Music and Readings for
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022

Voluntary
Magnificat, Op. 18, No. 10
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Hymn 66
Come, thou long expected Jesus
Stuttgart

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant  Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People       You come to your people and set them free.

Collect for Purity
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Advent Prayer and Wreath Lighting
Velma and Bob Nelken will light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath and read the following:

You know what time it is. It is the time to rise, to not be afraid. It is the time to shine our light and listen for God’s voice in the darkness. It is the time to pursue justice and mercy and love one another. It is the time to listen to the voices of angels among us, to set aside fear and cling to hope. It is the time to
know Emmanuel, God is with Us. Not in a time to come, not in a time long ago in the past, but now. This is the time. Wake from sleep, rise up, and rejoice that Christ is the Lord, that God’s reign is right here, if we live into it.

**Prayer:** Glory, Glory, Glory! Lord God Almighty, we declare Your reign is here, among us now. We declare that You are Sovereign in our life and no other. We declare that the time is now, and we pledge ourselves anew to You, our Savior, Redeemer, and God Forever, Christ the Lord. **Amen and Amen.**

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**Holy God Trisagion [S-102] Sung three times**

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

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**Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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.**

**A reading from Isaiah (7:10-16, NRSV)**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.
The Cantor sings the odd verses and the Choir and Congregation sing the even verses.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;*
   Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.*
   stir up your strength and / come to help us.

3 Restore us, O / God of hosts;*
   show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

4 O LORD / God of hosts,*
   how long will you be angered
   despite the prayers / of your people?

5 You have fed them with the / bread of tears;*
   you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors,*
   and our enemies / laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us, O / God of hosts;*
   show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand,*
   the son of man you have made so / strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn a/way from you;*
   give us life, that we may / call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD / God of hosts;*
   show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans (1:1-7, NRSV)

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 54 Savior of the nations, come! Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (see music on next page)
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (1:18-25, NRSV)

At the Announcement, all say Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory Anthem E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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Hymn at the Presentation 56, vs. 4

O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree
Veni, veni, Emmanuel

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

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Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts) [Hymnal S-120]
(see music on next page)
Holy, holy, holy Lord [Hymnal S-124]  Sanctus  

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Lord be with you.  And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord’s Prayer  [Hymnal S-119]  

Plainsong

(see music on next page)
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.


Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God [Hymnal S-161]  Agnus Dei  David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
2 “For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born

his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
all generations laud and honor thee,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,

“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
“my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.”
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say—

most highly favored lady,” Gloria!
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“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!
Hymn 56, vss. 5, 6 & 7

O come, thou Key of David, come
Veni, veni, Emmanuel

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

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Liturgy of Leave-Taking and Blessing for Rev. Brett

Celebrant: Let us ask for God’s blessing upon our brother Brett,

Lord Jesus, Word Made Flesh, from the beginning of creation you named and claimed us for yourself. Look with kindness upon your servant, Brett, who leaves this community, marked by your cross, fed by
your word, filled with our care, and sent to be your presence to all he meets. Guide him on the way, and bless him with your wisdom, that he may be a word of hope for a world in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Brett, life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind…and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Voluntary Advent Partita on “O come, O come, Emmanuel” James Woodman (b. 1957)

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Grace and Franklin Crowley, parents of Terry Morgan.

Everyone is Welcome at God’s Table ~ Christ Church Andover

Serving at Today’s Service
The Rev. Brett R. Johnson, celebrant
The Rev. Michael J. Hodges, preacher
Barbara A. Bruns, organist
The Parish Choir
Steve Taylor, lector & intercessor
Terry Morgan & Terry Kuhlmann, Eucharistic Ministers
Holly Jarrell-Marcinelli, Altar Guild
Judy Wright, flowers
Jon Vacik & Rick Gossman, ushers
Tim Gillogly, videographer

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