

# Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Reading 1:** Hebrews 10: 5 - 10

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

*We enter into God's presence to give Him praise.*

### Acclamation

My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for all his loving kindness to me day by day.

Great is our God and worthy to be praised.

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

**Song:** Coming in the mist of an autumn morning;

Coming in the mist of an autumn morning;  
Coming in the light of a distant star;  
Coming in the silence of a winter's dawning;  
Coming to be with us and no longer afar:  
Emmanuel.

Coming in the cry of a newborn baby;  
Coming with the gasp of a mother's pain;  
Coming to the problems of living daily;  
Coming to the rescue again and again;  
Emmanuel.

Coming with good news of abundant living,  
Coming with the power to forgive and heal;  
Coming with the cry of a man deserted;  
Coming through our pain with a love that's real.

Coming to us then as the Man for others;  
Coming to us now in our darkest days;  
Standing in our shoes at our times of sorrow;  
Calling us to serve in the public gaze;  
Emmanuel.

Coming in the guise of the lost and lonely;  
Coming in the pleas of the weak and old;  
Coming in the plight of the homeless stranger;  
Coming for a justice that will not be sold;

Coming in our hearts to inspire our actions;  
Coming in our minds to control our will;  
Coming in our midst to unite our factions;  
Present by His Spirit He will lead us still;  
Emmanuel.

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### **Invitation to Confession:**

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore, in the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

### **Confession:**

Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your  
commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Absolution:**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins  
and restore us in His image  
to the praise and glory of His name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord  
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.

### **Reading 1:** Hebrews 10: 5 – 10

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> 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).'

<sup>8</sup> 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), <sup>9</sup> then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel: Luke 1: 39 – 55**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

**Mary's Song of Praise**

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

*This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/4h67SGeGaoU>

**Song:** Tell out my Soul <https://youtu.be/gVFqQQFsfeq>

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

## **The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 Intercession**

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord,  
kindle in us the desire to remain awake;  
that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

O God, in days to come  
the mountain of your house will be established,  
and your joy shall reign.  
We pray for the church (especially...),  
that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.  
Come Lord Jesus,  
**and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and you, O God, shall judge between the nations.  
We pray for our nation, and all nations,  
that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.  
Come Lord Jesus,  
**and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord,  
wolves lie down with lambs  
and children play with serpents without fear.  
We pray for the sick, the suffering,  
and those in distress of any kind (especially...);  
that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief,  
and settle all wrongs.  
Come Lord Jesus,  
**and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord,  
even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice.  
We pray for those who rejoice this week  
as they celebrate their birthday (or anniversary, etc);  
that they might obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing might flee away.  
Come Lord Jesus,  
**and hear our prayer.**

In the fulness of time, O God,  
you sent your son, to be born of Mary.  
And his name was Emmanuel: God with Us.  
We thank you for your Presence with us,  
and we pray that you might be always present  
with those whom we love but see no longer.  
Come Lord Jesus,  
**and hear our prayer.**

Come among us O God, and hear our prayers;  
so that when your Son Jesus comes among us  
with great might, and in manger mild,  
we might recognize his face and his voice,  
and come to adore him.

**Merciful Father,**  
**accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your only Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

**Collect:**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for His coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see,  
with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen..

**Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever.        Amen.

**Blessing:**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet Him when He comes in glory.....

.....and the blessing of God almighty;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

**Song:** (click link)    <https://youtu.be/yww72HuLfsI>

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*