

# Fourth Sunday in Advent

20 December 2020 AD

[PART ONE] A LITURGY OF THE WORD *on YouTube*  
[PART TWO] COMMUNION *in the Back Lot at 11*

Prelude

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

### Opening Hymn 74 “Blest Be The King Whose Coming”

- 1 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;  
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!
- 2 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;  
pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed  
the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.
- 3 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.  
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,  
all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!
- 4 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.  
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,  
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

*Celebrant says Collect for Purity*      *Prayer Book page in blue brackets [355]*

### Hymn of Praise 56 (verses 7 and 8)

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *[Refrain]*

### The Collect of the Day

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*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Priest:* Let us pray.      *Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

### Lesson

*A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.* [2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16] *The Word of the Lord.* [*People: Thanks be to God.*]



The Advent  
of the Messiah

**Gradual Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26** *read in unison*

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
“I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’”

**Epistle**

*A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.* [Romans 16:25-27] *The Word of the Lord.* [People: Thanks be to God.]

**Sequence Hymn 68** “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

- 1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.
- 2 See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;  
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!
- 3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!

With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

### **The Holy Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [Luke 1:26-38] The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]*

**The Sermon** *silence follows the sermon*

### **The Nicene Creed**

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**W**e 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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor concludes each petition:* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People reply:* **Lord, reveal your mercy.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*All:* 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 Priest says the Assolution.*

**The Peace**    *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

### **Anthem**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*Officiant and People pray the Lord's Prayer.*

**The Blessing** *reminds us that we are blessed to be a blessing.*

### **Closing Hymn 73** "The King Shall Come"

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky. . . .
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

### **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we remember Mission Agencies throughout the  
Communion and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember Christ Church in the  
city of Denmark.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**The Holy Eucharist in the Back Lot at 4:30 this Thursday.  
This will be a full service broadcast to your car radio.  
We will have a Brass Quartet to add joy to our hymns.**

*If you are strictly isolating, you may come in your car and not receive  
communion by leaving your windows up and making a spiritual communion.*

**INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

