

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022 | 8 and 10 a.m.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Voluntary

Magnificat Dietrich Buxtehude

At the sound of the bell, please stand. The order of service at 8 a.m. begins on page 3.

Introit

"O" Antiphons for Advent IV

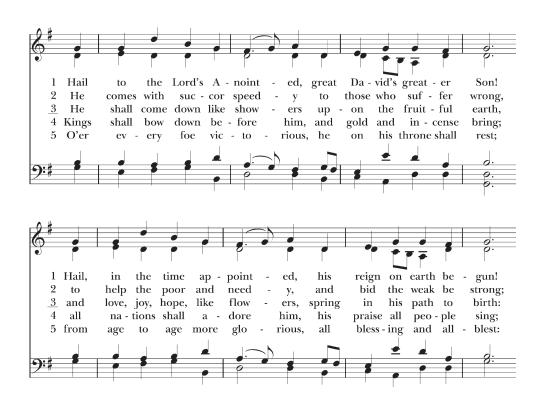
Paul Fisher, cantor

O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Desire of all Nations, come and save us, O Lord our God.

O WISDOM which hast come out of the mouth of the Most High, and mightily ordered all things. Come and teach us the Way of wisdom.

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 616 Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein



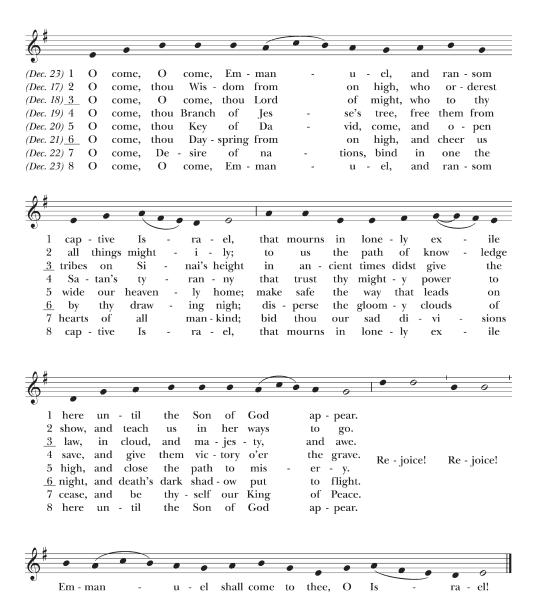


THE WORD OF THE LORD

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

People Forever and ever. Amen.

All 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.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence.

Celebrant

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.**

Please be seated.

The Lesson Isaiah 7:10-16

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

All Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,* stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

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

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

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

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

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

And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call uponyour Name.

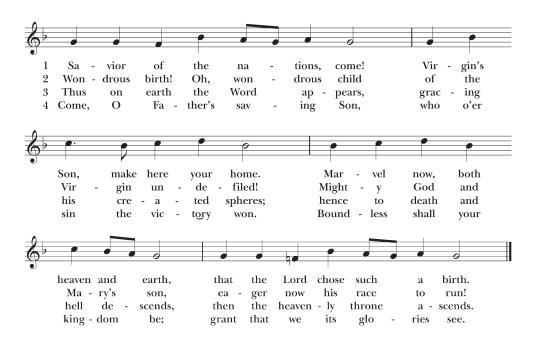
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

All stand.

Hymn (10 a.m.)

Hymnal 1982, No.54

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Mark Anderson

Silence.

The Nicene Creed

All stand.

All 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

Leader

O Holy One, in this Advent season, we remember how your light is coming into the world. Help us to search for this light and to seek you in all things, preparing ourselves in heart and mind for the coming of Christ. Lord, we wait for you,

People Lord, come among us.

Leader

Bless all those who suffer Lord, from illness, loneliness, grief, or addiction. Comfort them and give them your peace. Lord, we wait for you.

People Lord, come among us.

Leader

Heal this world Lord and bring us peace. Bring peace to the streets of Jacksonville and to all areas of the world that are torn by violence and strife. Lord, we wait for you.

People Lord, come among us.

Leader

Awaken us to the beauty and fragility of this precious earth that you have given us. Help us to become better stewards of its resources. Lord, we wait for you.

People Lord, come among us.

Leader

Embrace the souls of all those who have died, that they may find that peace that passes all understanding. Lord, we wait for you.

People Lord, come among us.

Leader

Give us patience, Lord, for we know that there is much that is yet to be accomplished here on earth. May we serve you with fidelity, wisdom and understanding. Lord, we wait for you.

People Lord, come among us.

Celebrant says a concluding prayer.

All kneel as able.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

All stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION



As the altar is prepared for Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting jaxcathedral \$(amount) to 73256. Or use the QR Code to the left and give online.

Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory Anthem

Drop down, ye heavens John Stainer Rebecca Andrews, soprano

Drop down, ye heav'ns, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring forth together.

Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women. Behold, thou shalt conceive and bring forth a Son, and shall call His Name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be call'd The Son of the Highest; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end. Thou art fairer than the children of men, full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee forever. Amen.

-Isaiah 15:8; Luke I: 28, 31-33; Psalm 14:2

Hymn (8 a.m.)

Hymnal 1982, No. 380, St. 3

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn (10 a.m.)

Hymnal 1982, No. 381, St. 1-2 *Ton-y-Botel*





The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

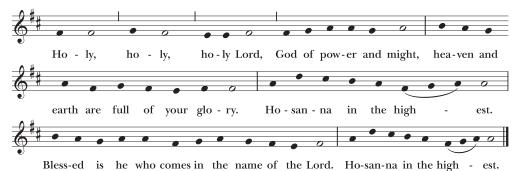
Celebrant

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn.

The Sanctus and Benedictus (said at 8 a.m., sung at 10 a.m.)

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David Hurd



Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

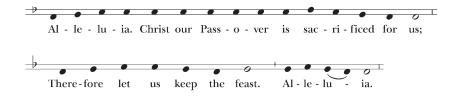
Celebrant

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

All 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.

Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.



Celebrant 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.

All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest. You are also invited to receive prayers in our chapel to the left of the altar.

Music at Communion

Gospel Offering

"Mary did you know," Mark Lowry Henrietta Telfair (solo), Dr. Barbara Bouie (piano)

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No 60 Conditor alme siderum

Advent Prose for Advent IV

Paul Fisher, cantor

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Verse 4: Comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. (Repeat Antiphon.)

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

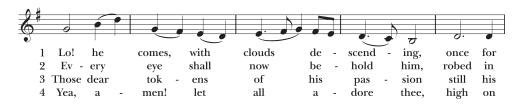
The Blessing

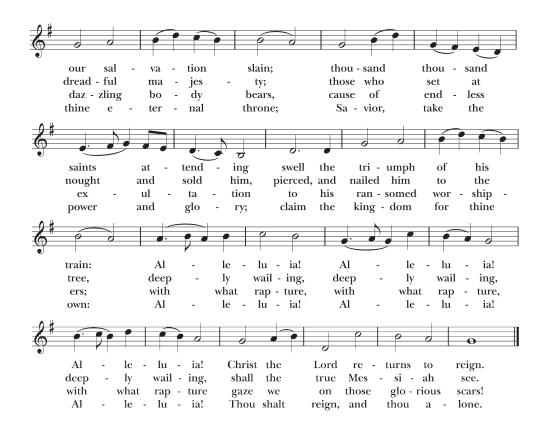
Celebrant

May Almighty God watch over you who wait for Christ to come again, you who long to see His face. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 57 Helmsley





The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude on *Puer nobis nascitur* Gerald Near

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God.

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LOVE AT THE CORE

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of our ministry and mission. For nearly 200 years, St. John's Cathedral has been in the forefront of spiritual leadership and community service in Jacksonville's Urban Core. Many ministries to care for children and the elderly and to promote the arts, education and healthcare started here, including Aging True, The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Cathedral Care, Cathedral Arts Project, The Cathedral School and Cathedral District-Jax. These ministries are now thriving nonprofit organizations serving the downtown and beyond.

Today we continue to move forward with Love at the Core. We invite you to join us.

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

From Sunday, November 27 through Christmas Eve, we celebrate the season of Advent. Most all the Christian world and many in the secular world have simply forgotten that this season even exists. They begin to celebrate Christmas right after Thanksgiving. But we who practice ancient forms of Christianity, we wait for Jesus to come. We practice silence, we light candles, we sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," and we wait for the coming of Christ.

At the core of our faith, we are a people who long to see Jesus again. We expect that he might be just around the next corner, the stranger that we meet on the street. We are always anticipating Christ's arrival, and in doing so, we are awake and aware of our world, truly living in the present moment. Advent is a practice of awakening, a way of being alert and aware of our surroundings. Try it. Look for Jesus among you this Advent season. See if you can find him.

INFORMATION

For Visitors and Newcomers

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us today. To learn more about membership, baptism, confirmation or to receive emails about upcoming events, fill out a connection card found in the pew and hand it to an usher or clergy. Or, visit jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a card online.

Hakimian Nursery

Our nursery is staffed with trained caregivers for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old every Sunday from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Children And Youth

Christian formation for ages 4 through 12th grade is offered at 10 a.m. If you need help finding a classroom, please ask an usher. All ages join the 10 a.m. service at the time of The Peace.

4 years to 2nd grade, Lower-level Classroom 3rd to 5th grade, Cummings Chapel 6th grade through High School, Undercroft

Prayer and Care

Our clergy and lay ministers visit hospitals to bless those who are dying and newborn babies, to counsel the sick and offer comfort in any way that we can. Call the Church Office anytime and ask for Pastoral Care. If you are calling after hours, just press 4, and your call will be routed to a member of the clergy. You may also choose the prayer request option under Contact on our website for a quick and confidential response.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the latest news and events at the Cathedral, visit our website (jaxcathedral.org) and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@jaxcathedral). On the website, you may subscribe to our e-newsletter, the Eagle.

This Sunday's Schedule

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral 9 a.m. Adult Formation Zoom* and In-person 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Cathedral 10 a.m. Formation for Children & Youth ages 3 – 18 1 p.m. Church Without Walls, Dean's Garden

Thank you to the Sunday School Teachers for sponsoring today's Coffee Hour. If your group would like to volunteer to host an upcoming Sunday Coffee Hour, please contact Liesl Gavronsky: lgavronsky@jaxcathedral.org.

Next Sunday is Christmas Day. We will have services at 8 & 10 a.m. The Cooking Ministry is preparing a delicious and festive breakfast for all. Plan to stay after the worship service for an extra-special coffee hour featuring breakfast casseroles and some holiday-themed cheesecake. We will not hold formation classes online or in-person for adults or children on Christmas Day.

Weekday Worship

Daily at 6 a.m.

Dean Kate's Morning Devotion on YouTube*

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Compline on Facebook Live*

Tuesday and Thursday at 7 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom

Thursday at 9 a.m. Centering Prayer Circle in Cummings Chapel

Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. Healing Eucharist in Cummings Chapel

Weekday Formation

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Day Art Class in The Painting Place *Resumes January 3, 2023*

Wednesday at 11 a.m. Growing Through the Word in Busey Conference Room and on Zoom*

Wednesday at 6 p.m. Yoga in Cummings Chapel

Wednesday, 6 to 8: 30 p.m. Art Class in The Painting Place Resumes January 4, 2023

Friday at 9 a.m.
Reading Between the Lines Bible Study on Zoom*

*Please see our website page <u>Weekly Classes and</u>
<u>Worship</u> under Learn
for Zoom links and access to online classes.
Or use the QR code to the below.



Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24 2 p.m. Family Service with Christmas Pageant

4 p.m. Worship Service with guest musician

6* & 11** p.m. Candlelight Services with the Cathedral Choir and Brass
*The 6 p.m. service will be livestreamed and available online thereafter.
**Incense will be used at 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Services

Sunday, December 25 8 & 10 a.m. Christmas Day Breakfast by the Baking Ministry after each service.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 31 | 5 p.m.

An annual tradition at St. John's Cathedral, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has been voted one of the top things to do on New Year's Eve in Jacksonville. While the specific carols sung during the service change from year to year, we follow the example of the service at King's College and always begin with "Once in Royal David's City" and end with "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

A reception will follow in Taliaferro Hall.



