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**The Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Advent 4**

**December 22, 2024**

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**Prelude: *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?* . . .** Robert Lau

Chancel Choir

**P:** Blessed be God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

***C:*** *And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever. Amen.*

**Advent Candle Lighting**:

**7:45:** We wait in hope for the morning light, for the love of Christ to illuminate the night. We wait with joy for the Saviors birth; we wait in hope for peace on earth.

**10:00   
Sung Refrain: *We Wait in Hope*:** Verse 4 – Choir then Choir & Congregation - Blue Music Insert

**C:** Advent is a time to praise.

***P:*** ***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

**C:** During Advent we remember God’s past faithfulness.

***P:*** ***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

**C:** During Advent we remember God’s present goodness.

**P:** ***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

**C:** During Advent we remember God’s future promises.

***P*:** ***Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.***

**C:** This morning, we light four candles. The **first candle** reminds us that during Advent we wait upon the promises of the Lord. The **second candle** reminds to watch for God’s presence with expectant eyes and anxious hearts. The **third candle** reminds us to prepare ourselves to receive the gift of the promised Savior. As we light the **fourth candle**, we are reminded that Advent is a time to give praise for what God has done, for what God is currently doing and for what God will bring to completion. As the light of Advent grows brighter, it reminds us that we are moving closer to receiving the gift of a Savior.

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**10:00: Sung Refrain: *We Wait in Hope:*** Verse 4 - Choir then Choir & Congregation - Blue Music Insert

**C:** Let us pray:

God in heaven, we look to you amidst a world filled with darkness. Help us to seek the light of your truth, as we remember your promises and offer our praise to you, our God who reigns in the radiant light of your splendor forever and ever.

***P:*** *Amen.*

**First Reading:** ***Micah*** 5:2-5a

**R:** The Word of the Lord.

***P:***  *Thanks be to God.*

**Canticle 15**

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 ancestors, \*

to Abraham and Sarah and their children forever.

**Second Reading:** ***Hebrews*** 10:5-10

**R**: The Word of the Lord.

***P:*** *Thanks be to God.*

**10:00 - Gospel Hymn: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*** - #265 Verses 1 and 2

**C:**  My sisters and brothers a reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ***Luke***.

**Gospel: *Luke*** 1:39-55

**C**: The Gospel of the Lord.

***P:*** *Praise to you Lord, Christ.*

**10:00 - After the Gospel:** #265 Verse 3 & 4

**Sermon.**

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**Renewal of Vows and Nuptial Blessing for Doug and Judy Renfroe**

**Profession of Faith:*****Apostles Creed*** – **Page 96** **BCP**

**Prayers of the People**: *God of Hope, hear our prayer.*

**Confession of Sin**: Page 360 **BCP**

**The Peace.**

**Announcements.**

**Offertory Hymn: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*** - #66

**Offertory Sentence:** I appeal to you, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ***Romans*** 12:1

**Preface for Advent: Page 378 BCP**

**Sanctus: 7:45 *– Recited***

**10:00 *–*** **Sanctus *–S130***

**Eucharistic Prayer B –** P. 368 **BCP**

**The Lord’s Prayer.**

**Breaking of the Bread:** Christ our Passover. . .

**Communion Song: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*** - #56, Verses 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8

**Prayer after Communion:** Page 365 ***BCP***

**Blessing:** Please respond “*Amen*” after each of the biddings.

**Closing Hymn: *Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord –*** #437

**Dismissal.**

**Prayer of Healing and Wellness:**

***Parishioners:***The Bustle’s, Kathryn Stevenson, Karen Moore, Priscilla Martin, Marilyn Wolter, Jodey Porter, Bill Gill, Bill Speer, Louise Silvanic, Lynda Priepot, Steve Ives, Barbara Renney, Mary Jane Daggett, Ora Mae James and Fr. Glen.

***Family and Friends:*** Brand Ramsey (family friend of The Reynolds), Charlotte (daughter of Holly Quillian), Robert Johnson (son of Lynda Priepot), Betsy Ramsey and Mary and Jack Hertenstein (friends of The Reynolds), Dick Stagner (brother in law of Louise Silvanic), Steve Gillespie (nephew of Gail Cascella), Nicola Moxey (daughter of Christine Pratley), Taryon Degon (granddaughter of Jan Ciancarelli), Carol Johnson’s sister, Christine Booth (Fr. Glen’s sister), Karen Perdue (Gail Cascella’s niece), Kevin-Ford family (family of The Ford’s), Paul Ciancarelli (Jan’s son), Art Sounia (friend of Doreen Colket) and Juliet Clarke (granddaughter of Pratley’s), Joe Fairchild (friend of the Cooley’s), Melanie Moran (friend of Christine) and Emily Ann Norris (family of Linney Reynolds), Marge Schrauth (friend of Fr. Glen), Dan Bryan (brother-in-law of Bob Cabnet), Maxwell Kappel (grandson of The Martin’s), Maxon McNeil (friend of the Shorts), Jayme and Jeremy (family of Cooley’s), and Kathy Harlow (sister of Doreen Colket), John Heath (friend of Jane Bryant), Ron Bernot (Neighbor of Dinny Sayre), Jordan Skeard (nephew of Alice and George Short), Rev. Jane Allen (Short’s priest in Newfoundland), Leo Johnson (friend of Alice and George Short), George Silvanic (Louise’s grandson), Wally Skeard (brother in law to George & Alice Short), Wall, Elisa Hughes, Dr. Greg Gutowski (Priscilla Martin), Steve Harlow (brother-in-law of Doreen Colket), Charles (friend of Mindel De La Torre), Karen Fitzgerald (cousin of Doreen Colket), Beth Hunt (niece of Beverly Hunt), Dan Burkhart (neighbor of George & Alice Short), Evelyn Smith and daughter Michelle (friends of George & Alice Short).

***Prayers for Safety and Service****:*

Ben Richardson (son of Christine Pratley), Alexander Moxey (grandson of Christine), George Phillip Silvanic (Louise Silvanic’s grandson), Jody Cooley (son of Bill and Donna Cooley), and Logan Valenti (grandson of Nancy Valenti).

***December/January 2024******-2025***

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| **22** | **23**  3:00 p.m.  Decorate Church | **24**  Christmas Eve  Linney Reynolds    No Food Pantry | **25**  Christmas Day | **26** | **27** | **28**  No Thrift Shop/  Café Rolle |
| **29**  Gail Cascella | **30** | **31**  No Food Pantry | **1**  Donna Cooley    No Healing  Eucharist | **2** | **3** | **4**  Holly Quillan    Thrift Shop/  Café Rolle |

**Christmas Eve Service**: 4:00 P.M. (English)

6:30 P.M. (Spanish)

**Christmas Day Service**: 9:00 A.M. (English)