

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MORNING PRAYER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 10:30 A.M.



ST. DAVID OF WALES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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OPENING HYMN *The King Shall Come H 73 Please stand*

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Officiant: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. (*Lector lights the first blue candle.*)

We light this candle for peace. (*Lector lights the second blue candle.*)

We light this candle in joy! (*Lector lights the pink/third candle.*)

We light this candle with love. (*Lector lights the last blue candle.*)

Officiant: Let us pray:

**All: God of hope, God of Peace, God of joy, and God of love,
Teach us how to love one another
as reflections of your light in the world.
God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.**

(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Rejoice, Rejoice
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. *Silence may be kept.*

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Most merciful God,
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 Officiant remains kneeling and says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter *Please stand*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **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.**

Officiant: Our God and Savior now draws near: O come let us worship.

INVITATORY

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *

shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *

stir up your strength and come to help us.

³Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-16 *The people sit.*

The kings of Syria and Israel are bent on conquering Jerusalem and installing a puppet king on Judah's throne – one not descended from David. Speaking through Isaiah, God has told Ahaz, King of Judah, to trust in God rather than in human counsel. If Ahaz stands firm in faith, the conquest will fail.

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with a bell.*

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FIRST CANTICLE S 84 *Please stand and sing:*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. 3 times

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. 3 times

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. 2 times

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7*The people sit.*

The Church at Rome was one Paul had neither founded nor visited, although he hopes to meet the members of this community soon, to share spiritual gifts with them, and for the encouragement of their faith and his.

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with a bell.*

SECOND CANTICLE GC 527 *Please stand and sing V. 4*

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
 depths of the past to the end of the age to
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing

wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952
 Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952
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THIRD READING: Matthew 1:18-25 *The people sit.*

Matthew has told us of Jesus' descent from David, through Joseph. A marriage contract has been signed by Joseph (or his parents) and by Mary's parents. Certainly, in earlier times if a bride was found by her husband to be already pregnant, she could be stoned to death.

But Mary is with child through divine intervention.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

People **Thanks be to God.** *Silence follows with a bell.*

HOMILY *Patti Case, Licensed Preacher*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.

People **And listen to our prayer.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The lector will begin the prayers. Please speak a prayer as you are led.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us appeal to the Lord praying, **“Restore us, O God of hosts; Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.”**

We ask you, O God, to bless your Church. Give us your grace. Stir up your strength and come to help us even as we declare the gospel concerning your Son.

Restore us, O God of hosts; Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

We ask you, O God, to bless this nation. May our leaders not trust in their own strength but in you, O God of hosts. Teach us to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Restore us, O God of hosts; Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

We ask you, O God, to bless this planet. By your creative power bring forth new life in the places in which we have reaped too much or sown too little.

Restore us, O God of hosts; Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

We ask you, O God, to bless our communities. Let your hand be upon us. Guide and strengthen all those who find themselves in difficult situations—especially young and single parents.

Restore us, O God of hosts; Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

We ask you, O God, to bless all those who are distressed. Hear their prayers, O Shepherd of the flock. May they take comfort in the knowledge that you are with them. We pray especially for: **Mike & Judy, Doug, Greg, David, Robin, Beverly, Ryan, Linda, Beth, Beth J., Elinor, Akashia & her family, Jason, Amanda, John, Steve, and Jerry.**

And hear these concerns as we cry out to you:

Please speak your petitions silently or aloud

Restore us, O God of hosts; Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

We ask you, O God, to bless all who have died. Welcome into your heavenly kingdom all who are called to be saints.

Restore us, O God of hosts; Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

FIRST COLLECT

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.*

SECOND COLLECT

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

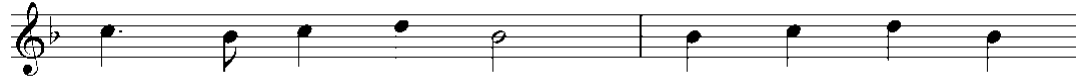
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



Savior of the nations, come H 54



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

OFFERTORY *Those worshipping online are invited to make an offering at sdow.org*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Please be seated*

DOXOLOGY *Please stand and sing*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Glory to God 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. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

CLOSING SONG: *Praise We the Lord This Day H 267*

1 Praise we the Lord this day, this day so long fore - told, whose
2 The pro - phet gave the sign for faith - ful folk to read: a
3 Ask not how this should be, but wor - ship and a - dore, like
4 She meek - ly bowed her head to hear the gra - cious word, Ma -
5 Most blest shall be her name in all the Church on earth, through

1 prom - ise shone with cheer - ing ray on wait - ing saints of old.
2 vir - gin born of Da - vid's line shall bear the prom - ised seed.
3 her whom hea - ven's Ma - jes - ty came down to sha - dow o'er.
4 ry, the pure and low - ly maid, the fa - vored of the Lord.
5 whom that won - drous mer - cy came, the in - car - nate Sa - vior's birth.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

My Way of Love Study Wednesday 12 p.m.
Christmas Eve Eucharist Sat. Dec. 24th 7 p.m.
Christmas Day Service Sun. Dec. 25th 12 p.m.

SUNG BENEDICTION *May God Bless and Keep You GC #577*

*May God bless and keep you; may God smile on you.
May God show you kindness, fill you with peace.
And may God bless you, Father, Son, and Spirit;
may we always love and serve, filled with God's peace.*

*May God bless and keep us; may God smile on us.
May God show us kindness, fill us with peace.
And may God bless us, Father, Son, and Spirit;
may we always love and serve, filled with God's peace.*