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Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

Gathering

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Wreath

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call upon him while he is near.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Make the Lord's paths straight.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates,

C: that the king of glory may come in.

P: The Spirit and the church cry out:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: All those who await his appearance pray:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: The whole creation pleads:

C: Come, Lord Jesus!

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. In your Son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C: Amen.

Advent Song

Four candles are lit. Waiting, Waiting

verse 4

Waiting, Waiting

Donald F. Marsh



4 Waiting, waiting,



Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on 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.

C: Amen.

* Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**ELW # 257
verses 1-4, 7**

*** Greeting**

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*** Kyrie**

Lord, Have Mercy

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P: Kyrie eleison. **C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison. **C:** **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison. **C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*** Canticle**

Glory to God

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C: **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Glory to God...

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Glory to God...

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Glory to God...

and peace to God's people on earth.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Readings

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

L: A reading from the prophet Micah.

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. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 80:1-7

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 80.

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

² **Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might and come to save us!**

³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴ **O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ **You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:5-10*

L: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

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

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ 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), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, 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.” [ESV]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* **Hymn**

Canticle of the Turning

ELW # 723

* Nicene Creed

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P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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 whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Choir Anthem

Messiah Song

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ .

C: **Amen.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Todd Schlachter, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessen-dorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Sylvia Jones, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz and prayers for stroke patients, Kenny Frie, Pete Grandstad, Steve Rothschadl, Nathan Lott, Gary L. Hartwig and Josh.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* **Hymn** *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* **ELW # 265**

* **Dismissal** *WOV page 41*

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow

*Attendance December 8th
In-person 33, Online 79*