

4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December, 2024

HYMNS

739, 11, 14, 20

***“Be Alive in Christ and
make Him known”***

*We do this by
Growing spiritually in God's
Word, allowing God to use us to
grow His Church by
being Christ focused, being
community focused and being
inclusive.*

*(Artwork, left: Public Domain: The Meeting of
Mary and Elisabeth by Carl Heinrich Bloch,
Frederiksborg Castle, 1866)*



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Welcome to all newcomers!
We invite you to join in fellowship with a cuppa after service.



Welcome

P: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah;

C: for out of you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.
(Matt 2:6 NKJV)

Invocation

♪P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

♪C: Amen.



Lighting of the Advent Candle (4th Candle)

♪Hymn No: 739 When the King shall come again, Verse 4

Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: Dear friends in Christ: let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

♪P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪C: He made heaven and earth.

♪P: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

♪C: Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to you all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased you and deserve your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

P: I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?
I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name? **I do.**

P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made you holy? **I do.**

P: Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent, and to declare to those who do not repent that their sins are not forgiven. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Peace be with you.

C: Amen.

Psalm No: 80:1-7, 17-19



Cantor: Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

ANTIPHON: Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

Cantor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel; you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might and come to save us!

ANTIPHON: Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

Cantor: Restore us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

ANTIPHON: Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.

✪C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore. Amen.

 Kyrie

✪ALL: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Doxology

✪P: Glory to God in the highest

✪C: and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.


✪P: The Lord be with you.

✪C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day – (Collect)

P: Let us pray for God to be with us.

C: Thank you, loving heavenly Father, for coming with power to the Virgin Mary and making her the mother of our Lord. Come to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we receive your saving word and rejoice in our Saviour. For he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



 First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a The shepherd king to be born in Bethlehem

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 Christ came to do God's will

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-55 Mary visits Elizabeth

Before the reading  **C** Glory be to you, O Lord.

After the reading  **C** Praise be to you, O Christ.

C: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for coming to be born of Mary. Help us to rejoice that you became a human being. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.


I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

  **Hymn No: 11** The advent of our King

Sermon

  **Hymn No: 14** Let the earth now praise the Lord

 **Offertory Prayer**

 **C:** What can I offer to the Lord: for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation: and call on the name of the Lord. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call on the name of the Lord. I will keep my promises to the Lord: in the presence of all his people; In the courts of the house of the Lord: in your midst, O Jerusalem.

P: Lord God, help us to trust in your Son Jesus and be ready to do your will as he was. Fill us with joy and thankfulness, so that we live as your people, made holy through the sacrifice of Christ, and leading holy lives.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

♫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 favour † and give you peace.

♫C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

 ♫ Hymn No: 2 O come, O come, Immanuel

Merry Christmas

