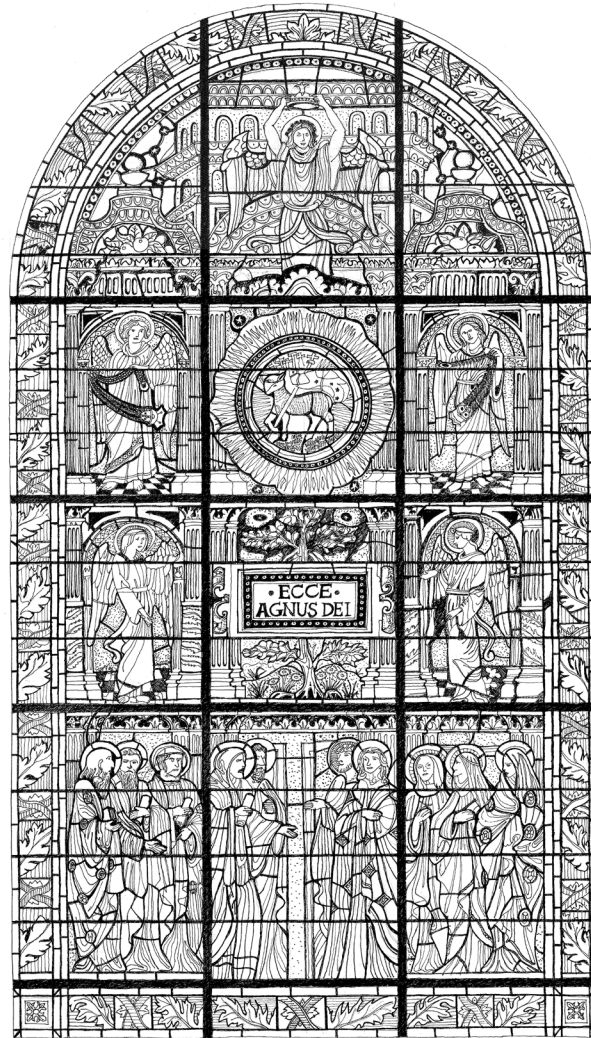


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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I
DECEMBER 19, 2021 • 10:30 AM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Antiphon V: Opus 15, No.5
"How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou"

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

THE INTROIT

Prepare the Way

Anders Öhrwall (1932-2012)

Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high;
Sink low, ye towering mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is He that came in God the Father's name.

O Zion, He approaches, your Lord and king for aye!
Strew palms where He advanceth, spread garments in His way.
God's promise faileth never, Hosanna sound forever!

Fling wide your portals, Zion and hail your glorious king;
His tidings of salvation to every people bring,
Who, waiting yet in sadness, would sing His praise in gladness.

Text: The Swedish Psalter 43:1, 7, 3. Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, arr. Anders Öhrwall (1932-2012)

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand and sing the processional hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 545

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Woodbird

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); paraphrase of Psalm 72. Music: Traditional German Melody

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the celebrant says

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The celebrant says

Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The celebrant says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit for the reading of God's word.

THE LESSON

Micah 5:2-5

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand and sing the gradual hymn.

THE GRADUAL HYMN 1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

The people remain standing. The priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." ⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich

he has sent away empty.⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

After the Gospel, the priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Object of God's Gaze

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say in unison

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The leader and people kneel and pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **that we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **that your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **that our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **that they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest; **let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **may we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

The celebrant continues

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The celebrant and people say in unison

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The celebrant reads several sentences from Scripture.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (*Matthew 11:28*) God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*) If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2:1-2*)

THE PEACE

All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Magnificat” from *Service in F*

George Dyson (1883-1964)

Esther Spade, *soprano*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
 He hath shewed strength with his arm. He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 As he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Text: Luke 1:46-55. Music: George Dyson (1883-1964). Published by Novello ©1945, renewed 1973

All are invited to stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

Continuing with ...

HYMN 141 (S. 4)

America

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
 Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Music: *America*, in *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1740. Words: Samuel Francis Smith, 1832.

The celebrant faces the people and says

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

All remain standing as the celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, HYMN 797

Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
 Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel. The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

Our Father, which 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 them that 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.

Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMN 712

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Those worshiping from home may participate in the Eucharist by speaking the following words of the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The congregation is invited to sing the following hymns.

COMMUNION HYMN 6

Creator of the Stars of Night

Sarum Plainsong, Mode IV

Solo: Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray thee, hear us when we call.

All sing: To thee the travail deep was known that made the whole creation groan
Till thou, Redeemer, shouldst free thine own in glorious liberty.

When the old world drew on toward night, thou camest, not in splendor bright
As monarch, but the humble child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At thy great name of Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
And things celestial thee shall own, and things terrestrial, Lord alone.

Come in thy holy might, we pray; redeem us for eternal day
From every power of darkness, when thou judgest all the sons of men.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally.

Text: Conditio Alme

Music: Latin, 9th century; Hymnal Version, 1940, after J.M Neale (1818-1866)

COMMUNION HYMN

Hark! The Glad Sound

Richmond

Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace to'enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring with Thy belovèd name.

Text: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820), adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

COMMUNION HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say—"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)
Music: Gabriel's Message, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

After the blessing, all are invited to stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Tell Out My Soul

Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord yo children's children for evermore.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*. Music: *Woodlands*, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)
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THE DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

arr. Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Les Paul

and

Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Toomey III, Dr. Henry Baker Gregorie Jr.,
Mr. Charles Joseph Poché, Mr. Byron Frederick Bennett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wrapping Up 2021

- Final High School youth group is tonight at 6:00 p.m. (resumes Jan. 9)

Now in recess:

- Sunday School, Rector's Forum (resume Jan. 9)
- inSPIRE/eSPIRE newsletter (resumes Jan. 12)
- Wednesdays Alive! service/supper/class (resumes Jan. 12)
- Rector's Bible Study (resumes Jan. 13)
- Middle School youth group (resumes Jan. 7)

Office closing for Christmas and the New Year

- The church office will be closed **December 24-January 2**. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the Rev. Bill Christian at (843) 327-0791.

Early bird registration for 20s-30s Oyster Roast on January 23

- Now through January 3, oyster roast tickets are \$20. Scan the QR code at right or visit stphilipchurchsc.org/events for details and to register. Pay-what-you-can option is also available.



Art auction to benefit St. Philip's Choir January 15

- Save the date for a fun evening that will support our choir as they prepare for their residency at St. Paul's Cathedral in London! Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages. Live auction with the Rev. Jeff Miller, auctioneer, begins at 6:00. Please contact Pat Gould at (843) 364-9552 or pgould@stphilipchurchsc.org if you have art to donate or a favorite hors d'oeuvres you'd like to prepare!

Tea Room planning underway

- The St. Philip's Tea Room will be back **May 2-6**! If you'd like to help with the planning, please contact Tea Room co-chair Amanda Ayers at (843) 696-1852 or amandabear79@yahoo.com.

Save the date:

- January 6: The Epiphany of Our Lord ~ Holy Eucharist: Rite I (6:00 p.m.)
- January 12: Monthly men's lunch (12 noon in the Parish Hall)

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