

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 18, 2022

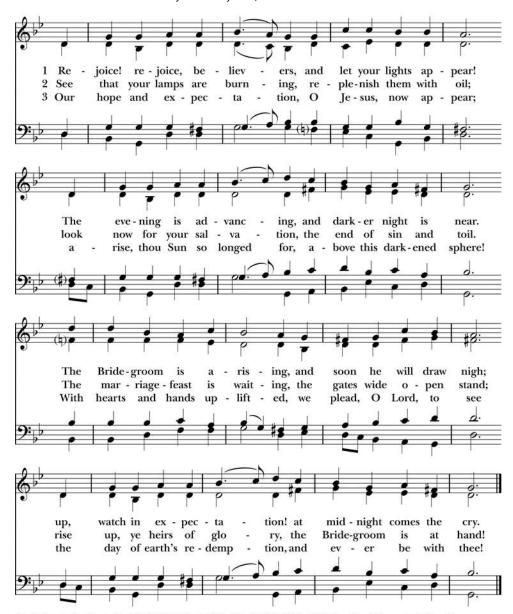
The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:00 A.M

Prelude

Exspecto adventum "I await the arrival"

J. William Greene



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: Llangloffan, melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865.

The Word of God

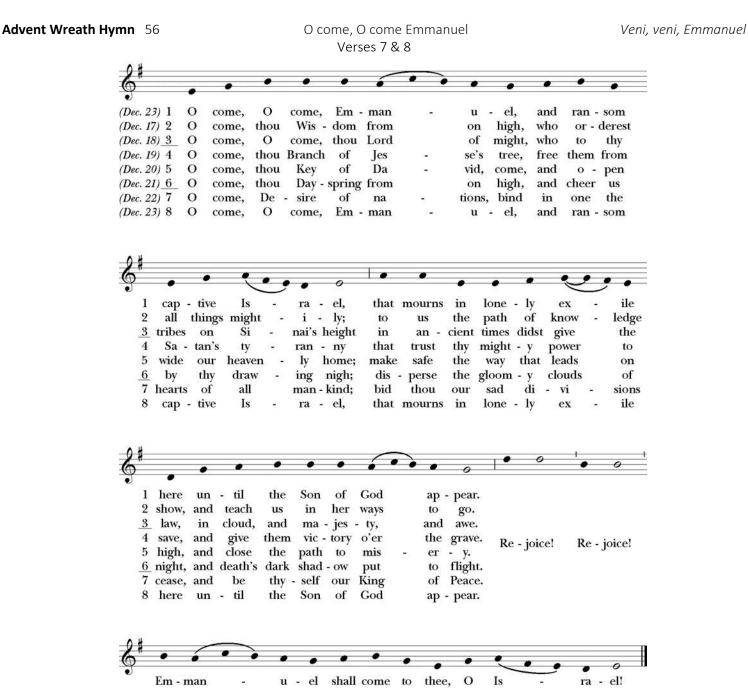
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People

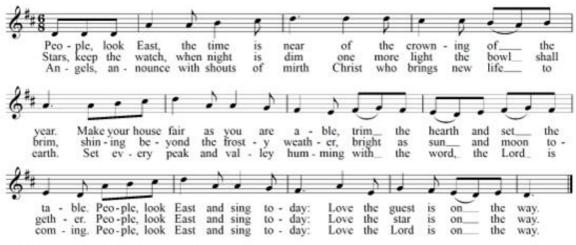
You come to your people and set them free.



The Collect for Purity said by the Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.**

People, look East



Music: Besançon Carol Words: Eleanor Farjeon

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

God with us, borne by Mary's flesh beyond all convention: give us the faith of Joseph to see the Spirit's work where the world sees only shame; to listen to the promise and waken to the cry of life renewed and love reborn; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

The First Lesson Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore 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. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For 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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Qui regis Israel

Psalm 80:1-7,16-18



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

shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the / cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-/nasseh, stir up your strength and come to / help us.

Restore us, O God of / hosts;

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

O Lord God of / hosts,

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your / people?

You have fed them with the bread of / tears;

you have given them bowls of tears to / drink.

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

Restore us, O God of / hosts;

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

Let your hand be upon the man of your right / hand,

the son of man you have made so strong for your-/self.

And so will we never turn away from / you;

give us life, that we may call upon your / Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of / hosts;

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

The Second Lesson Romans 1:1-7

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

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

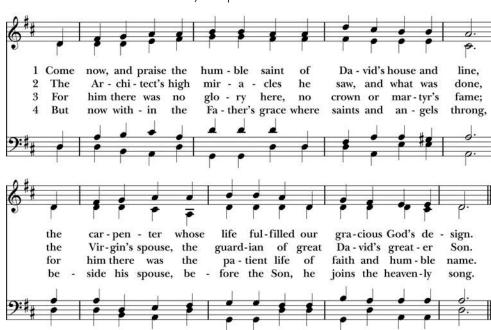
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 260

Come now, and praise the humble saint

Tallis' Ordinal



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The Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now 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. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But 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. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father

and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

Advent Prayers of the People

God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our mind on things eternal.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in light and your peace is experienced by all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for this city that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen us all for the ministry you have set before us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, especially **John Floyd**. May they experience your healing presence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for what matters. We give thanks especially for these members of our parish community **Bessie & Hollis Holland**;

Lynn & Wayne Hood; Sarah Johnson; and Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for your promised time of justice and peace for all people. Make us co-creators of your coming kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"The Angel Gabriel"

Basque Carol Arr. Richard Shephard

Kate Gaul, Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Lee Morris and Jonathan Throop, soloists

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favored lady,
Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say --"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

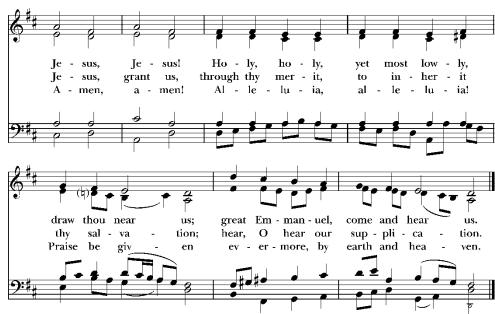
Hymn 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

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Wie schön leuchtet





Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). Music: Wie schön leuchtet, melody att. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S.131

Holy, holy, holy Lord Ho ly, ho ly, - ly Lord, God of power and might, full Ho heaven and earth of your glo ry. in the high - est. Bless ed he who comes san - na of the Lord. Ho · san · na the high - est. in name Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem S.155

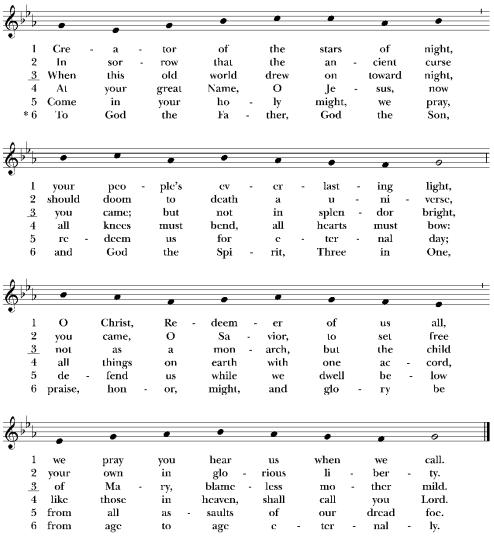
Christ our Passover



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion of the People



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Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

Jesus, Lord of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

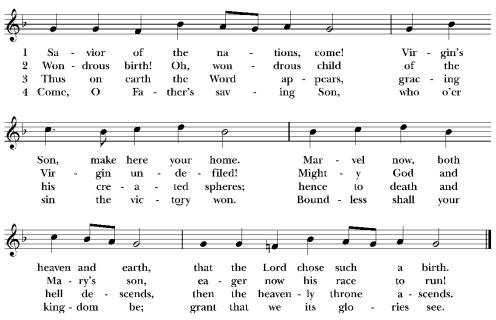
Amen.

Advent Blessing

The blessing of God, who has promised to come into our lives, be with you today.

The blessing of God, whose love ransoms us from all captivity, be with you forever.

The blessing of God, whose breath brings new beginnings, send you forth into the world to create a new day for the good of all. **Amen.**



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The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

Tune: *Bereden väg för herran* Swedish folk tune, 14th cent Arr. J. William Greene

Ministry Schedule

	Dec 18 – Advent 4	Dec 24 – Christmas Eve
	10:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Vestry on Duty	Susie Throop	
Lay Reader	Lynn Hood	
Lector 1st Lesson	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon	Claudia Gimson
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Nancy Dillon	Mark O'Connell
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett & Paul Zimmer	
Altar Guild	Marshall / Rhea	Altar Guild
Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild

Happy Anniversary

Misty Bentz & James Tran December 20

Happy Birthday

Susie Throop December 20 Tom Harney December 21 Lucas Camara December 22

Prayers

Parishioners: John Floyd.

Family: Sam Gilgour, brother of Katie Turner; Brett Bradshaw & baby Sebastian, goddaughter; Hilary Foster, niece of Claudia Gimson; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Scott O'Connell, brother of Mark; Gray Cavender, Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Preston & Bryan Wilson, brothers, and Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Jim Montsinger, nephew and Claude Thompson, son-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Tiffany Wilson, niece of Rhea Hannah; Linda Blocksom, sister of Susie Throop; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Bill Fields, brother of Nancy Dillon; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Arvis Morris, mother, and Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Trina Gordon, Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

Friends: Amanda Ippolito & Family; Mary Jane Graff, Rose Faison, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Davis Family); Jacki Labat; Carolyn Long Banks; Angela Mattson, (Lee Morris) Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); Claudia Nash, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Sandy Jusak, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); and Susan Glenz-Pierce, (Suzanne Van de Mark).

We give thanks for our parish community, **Bessie & Hollis Holland; Lynn & Wayne Hood; Sarah Johnson;** and **Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte.**

Announcements

This Advent we are helping our brothers and sisters served by Church of the Common Ground, a congregation in downtown Atlanta for those without shelter. Having something hot to drink becomes ever more important as the days grow colder. We are collecting coffee (ground, NO DECAF), 4-lb bags of sugar, and hot chocolate mix (with water). Please bring them by December 20.

Advent Events

Christmas Flowers / Music Contribution

If you would like to remember a special person and / or event with a Christmas flower and / or music contribution, special donation envelopes are available in the foyer, or donations may be made through our online giving portal – just designate Christmas Gratitude in the memo line and email Claudia at office@stdunstan.net with the following information by Sunday, December 18th for inclusion in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

Given by: / In Memory of: / In Thanksgiving for:

Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Join us for a festive potluck lunch after the service. All are welcome!

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5 p.m. -- Come celebrate the birth of the Messiah.

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

10 a.m. -- A simple Eucharist for Christmas Day.

Sunday, January 1 -New Year's Day

10 a.m. -- ONE service this day of Christmas Lessons & Carols.

Sunday, January 8 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

Vestry 2022 - 2023

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden; Lynn Hood; Gwen McAlpine; Elizabeth Wong Mark; Michele Smither; Wayne Hood; Max Changus; Susie Throop

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant

