



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.

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Welcome

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Land Acknowledgement

Opening Song: “The Rose” (*Amanda McBroom*)

Please rise, as you are able

Some say love, it is a river
That drowns the tender reed
Some say love it is a razor
That leaves your soul to bleed

Some say love it is a hunger
An endless aching need
I say love it is a flower
And you it's only seed

It's the heart afraid of breaking
That never learns to dance
It's the dream afraid of waking
That never takes the chance

It's the one who won't be taken
Who cannot seem to give
And the soul afraid of dying
That never learns to live

When the night has been too lonely
And the road has been too long
And you think that love is only
For the lucky and the strong

Just remember in the winter
Far beneath the bitter snows
Lies the seed that with the sun's love
In the spring becomes the rose

The candle of Love is processed. All on Zoom are encouraged to light a candle in their homes.

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud,
among the persecuted,
among the privileged,

***All:* Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: In the private house, in the public place,
in the wedding feast,
in the judgment hall,

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
with a clear conscience,
with burning love,

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: That the Kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble,
that the hidden might be revealed,

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,
in this place, in every place,
for this time, for all time,

All: **Christ is coming to make all things new.**

A period of silence is kept.

✠ **The Gathering of the Community**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God of promise,
you look with favour on the lowly,
you scatter the proud and you fill the hungry.
May we, like Mary, respond to your call
and be obedient to your will;
through Jesus Christ who is to come. **Amen.**

✠ **The Proclamation of the Word**

Please be seated

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah.

But 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 labour 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. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Micah 5.2-5a

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Canticle: Taizé 45 Magnificat

Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free.

Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!
Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!

TEXT: Luke 1.46; Taizé Community, 1978. TUNE: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) © 1979, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

Consequently, 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Hebrews 10.5-10

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #783 (Gather) "Sing of Mary..."

Please rise, as you are able



1. Sing of Mar-y pure and low-ly, Vir-gin-moth-er un-de-filed,
2. Sing of Je-sus, son of Mar-y, In the home at Naz-a-areth.
3. Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther; Glo-ry be to God the Son;



Sing of God's own Son most ho-ly, Who be-came her lit-tle child.
Toil and la-bour can-not wea-ry Love en-dur-ing un-to death.
Glo-ry be to God the Spir-it; Glo-ry to the Three in One.



Fair-est child of fair-est moth-er, God the Lord who came to earth,
Con-stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
From the heart of bless-ed Mar-y, From all saints the song as-cends,



Word made flesh, our ver-y broth-er, Takes our na-ture by his birth.
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf-fer, Till on Cal-va-ry he died.
And the church the strain re-ech-oes Un-to earth's re-mot-est ends.

TEXT: Roland F. Palmer, 1891-1985.
TUNE: PLEADING SAVIOR, 8 7 8 7 D; *Christian Lyre*, 1830; 1986, GIA Publications, Inc

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

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

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***All:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 leapt 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 leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said, “my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 1.39-55

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Andrew Kuhl

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise, as you are able

Leader: Pleading for God’s gift of a renewing Spirit,
let us offer our prayers to God, saying
Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: That our lives may be songs of praise and thanksgiving rising
from joyful hearts and proclaiming in every word we speak
and gesture we make that God fills us with holy presence.

Let us pray to the Lord saying:
Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: That all in our world held in captivity or enslaved
may find liberation from the chains that bind them
and new freedom for their hearts.

Let us pray to the Lord saying:
Show us your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation.

Leader: That we may accept with courage God's anointing of our lives
to share in the divine mission of rescue for the world,
bringing justice and joy to all peoples,
Let us pray to the Lord saying:
Show us your mercy

All: **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader: That we may reverently offer in service to the world
the ministry of light which we hold in fragile human hands,
sharing in the saving work of Christ the Light.
Let us pray to the Lord saying:
Show us your mercy

All: **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader: That the mercy of God which lasts from age to age may wash over us,
bless us and stir up in us the bold courage
to be its faithful prophets in our world.
Let us pray to the Lord saying:
Show us your mercy

All: **And grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Send the Spirit of Jesus upon us, O God,
that we may be your songs of peace and joy in this world.
We pray in the name of the one who is our peace and joy.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #350 (Gather) “God’s Surprise”



1. Who would think that what was need-ed To trans-form and save the earth
2. Shep-herds watch and wise men won-der, Mon-archs scorn and an-gels sing;
3. Cen-tu-ries of skill and sci-ence Span the past from which we move,



Might not be a plan or ar-my, Proud in pur-pose, proved in worth?
Such a place as none would reck-on Hosts a ho-ly help-less thing;
Yet ex-pe-rience ques-tions wheth-er, With such pro-gress, we im-prove.



Who would think, de-spite de-ri-sion, That a child should lead the way?
Sta-ble beasts and by-passed stran-gers Watch a ba-by laid in hay:
While the hu-man lot we pon-der, Lest our hopes and hu-mour fray,



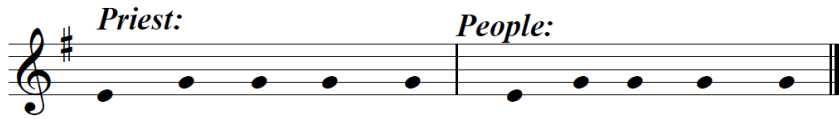
God sur-pris-es earth with heav-en, Com-ing here on Christ-mas Day.
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✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

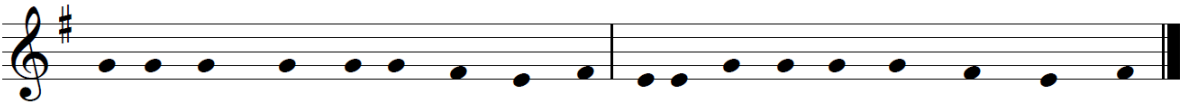
Priest: Gracious God,
by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you. **And al – so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



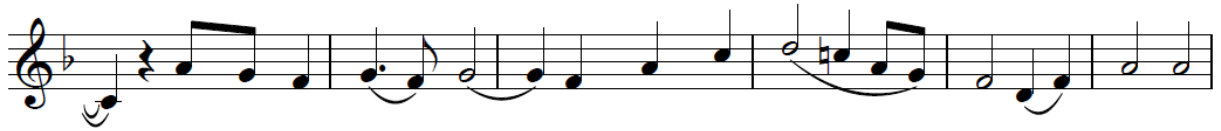
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.



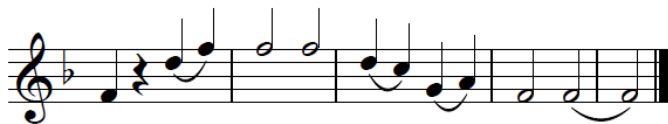
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na



in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the



Lord, of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est,



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ho - san-na in the high-est.

Priest: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks, saying,
“Take, and eat” this is my body which is broken for you.”
In the same way he took the cup, saying,
“This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to be in your presence and serve you.

Priest: We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

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

Priest: 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.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends,
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.*

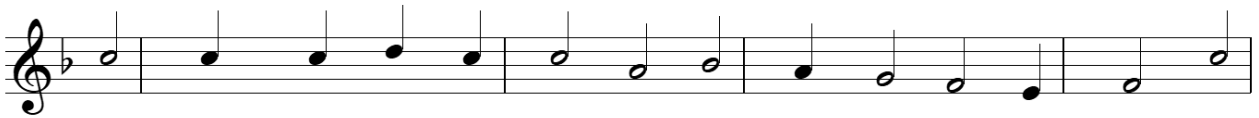
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Communion

Please follow the instructions on the screens for receiving Communion

Communion Hymn: #368 (Gather) “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung! Of
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in mind, With
3. O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air, Dis-



Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing As seers of old have sung. It came, a blos-som
Mar-y we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth-er kind. To show God's love a-
pel in glo-rious splen-dour The dark-ness ev - 'ry-where; True man, yet ver - y



bright, A - mid the cold of win-ter, When half spent was the night.
right, She bore to us a Sav-iour, When half spent was the night.
God, From sin and death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Faithful God,
In this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.
May we, like the Virgin Mary,
be obedient to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,
All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Departing Hymn: #367 (Gather) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"



1. It came up - on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings un -
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife, The world has suf - fered
4. For, lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph - ets seen of



old, From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of
furled, And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry
long; Be - neath the heav'n - ly hymn have rolled Two thou - sand years of
old, When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore -



gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all From
world: A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
wrong; And war - ring hu - man - kind hears not The
told, When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its



heaven's all gra - cious King"; The world in sol - emn
bend on hov - 'ring wing, And ev - er o'er its
tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
an - cient splen - dours fling, And all the world give



still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
cease your strife And hear the an - gels sing.
back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go forth in love to serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

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CELEBRATE ADVENT

Sunday, December 19, 7:00 PM – Advent Vespers

A magnificent experience of music and liturgy, focusing on the theme of preparation and culminating in the joyful celebration of the Incarnation.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 24, 5:00 PM – Family Service

Available exclusively on Zoom, a Christmas Eve service with families in mind.

Friday, December 24, 7:30 PM – Rockin' Christmas Eve

Traditional Carols and the Rock Eucharist Band

Friday, December 24, 10.30 PM

Carols, Procession & Sung Eucharist

Saturday, December 25, 10.30 AM

Christmas Day morning procession and eucharist

Sunday, December 26 – First Sunday After Christmas

Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom

Sunday, January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom

Ministry Updates

Advent Vespers at 7 PM

Join us for a combination of music and liturgy, focusing on the theme of preparation and in the joyful celebration of the Incarnation. The service will not be available on Zoom, but please join us in the church; links to register are available in this week's eNews and on the [website](#).

Compline at 8 PM

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in this week's eNews.

Daily Prayer

Each **Wednesday morning**, a simple printed order for daily prayer is added to the parish website with a link shared on the Facebook page. This is an invitation to set aside time at some point in the day to read scripture, spend time with a reflection, and offer prayers. The link to the order of service is in eNews. The order of service for December 22 will be posted on Wednesday morning on the [website](#).

Marginalia: The Four Last Things

Many modern Christians know Advent's four weeks of ascent toward Christmas: hope, love, joy, and peace...and then Jesus! But one older tradition takes a lower, darker path to Christmas over Advent's four weeks: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. This December, as the pandemic tarries, Redeemer's Marginalia will explore Advent's "four last things" using Scripture, literature, art, and music, led by our Scholar-in-Residence, Nate Wall, and a few special guests. We'll make our way to the beginning by facing into the end. Join us over [Zoom](#) on Monday nights (Dec. 20) at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

Welcome Teams for Christmas

If you plan to attend any of our Christmas services - Christmas Eve at 7:30 PM and 10:30 PM and Christmas Day at 10:30AM - could you help with greeting or seating for one of these services? To lend a hand, please **contact Ann Cope** with your availability and we'll get you added to the team. Your welcoming presence is very much appreciated!

Please note: you will need to comply with all health and safety protocols including wearing a mask at all times and show proof of vaccination to be part of this vital ministry of welcome.

Decorating for Christmas

Do you remember how beautiful our church looks for the Christmas services? It takes a small but mighty team to make that happen. If you have time on **Tuesday, December 21** during the day to help put ornaments on the trees and get other things into place, the decorating team would love a few more volunteers. **Contact Ann Cope** to find out more and to volunteer. We will be maintaining all the protocols that keep us healthy – working together but safely apart!

Mid-day Prayer

Join members of our community mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings is sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is [here](#).

Tuesday Meditation Group

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin is meeting in the chancel again on Tuesdays for a half an hour, starting at **12:15 PM**. All are welcome to join for a peaceful mid-week reflection. Registration/contract tracing will be completed at the door. If you have any other questions, please contact [Lilian](#).

Bell Ringing

Do you worship at the 11:15 AM service? Have you rung the bell before and want to do it again? Would you like to learn to ring the bell? No rota. No schedule. Contact [Charles Klassen](#).

Becoming a Pilgrim

The results of the on-line questionnaire about pilgrimage indicate that there is considerable interest both in undertaking a pilgrimage to Spain and local ones close to home. Therefore, the Committee is proposing a parish Camino to Santiago in mid-September of 2022, with two possible starting points. The first begins in the village of O'Cebreiro and would mean a pilgrimage of about nine days; the second in the city of Sarria and would take approximately six to seven. As well we will plan a series of local pilgrimages in and around the GTA, beginning in Eastertide of next year and continuing into the autumn.

Anyone interested in the Camino pilgrimage in Spain is invited to a Zoom planning meeting on Wednesday January 19, 2022, at 7:30 PM. Meanwhile, if you have any

questions, please contact Susan Haig or Henry Krol. The Zoom link will be available in a future edition of eNews. Planning for the local pilgrimages will commence in February of 2022.

The Common Table

The pandemic has caused many services to close, meaning low-income folks or people experiencing homelessness have limited access to resources. Clothing and hygiene supplies are particularly hard to come by and, with the changing of the seasons, we are in urgent need of winter wear. If you would like to bring in a donation, please contact Paul Wasswa, The Common Table's Outreach Supply Room Coordinator, to arrange a drop-off time. Please be mindful of the items we are requesting, as we do not have storage space for items our community does not need. A list of the items we need right now is updated regularly and can be found on The Common Table's page of the website. Please note that we are unable to provide receipts for in-kind donations.

Pastoral Care Team Checking In

The Pastoral Care Team and its volunteers have been calling and continue to call, members of the Redeemer Community to check in with them regarding how they are doing during this pandemic. Due to the ongoing isolation and disconnectedness, if you know of anyone who would benefit from a call from our Pastoral Care Team, that has not been receiving a call, please contact Tony Crosbie at tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca.

Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form here.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available online. This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese, and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

Future Ministry Updates

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email twilliams@theredeemer.ca by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.

