



4th Sunday of Advent

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Christmas Pageant

Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

L: Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones. As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we dream and wait for you. Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek. Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good, and banish all our fears. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior. C: Amen.

Children's Pageant Part I

Hymn – Magnificat v. 1-2 Holden Eve p. 8

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.
2. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones and up lifted the humble of heart,
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things and left the wealthy no part.
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice, strong your love,
as you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.

Children's Pageant Part II

Hymn – O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1-2 #279

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

Children's Pageant Part III

Hymn – Away in a Manger v. 1-2 #277

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Children's Pageant Part IV

Hymn – Angels We Have Heard on High v. 1-2 #289

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo.

Children's Pageant Part V

Hymn – We Three Kings of Orient Are v. 1-2 WOV #646

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
Refrain: Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!
2. Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. *Refrain.*

Children's Pageant Part VI

Hymn – Joy to the World v. 1-2 #267

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. Congregation: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of one another. (silence for reflection)

L: Long-expected God, C: we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release

our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

L: God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. + You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. C: Amen.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of God's People

Each petition ends "*Lord, in your mercy,*" please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

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Christ's Words of Institution and Communion

Invitation to Communion

L: Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

Post Communion Prayer

L: God, our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. C: Amen.

Announcements

- Want to help make the church festive? Give \$20, note 'poinsettias'
- Beef shares left: 1

- Christmas Eve candlelight worship at 5pm; Carol service next Sunday

Sending Hymn – Cold December Flies Away #299

1. Cold December flies away at the rose-red splendor.
April's crowning glory breaks while the whole world wonders
at the holy unseen pow'r of the tree which bears the flow'r.
On the blessed tree blooms the reddest flow'r.
On the tree blooms the rose here in love's own garden, full and strong in glory.
2. In the hopeless time of sin shadows deep had fallen.
All the world lay under death. Eyes were closed in sleeping.
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose golden light
brings unending joy, brings the endless joy of our hope,
highest hope, of our hope's bright dawning, Son belov'd of heaven.
3. Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world awakens.
In the lily's purest flow'r dwells a wondrous fragrance.
And it spreads to all the earth from the moment of its birth;
and its beauty lives. In the flow'r it lives,
in the flow'r, and it spreads in its heav'nly brightness sweet perfume delightful.

Blessing

L: May God who comes among us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Keep awake. C: Thanks be to God.

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