

Sunday, December 20, 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Morning Prayer Rite 2
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December 20, 2019

Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave
The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn

1. 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!
2. "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!
3. 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!
4. Of her, Emanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever
say:1
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Words: Basque carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-
Gould (1834-1924)

Originally based on Angelus Ad Virginem, Anonymous
13th or 14th Century Latin

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Week 4 of Advent

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 leaped 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. (Luke 1:39-42)

The Passing of the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture (Fourth Sunday Advent) BCP 75
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

The Gathering Prayer

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the

Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen. (A Disciple's Prayer Book)

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Officiant:

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

us in
eternal life. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

All 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. Alleluia.

Antiphon (in Advent) BCP 80

Officiant: Our Lord and Savior now draws near.

People: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate BCP 82

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.

Antiphon BCP 80

Officiant: Our Lord and Savior now draws near.

People: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 *Misericordias Domine* BCP
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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.'

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.

A reading from 2 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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Song of Mary

BCP 91

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.

A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah
BCP 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most
High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the

shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

A reading from Luke 1:26-38

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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Rev Dan Buchin

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant and People together

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: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

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.

Suffrage B

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your
inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain

Collect of the Day (Fourth Sunday of Advent) BCP
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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.*

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly
remembrance of
the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give
us this
day such blessing through our worship of you, that
the week
to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus
Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Advent during Covid-
19

Prayer of Confession: God of all hope, love, and joy,
we come to you this day in need of the gift that we
celebrate on this 4th Sunday of Advent - peace. As
we come to terms with what our Christmas
celebrations will look like this year, as we process
daily worry, fear, and disappointment, we confess
that at times, we have allowed your gift of peace to

be pushed aside. We pause to think of Mary, who set aside her own worry and fear and disappointment to birth a baby and a promise into the world - a promise that assures us that absolutely nothing can stop your love coming to us. Strengthen us now, sustain us in the challenging days ahead, and show us where we might join you in bringing about new life. Amen.

St John's UCC, Lansdale PA

A Collect for Mission

BCP

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O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or in their hearts.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements

Dismissal BCP 102
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

THANKS TO ALL WHO ASSIST with everything it takes to provide community worship on Sunday mornings!

UPCOMING SERVICES:

12/21 Blue Christmas Service, 7 PM, zoom with St Michael's & All Angels

Blue Christmas Service

Our annual Blue Christmas service will be held on Zoom on Monday, December 21, at 7:00 pm. The Blue Christmas service is a time when we can, with others, acknowledge that not everyone is merry at Christmas time. Those who are "blue" and the friends who support them are welcome to come.

This is a joint service with our friends from Christ Church Adrian.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87959249787?pwd=ZVNE SWpKSzluSUFOMC9LZndNSkIGZz09>

Dial-In: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 879 5924 9787

Passcode: 135036

12/24 Festival of Lessons & Carols zoom service with St Michael's & All Angels

Christmas Eve - Service of Lessons and Carols
St. Michael's will hold the traditional candlelight service of Lessons and Carols via Zoom on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:00 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89186583254?pwd=dzI4a 2RtNUJRV1NSOXN4ZlIETnNvdz09>

Dial-In: 646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 891 8658 3254

Passcode: 879492

Christmas Eve Compline Service at 8:30 pm on Facebook Live.

12/25 Christmas Day livestream service, Bishop Bonnie Perry, 11AM

12/27 Special service with the Bishop & the Governor, 10 AM

See Episcopal Diocese of Michigan website

Lessons and Carols service via Facebook Live at 10:15 am

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/20 Vestry meeting, following the Liturgy

12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary

12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

12/21 St Thomas the Apostle

12/26 St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed &

Audrey Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Bob Bird; Donna Tomecek-Schiller; Jamie & Marvin; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John; Donna Hanes; Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin; Harriet Woodby; Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Kristin & Matthew; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski; Darren Baker; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from lung cancer; Caty Smith; Jim Barancin; Single mom with health issues, whose boyfriend is in the Army; Jon; Patricia Stricker; Lisa Hinskey's family; Jennifer; Sabrina & Kalee; Ms. Butler; total surrender; Bud Leafdale; Jessica's aunt;

John Martin; Margaret Grose; our community; job recovery; Darrien Baker; Baby D; Randy Gilchrist; Joyce Matthews' husband, Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda Hesselink; Terry Johnson; Carrie Cook; Lily & Violet; Margaret; Al Ellerholz; Vicki Hesse; Beth Rowley; Eric Travis; Kim Pratt; the family of Catherine Pelham; Andy; the family of DJ Martin; the family of Gordon Stites

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop;

Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; St Matthew's & St Joseph's, Detroit; St Bartholomew's, San Cristobal, DR; St Mary the Virgin, Montillano, DR

We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for worship & fellowship when the pandemic is over!

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