
- Altar Flowers – Flower Guild
- Crucifer –Lawrence Toomey
- Torches – Choco Harmon, Valerie Curry
- Lay Eucharist Ministers – Samantha Toomey, Hillary Toomey
- Visiting Eucharistic Ministers – Marilyn Emmons
- Wreath Lighting – Family Promise
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson – Jeanette Best-Nunez
- Psalm - Choir
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson –Bernadette Matthews
- Intercessor – Bernadette Matthews
- Ushers –Cecilia Midzi, Bob Wahl, Kathy Ruchalski
- Sound & Video –Ted Ruchalski
- Piano & Organ – Carla Strott
- Flutes –Sanya Simmons & Lee Ann Sipe
- Guitar – Rich Van Slyke
- St. Edward’s Parish Choir
- VPOD – Alma Hurtado

**Parish Personnel**

- The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Diocesan Bishop
- The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, Priest-in-Charge
- Leslie Nystrom, Parish Administrator
- Leslie Nystrom, Verger
- Carla Strott, Director of Worship Arts
- Gustavo Romero, Director del Coro
- Ted Ruchalski, Media Engineer & Technology Consultant
- William Paasewe, Treasurer
- Diane Van Slyke, Assistant Treasurer
- Magalie Nemorin-Nonez, Bookkeeper
- Nicole Harrison, Chancellor

**The Vestry of Saint Edward’s**

- Jennifer Khaleel, Senior Warden
- Alma Hurtado, Junior Warden
- Marck A. Morman, Erica Harris, Valerie Curry,
- Brendalyne Tamba-Dahn, Cecilia Midzi,
- Martha Cuenca, Teresa Guzmán, Ruth Mannah,
- Darcey Tatum, and Lorenzo Clarke.
- Mary Lu Rogers, Clerk of the Vestry.

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