

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

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Pick up your communion wafer/cup as you enter the sanctuary. There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. For those worshipping at home, please have your bread ready with the fruit-of-the-vine of your choice.

Masks covering the nose and mouth are requested inside the buildings.

GATHERING

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Oh Come, Oh Come,
Emmanuel*

Pastor James M. Capers



PUBLIC DOMAIN

Music: French processional, 15th cent.

Welcome and Preparation

A The disciple John wrote in John 3:16:
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that
whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Let us pray.

Thank you, O Lord, for loving us. May we faithfully carry your
messages to a world, blinded by the false promises of the evil one,
the false hopes of the world, and their own selfish flesh. We bring
our hopes, our faith, our joys, and our stories to you today.

All Amen.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

ELW 240 - All 4 Verses

Cantor:

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

- 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

- 3 Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.

4 Light four candles to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He is coming, tell the glad tidings.

Let your lights be shining!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All Amen.

P Almighty God, to 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 Jesus Christ
our Lord.

All Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. 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. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in
the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

GREETING

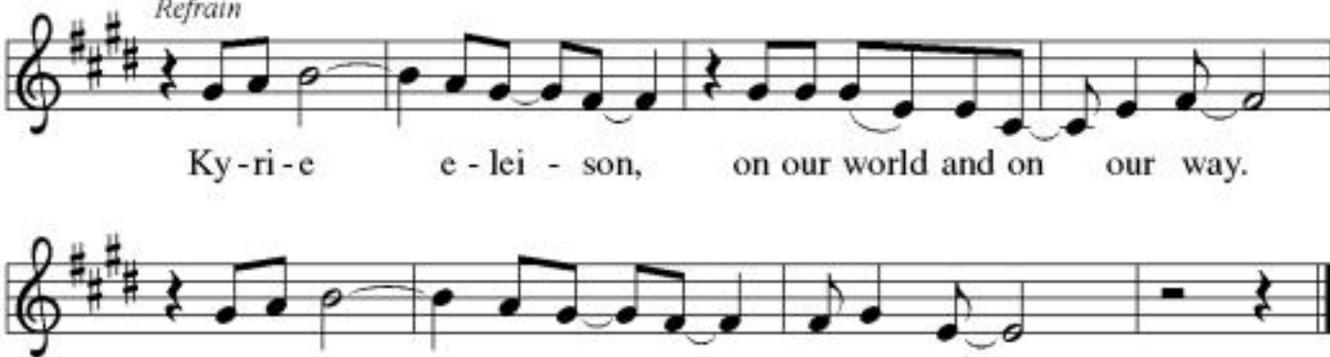
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

KYRIE ELW Setting Eight

Music: Larry Olson, © Dakota Road Music

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Sing twice each time.

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Micah 5:2-5a

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive reading from Luke 1:46b-55

A ^{46b}My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

All ⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor
on your lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

A ⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
and holy is your name.

All ⁵⁰**You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.**

A ⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

All ⁵²**casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

A ⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

All ⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,**

A ⁵⁵the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children forever.

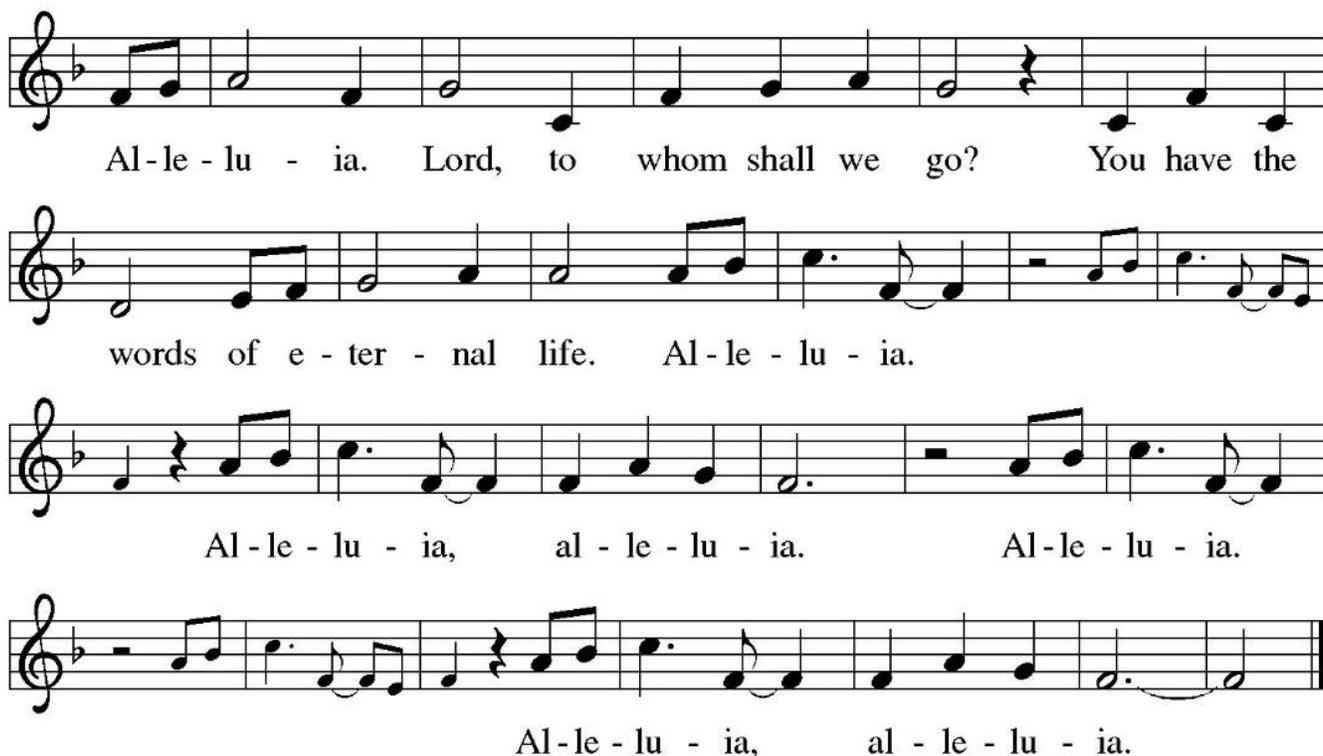
SECOND READING Hebrews 10:5-10

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A Please stand as we welcome the Gospel.

The Gospel Acclamation ELW Setting Eight



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Phil Kadidlo Text: PUBLIC DOMAIN

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the third Chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-45

P The gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ**

Song

I Call You Faithful

LeeAra Watson and Pastor James M. Capers

Pastor Donnie McClurkin, Perfecting Faith Church, Freeport, NY

1. I call you (holy)
Your name is (holy)
You are so (holy) to me
I call you (holy)
Your name is (holy)
(Holy) you are and (holy) you'll be

2. I call you Righteous . . .

3. I call you Awesome . . .

4. I call you Faithful . . .

5. I call you Savior
Your name is Savior
You are the Savior to me
I call you Savior
Your name is Savior
Savior you are and (Savior) you'll be

6. I call you "*All That*"

Your name is "All that"

You have been "All That" to me

I call you "All That"

Your name is "All That"

All that you are and "All That" you'll be

7. I call you *Jesus*

Your name is Jesus

You have been Jesus to me

I call you Jesus

Your name is Jesus

All that you are and Jesus you'll be.

SERMON **Pastor James M. Capers**

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

Responses after each petition:

Hear us, O God.

All Your mercy is great.

P God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

All Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

MEAL

Presentation of Pledges

Offering

A Those who worship in the sanctuary have given to the Lord as you entered.

Let us pray.

God of creation, all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P Holy One, the beginning and the end. The giver of life;
Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the
darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your
people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you
for your son Jesus, the word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread,
And gave thanks; broke it,
And gave it to his disciples,
Saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
He took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink,
Saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this
for the remembrance of me.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died**
Christ has risen
Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your word dwelling among us. Full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

P We look with hope for his coming.

All **Come, Lord Jesus**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Fill us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All **Come Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel. Word Incarnate, Power of the Most High, One God , now and forever.

All **Amen.**

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



LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts ELW 205

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Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

REPEAT

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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SENDING

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

RECESSIONAL

Nikolaus Harmoncourt directing the opening movement of The Magnificat in D major BWV 243 by Bach.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

December 19, 2021

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