

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite One December 21, 2025 10:00 AM

Prelude Partita on Savior of the Nations, Come  
II Bicinium: By the Spirit the Word made flesh  
VI Tricinium: The Father's equal  
I Chorale: Savior of the nations, come! By Kosche

Processional Hymnal 56

Opening Acclamation BCP 323

Gloria Hymnal S-277

Collect of the Day

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.*

First Reading A reading from 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."

The Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
    shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
    stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Second Reading

A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 54

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 1:18-25

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.

El origen de Jesucristo fue éste: María, su madre, estaba comprometida para casarse con José; pero antes que vivieran juntos, se encontró encinta por el poder del Espíritu Santo. José, su marido, que era un hombre justo y no quería denunciar públicamente a María, decidió separarse de ella en secreto. Ya había pensado hacerlo así, cuando un ángel del Señor se le apareció en sueños y le dijo: «José, descendiente de David, no tengas miedo de tomar a María por esposa, porque su hijo lo ha concebido por el poder del Espíritu Santo. María tendrá un hijo, y le pondrás por nombre Jesús. Se llamará así porque salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados.»

Todo esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que el Señor había dicho por medio del profeta:

«La virgen quedará encinta  
y tendrá un hijo,  
al que pondrán por nombre Emanuel»  
(que significa: «Dios con nosotros»).

Cuando José despertó del sueño, hizo lo que el ángel del Señor le había mandado, y tomó a María por esposa. Y sin haber tenido relaciones conyugales, ella dio a luz a su hijo, al que José puso por nombre Jesús.

*Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord*

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

*Worship Leader: Let us now pray the parish prayer:*

O compassionate Jesus, may the light of your love shine in our hearts each day. Teach us to care for one another. Teach us to be patient with one another. Teach us to forgive and to seek forgiveness and teach us to hold to what is good. May we always be a good example of the family of God. May we always echo your love, healing and hope. Be with us as we come and go, so that our hearts may always be centered on you. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin	BCP 331
The Peace	
Announcements & Reminders	
Offertory Hymn	Hymnal 72
Presentation of Alms   Doxology	
The Great Thanksgiving   Eucharistic Prayer 1	BCP 333
Sanctus	S-124
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Fraction Anthem   Agnus Dei	S-161
Communion Hymn	Hymnal 66
Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those who are not present physically)	
My Jesus, I believe you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus Ligouri, 18th Century)	
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
Recessional	Hymnal 59
Postlude      Messe du jour de Noël I      Introit	By de Maleingreau