



ADVENT 4

DECEMBER 22, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Presider—The Rev. Thomas J. Szczerba, Jr.

Preacher—Ali Stahlwood

Director of Music—Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock

We invite you to a time of silence and prayer before the service so that we may center our hearts on God.
 Hymns are from the 1982 Hymnal unless noted as WLP (Wonder Love and Praise.)
 We also use the BCP (The Book of Common Prayer.)

Voluntary Selections from *Suite Du Second Ton* (for the Magnificat)
 Jean Adam Giulian

Hymn 56 (11:30 vss. 1 – 3, 7) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be his kingdom, Now and forever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity

Kyrie S-91

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
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Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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.*

The First Reading—Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Canticle 15- The Song of Mary *read in unison*

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.

Second Reading—Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector **The Word of the Lord**

People **Thanks be to God**

Children's Sermon *Grades 5 and under are invited to follow the St. David's Cross.*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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The Gospel—Luke 1:39-55

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People (*People's responses are in bold.*)

These prayers were written by parishioners of St. David's.

Let us still our bodies and open our hearts as we await the coming of the Lord.

Lord of all Creation, we pray for your Church and especially its leaders: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Rick, our Rector and the clergy and laity at St. David's who are gathered here to serve this community. We also pray for our brothers and sisters in ministry in Philadelphia, Norristown, Chester, Cuba, Guatemala and Uganda. Inspire us all to serve you and to show your love to others.

All our hope in You is founded.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. Guide our feet in the way of Peace.

Lord of Justice, we pray for the leaders of all the nations, especially Joe, our President; Donald, our President-Elect; Josh, our Governor; all who serve in Congress and the Supreme Court; and all who hold leadership roles in our communities. May they all work for justice and peace, and for the common good. Hold close those who are in danger in the quest for peace and safety, especially first responders.

All our hope is founded in You.

Guide us in the way of peace as we await the coming of your Son.

Lord of Hope, We live on your beautiful yet fragile earth. Help us to care for it. Many of your children suffer from violence, addiction, homelessness, depression, and illness. Let us help them to heal as we pray for them. (*Silence will be maintained for our brothers and sisters named below. Those named are on our Parish Prayer list.*)

David, Billy, Louise, Becky, Christine, Ben, Bill, Bob, Carol, Carolyn, Carson, Cathy, Christine, Courtney, Crystal, Colby, Coleen, Connie, Danny, Donna, Ed, Eileen, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Freddie, Gail, Gavin, Gene, Ginny, Helen, Heather, Jason, Jerry, Jill, Jim, Joe, John, Joseph, Joy, Kathy, Kay, Kim, Kris, Kristin, Lauren, Laurie, Liz, Lucy, Lawrence, Marion, Marie, Matt, Maureen, Mercedes, Michael, Michelle, Molly, Murray, Nancy, Pat, Patti, Paul, Peter, Peyton, Pierce, Quinn, Ray III, Ralph, Rebecca, Rhonda, Ross, Roy, Sarah, Scarlett, Sean, Seth, Sig, Stuart, Susan, Tammy, Viola, Virgie, William.

God is our salvation, strength and hope.

We open our hearts and minds as we await the birth of His Son.

Lord of the cycle of life, we pray for those who have died and are now basking in the love and light of new life. We remember all who have died this week and those for whom flowers have been given.

God of new beginnings, we quietly, joyfully, anticipate.

Your steadfast love surrounds us

Lord of Love, we thank you for the gifts you bestow on us: the beauty of nature, the love of family and friends, and opportunities for growth and service. We thank you for the students and staff at St. David's Episcopal Day School and for the joy and promise of all children. Most of all we thank you for your tender mercy and love as we anticipate the best Christmas gift, the birth of your son Jesus Christ. God is coming in human form.

Our souls magnify the Lord.

Our spirits rejoice in the coming of our Savior.

Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silently.*)

Presider and People:

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.

The Peace *All stand.*

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Mary's Magnificat

Andrew Carter

*Softly a light is stealing, Sweetly a maiden sings,
 Ever wakeful, ever wistful.
 Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.*

*My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord:
 And my spirit hath rejoiced, rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*Mary her song to Jesus
 Softly, serenely sings: 'I will love you, I will serve you,
 May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.'*

*Adult Choir
 Ryan Colbert, soloist*

All things are thine; no gift have we,
 Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee; And
 hence with grate - ful hearts to - day Thine
 own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier
 Music: *Gardiner*, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

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- Presider* The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Presider proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-114

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Then the Presider continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [St. David and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Presider and People say together

**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.**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy pcacc.

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The Presider faces the people and says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Music at Communion

Anthem

Quia Respexit from *Magnificat*
 Ryan Colbert, soloist

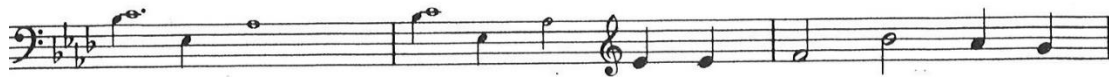
J. S. Bach

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the hymns:

Hymn 277

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Raquel



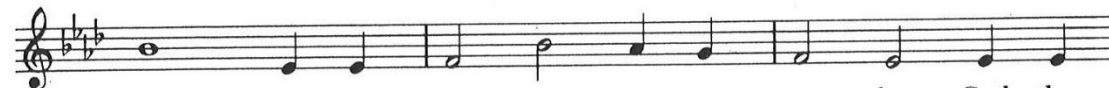
1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and
2 Sing of Je - sus, son of
3 Glo - ry be to God the



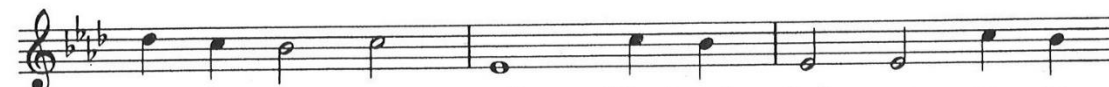
low - ly, vir - gin - mo - ther un - de - filed; sing of
Ma - ry, in the home at Naz - a - reth, toil and
Fa - ther; glo - ry be to God the Son; glo - ry



God's own Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle
la - bor can - not wea - ry love en - dur - ing un - to
be to God the Spi - rit; glo - ry to the Three in



child. Fair - est child of fair - est mo - ther, God the
death. Con - stant was the love he gave her, though he
One. From the heart of bless - ed Ma - ry, from all



Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our ve - ry
went forth from her side, forth to preach, and heal, and
saints the song a - scends, and the Church the strain re -



bro - ther, takes our na - ture by his birth.
suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.
ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

Saint Mary the Virgin (August 15).

Words: Roland Ford Palmer (b. 1891)

Music: Raquel, Skinner Chávez-Melo (b. 1944)

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Introduction/Interlude

Descant

4 "Mag - ni - fi - cat

1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
 3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my

an - i - ma me - a

won - ders that were done when the love of God the
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

Do - mi - num. Mag -

Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has

ni - fi - cat, mag - ni - fi - cat.”

made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice.”

Conclusion

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Hymn 314

Humbly I Adore Thee

Adoro devote

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, picr - ces through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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Sending

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Voluntary

Meine Seele erhebet den herren, BWV 733

J. S. Bach

LAY ASSISTANTS

Lectors/Chalicists–Robin Ford, Ned Miller, Susan Stuber
Teresa Marlino, Ken Klaus

Altar Guild–Valinda Garcia, Betsy Lane, Hilary Dash
Pam DiFilippo, Julie Sadtler, Cindy McCallum, Diane Pancoast.

Flower Guild–Tracey Smith, Peggy Dixon

Acolytes–Janie Stuber

Verger–Susan Nagy

MEMORIALS

Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God.