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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Fourth Sunday in Advent: Lighting the Advent Candle

Celebrant: The first three candles we lit were for **hope**, **peace**, and **joy**. Today we light the fourth candle--the candle of **LOVE**. With this flame we signify the **love** of God that surrounds and fills us at all time, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than **LOVE**. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger than even death. We **love** because **God LOVES us**.

Congregational Prayer: Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. Light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your LOVE within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen

Processional Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

GH #51

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Lord__ God Al - might - y!
* 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord__ God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY (Said in Unison)

Almighty God unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.

C: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 7&8)

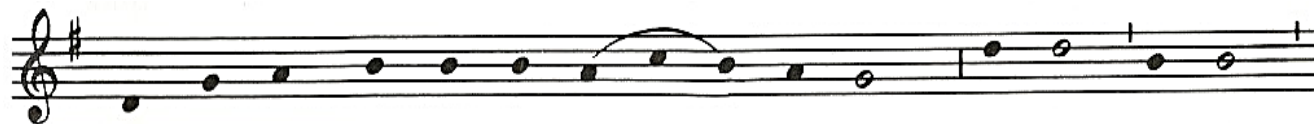
#56



7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



hearts of all man-kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re joice! Re joice!
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

C: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

C: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.***

+Please be seated for the Readings.

THE FIRST LESSON comes from the Second Book of the Prophet Samuel (7:1-11, 16)

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary, *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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.


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THE SECOND LESSON comes from Paul's Romans (16:25-27)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord


People: Thanks be to God.



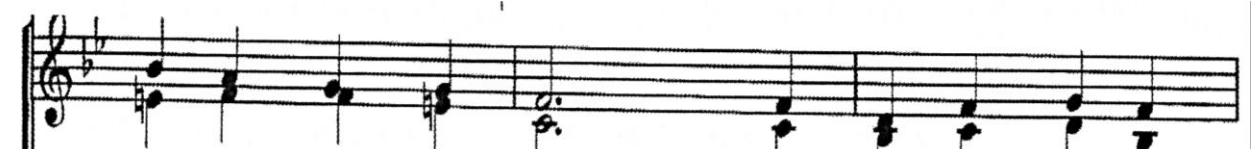
1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of




God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they



barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And



power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us



poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

THE GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Douglas C. Smith

+Please be seated.



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.

+Please remain standing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humankind: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene Sutton our Bishop and Carrie Schofield-Broadbent our Bishop Coadjutor; our Priest's Douglas C. Smith and Sally Joyner Giffin, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts and minds of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe Biden, our President; Kamala Harris, our Vice President, and Wes Moore, our Governor; and for all elected officials, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

We most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor;

Gladys F. Smith, Kathy Smith, Brett Kelly, Janet Nave, Richard Patterson, Bob McAfee, Joan and Debbie Portner, Enid Shannon, Bob Stakes, Vanessa Pryor, Carl Keeney, Tracey Stottlemeyer, Margaret Cool, Betsy Schoonover, Paul Doyle, John Guillory, Richard Massey, Ursula Cole, Hawa Freeman, Ed Zinn, Kathryn Rentzell, Joe Loetell, Casey Gray, Nana T, Ben Ayres, Jo Mason, Susan Akins, Caroline Tate, Joan L., People of Ukraine and all the victims of the conflict in the Middle East and around the world.

We also offer prayers for those with long-term needs: Aaron Teitel, Mitchell Scott, Daryl and Susie Trout, Joan, Jimmy and Ira James Burrier, Nathaniel Rentzell, Virginia Rauth, Wilton III, Sue Shatto, Ed Joyner, Marcia Bell, Bobby Toms, Susan Hess, Danny Harman, Carla Beck, Adunni Dennis, Karen Hess, Robert L. Gray Jr., Mae Bolin, John Kent, Bonnie Miller, Cotton Harrison, Betty and Bob Gray, Robert Ricketts, Mildred Coshon, Rob and Becky Hankey, Susan and Jim Rauth, Shirley Long, Cheyanne Sanger, Nancy and Jerry Anderson, Bessie A., Deborah Boisvert, John Moser, Kim Grimm,

and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Prayers for the Departed: And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, (especially for _____), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**



Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

+Please stand or kneel if you are able.

A: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

C: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

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

A: And with thy spirit.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord

BIRTHDAY PRAYER: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, first responders and their loved ones. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. We pray for: Tyler Pescatore, Jake Nichols, Nick Elias, Josh Long, Adam Long, Brandon Clabaugh, Josh Joyner, Eric Donnelly, Ryan Rhooms,

C: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice for God.

+please be seated.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory: Ave Maria

Solo by Stephen Hess

+Please stand, if able.

The Doxology (*sung*)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures her below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Faather, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

C: The Lord be with you.

A: *And with thy spirit.*

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

C: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

A: *It is meet and right so to do.*

C. It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,



Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) (Sung)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are
full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____
_____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly half and quarter notes. There are several long horizontal lines (breath marks) indicating where the singer should pause. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a final double bar line on the eighth staff.

+Please kneel or stand, if able.

C: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

(Silent pause while bell tolls)

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

C: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

A: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread



+Silence

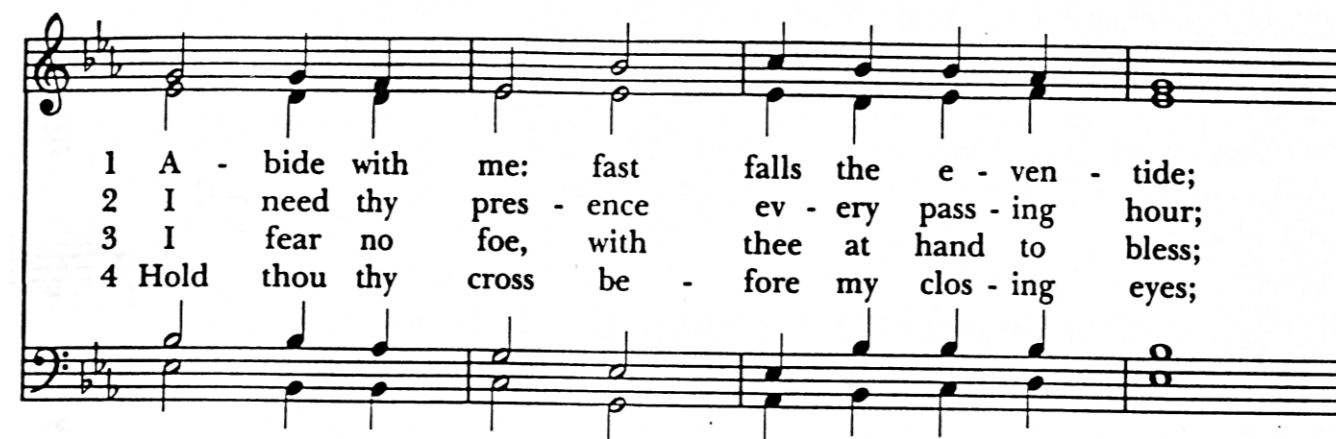
C: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

A: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

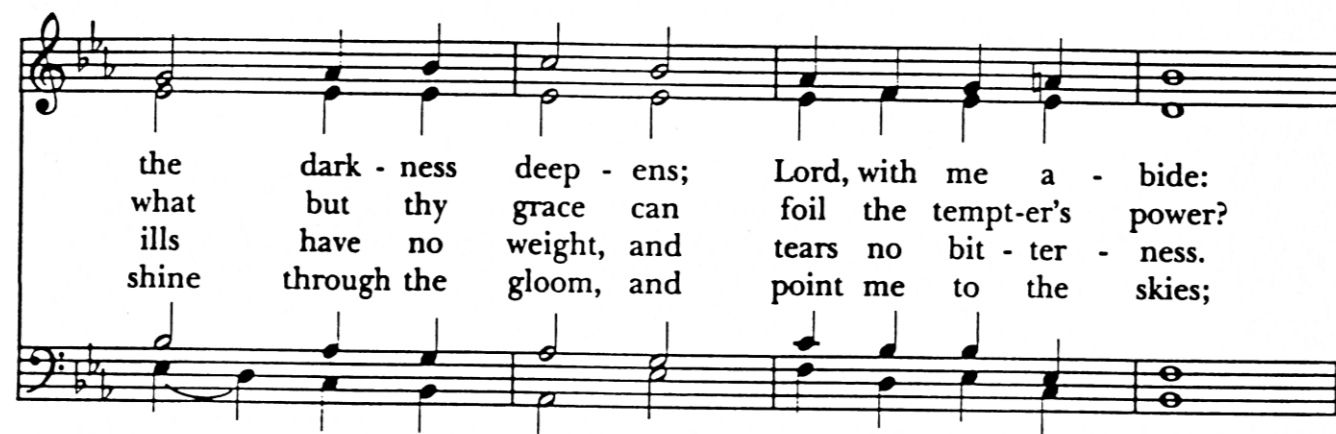
C: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or you may request a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, or if you need a gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the greeters and if you feel called to be baptized at a later date, please see Fr. Doug or Pastor Sally. Thank you.

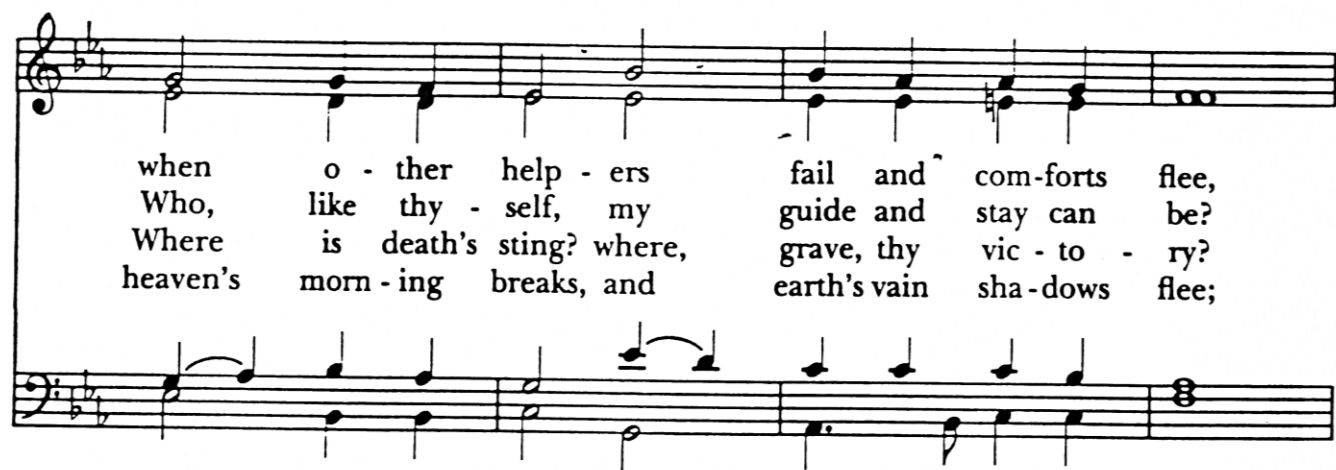




1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



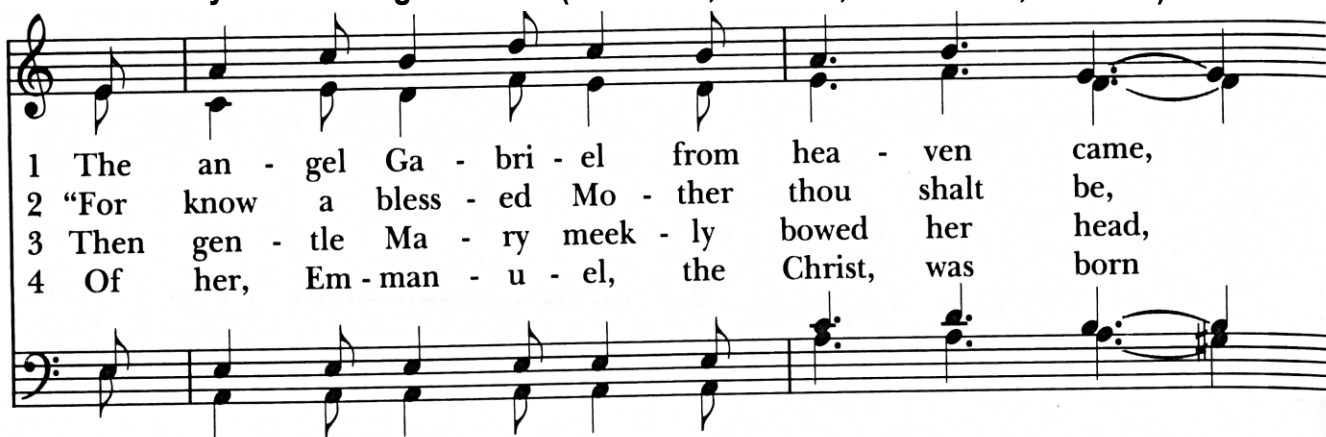
the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



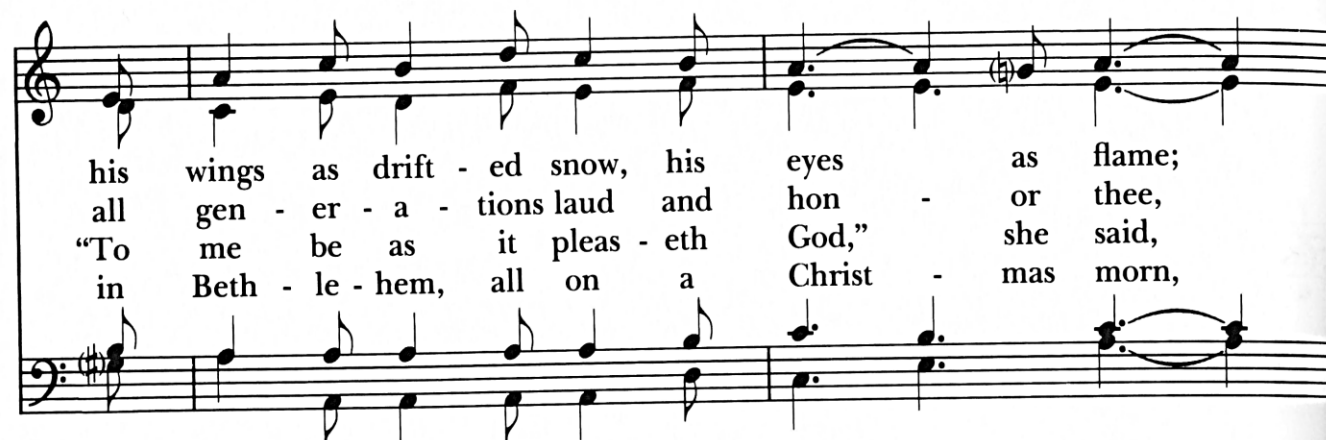
when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;



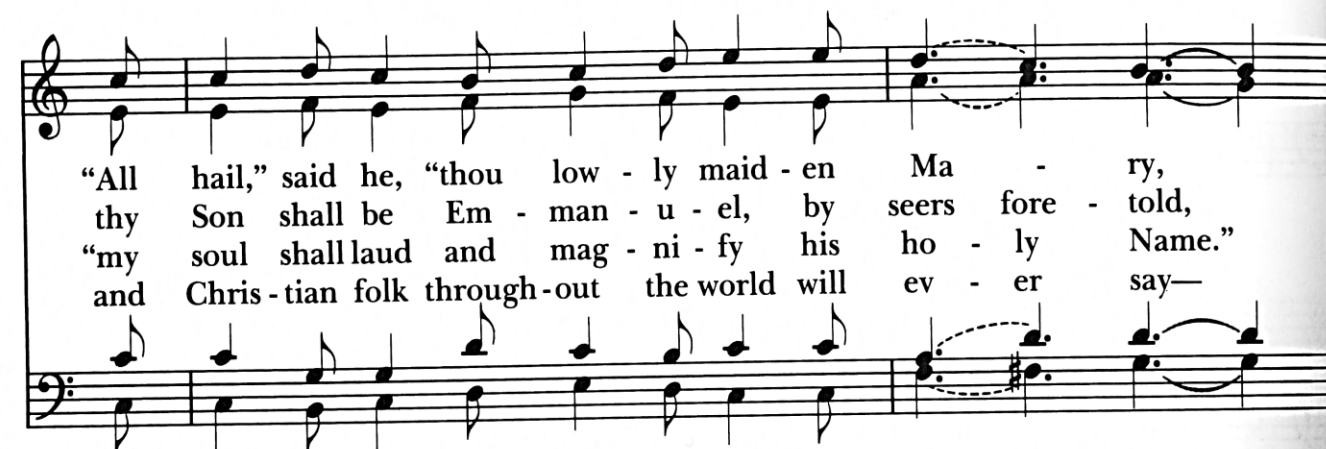
help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

+Please stand, if able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Let us pray.

A: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.


The Blessing

Announcements (*Please be seated*)


+Please stand, if you are able for the Recessional.

Resessional: How Great Thou Art


LEVAS #60



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - or -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. _____
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. _____
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. _____
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art. _____



Go Now in Peace *(sung while the candles are extinguished)*

Go now in peace, never be afraid
 God will go with you each hour of every day
 Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
 Know He will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love and show you believe
 Reach out to others so all the world can see
 God will be there watching from above
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love

DISMISSAL

+Please turn to face the entrance.

Celebrant: Depart in peace and take with you the certain knowledge that God is always coming into the world. Seek God not in a long ago stable or ancient manger, but in the people, we meet and the depths of our own hearts. May the blessing of Christmas make you a blessing to others. Go forth in hope, peace, joy, and love.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! We are happy you are worshipping with us. If you have any questions, please ask. We look forward to seeing you again, so come back to worship, serve, and share fellowship with us.

FOLLOWING CHURCH TODAY, we will be placing our Christmas flowers out in the sanctuary. Help would be appreciated. Thank you.

Save the Date:

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 7:00 p.m. we will begin singing carols and our Christmas Eve Worship Service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH will be Lessons and Carols, readers are needed. If you would like to volunteer, please let the office know. Thank you.

DOCENT MEETING on Sunday, January 14th, Liz is requesting all Docents plan to stay following church to discuss 2023 and plan 2024. Please see Liz Shatto, for any answers you may need.

ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 21st, 2024.

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2024 PLEDGE FORM happens to be the last page of your bulletin. You are asked to prayerfully consider which of your talents/gifts you can share with Harriet Chapel. The church is more than stone and mortar, it is a living/breathing community. We are Harriet Chapel, we are the stewards God has placed here to see to its upkeep, its care and nurturing, its growth and future. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community to care for God's church. Please have your completed forms back to the office by the 3rd of December. ***I forgot to mention last week that if you would like to volunteer as a greeter, a lay reader, or any other job that you don't see listed, please make a note on your form.*** Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR: We thank Karen and Joshua Marcia for providing our repast last week.

NO fellowship today, as we will be gathering to celebrate the infant's birth with a celebration of carols followed by our Christmas Service. See everyone then. Merry Christmas!

+++New sign-up sheets for 2024 have been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the parish hall. Please consider signing up, if you are hesitant to host a morning by yourself, ask a friend to join you. Nothing fancy is necessary, whatever you feel comfortable providing will do. The church has paper products, coffee, and water available for your use.

FOOD BANK NEWS: You can place your donated items in the baskets located in the narthex. We currently distribute to 100 or so families each week, which comes out to over 300 people a week. As part of our outreach to the local community, let's fill up these baskets every week. Let's help each other, support each other in our daily life. Remember the Parable of the Good Samaritan, consider – who is my neighbor?

A FLOWER SIGNUP SHEET: New flower sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway to the parish hall. The church uses Gateway Florist in Thurmont.

The cost of the flowers is \$65.00, this includes the vase and delivery.

When signing up you do have the option to indicate whether you would like to provide your own flowers or have the church order them for you.

When the season permits, you may use flowers from your own gardens, or you may even use a nice potted plant. *+Remember, no artificial flowers are allowed on the altar. We would also like to caution against using live*

flowers which have been dyed, if these should accidentally get spilled, the dye may damage the carpet.



DESIGNATED OFFERINGS: On the first Sunday of each month all loose offerings will go into the Rector's discretionary Fund, to be used in emergencies. On every 5th Sunday all loose offerings will be used for our Outreach Ministry.

ACUTE AND LONG-TERM PRAYER LISTS: Please review your prayer requests and let the church office know if someone can be removed or just moved from one list to another. Thank you.

PRAYER INTERCESSOR: Choose one or two people to pray for each week. Praying will help lift their burdens and will bring you closer to God and your neighbors.

TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH: To ensure that our ministries remain active, and those with needs can still depend on us to help them, we are asking you to continue to give your weekly donations and special gifts to the church. The program, **Tithe.ly**, is easy to use and upon making a successful transaction you will get an immediate receipt. Here is the link to our donation page – <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2426883>. You may also continue to support your church by mailing your gifts. Thank you for every gift you can give to support our church and ministries.

THE CHIMES NEWSLETTER: The deadline for submitting an article for placement in the newsletter will be the **20th** of each month. We want to keep everyone aware of what is going on in our community and church. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

*Vestry meets on the third Wednesday, September through July at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

*The Men's Bible Study Group holds their meetings via telephone conferencing on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. If interested in joining them, please contact John Giffin at: 302-712-5355.

*A.A. meets in the parish hall at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and at noon on Fridays.

LIVING WATER INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY will be worshipping here at Harriet Chapel on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month. Their worship begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by fellowship, all are welcome. +++Please note that on Christmas Eve, LWICC will begin at 1 p.m. with a half hour of carols.

MUSIC PROVIDED BY STEPHEN HESS. As always, Stephen, we thank you for your faithful ministry and the many blessings which your ministry has brought to us.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Fr. Doug and Pastor Sally will always try to get to church for services unless the roads are unsafe. Please use your own discretion about whether the roads near your home are safe for travel. If we know in advance that church will not be held, we will post the cancellation on Facebook, on our Website and Susie will send out an email to let everyone know. In turn, we are asking you to call those whom you believe may not have access to a computer to let them know our status. Please make sure that the office has your correct email address. Thank you.

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We Greet Your Coming

We greet your coming, God, with wonder:
You come to be with us; yet you remain far greater than we can imagine.
You are near; yet your wisdom sets you apart from us.
You appear among us; yet we cannot describe your glory.

We greet your coming, God, with repentance:
We are more or less satisfied with ourselves; but your presence exposes our sin and failure.
We are self-confident; but you challenge our confidence in ourselves.
We are proud of our understanding; but you show us that we do not know everything.

We greet your coming, God, with joy:
We had no true idea of what you are like; but you have shown us yourself in Jesus Christ.
We felt our human life could be of no importance to you; but you have shown its value by appearing among us as a man.
We are aware of the gulf between us and you; but you have bridged it with love.

God, we greet your coming in Jesus Christ our Lord!

Amen.