

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

Prelude Magnificat I

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Processional Hymn 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever! Your light has shone in our darkened world through the

child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of

your Son, who is the Lord and Savior of all.

People

Blessed be God for ever.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Bles

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Trisagion S102 (front section of hymnal)

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People 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.

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred

shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 Richard Clark

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; * for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.
- 4 He has shown the strength of his arm, *
 he has scattered the proud in their con ceit.
- 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

- He has filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
 for he has re membered his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the be ginning, is now, * and will be for ever. A men.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 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)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacri-

fices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 265 "The angel Gabriel from heaven came"

Gabriel's Message

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

Clergy

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in

God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He

has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

Sermon Rev. Catherine Healy

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy. The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem I sing of a maiden

Lennox Berkeley (1903-1989) Words 15th-century English

I sing of a maiden That is makeless. King of all kinges To her son she ches.

He came all so stille There his mother was, As dew in Aprille That falleth on the grass. He came all so stille
To his mother's bowr,
As dew in Aprille
That falleth on the flower.

Mother and maiden
Was never none but she;
Well may such a lady
Goddes mother be.

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus S 127

Calvin Hampton

Fraction Anthem S 151

David Hurd

Breaking of the Bread

Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.

Communion Anthem The message

Traditional Dutch carol

A message came to a maiden young: The angel stood beside her.

In shining robes and with golden tongue,

He told what should betide her:

The maid was lost in wonder Her world was rent asunder

Ah! How could she Christ's mother be By God's most high decree!

No greater news could a messenger bring: For twas from that young mother

He came, who walked on the earth as kin, And yet was all men's brother:

His truth has spread like leaven, 'Twill marry earth to heaven,

Till all agree In charity To dwell from sea to sea.

He came, God's Word to the world here below: and round him there did gather

A band who found that this teacher to know

Was e'en to know the Father:

He healed the sick who sought him, Forgave the foes who fought him:

Beside the sea of Galilee. He set the nations free.

And sometimes trumpets from Sion ring out.

And tramping comes, and drumming -

'Thy kingdom come.' So we cry: and they shout,

'It comes!' and still 'tis coming-

Far, far ahead to win us: Yet with us, nay within us:

Till all shall see That King is he,

The Love of Galilee.

Communion Hymn 60 "Creator of the stars of night" Conditor alme siderum

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 438 "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord" Woodlands

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Puer natus in Bethlehem BWV 603 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us for coffee hour after the 10am service today.



Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Jo Dermer, Linda Gallo, Blair Glennon, Wendy Haering, Pam Henrikson, Donna Kell, Debbie Lorenz, Pat MacKinnon, Linda Reineman, and Beverly Wood the whole Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Margaret Blackwell
Usher Harriet Thompson

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Lia James, Maggie Donahue, Ben Clarke, Drew Donahue, and Emily Breedis

Chalice Bearers Joe Hamilton, Jeanne Johnsen,

Debbie Lorenz, and Keileigh McReynolds

Greeters Sarah & Dan Dent

Lay Readers Al Bornemann, D.D. Alexander, Madison Riley

Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Greg Hunter, Scott Jones,

Peter Lull, and Jeff Waldron

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Alewife Deanery

Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge

Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge

The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge

Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains



About The Readings

From Preparing for Sunday http://standrewswellesley.org/worship reading.html

Micah 5:2-5a Micah prophesied at about the same time as Isaiah, at the end of the eighth century BCE. He focuses particularly upon the social injustices of a period turbulent with political upheaval. Today's reading springs from the hope of a restoration of the Davidic monarchy after the exile. From Bethlehem, David's city, will come a new ruler, a shepherdking. His origin is traced to ancient times, to the days of David. Verse 3 explains the delay in the restoration and full return of the exiles. The Messiah will restore the life and well-being of the people. Matthew adapted Micah 5:2 as a prophecy of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

The Song of Mary (Canticle 15): Luke
1:46-55 Mary's song of praise, the
"Magnificat," echoes many gospel themes
stressed by Luke: the joy of salvation, the
reversal of this world's values, God's
option for the poor and lowly and the
fulfillment of the Old Testament
promises. This song of God's lowly
handmaid is a foreshadowing of the way
in which the Kingdom of God will
transform our world.

Hebrews 10:5-10 In today's reading, Christ utters Psalm 40:6-8 (from the Greek version), which serves as a summary about the meaning of his incarnation and its impact on the practice of sacrifice. The Old Testament prophets always reminded Israel that sacrifices were only to be a manifestation of obedience to all of the law. The author interprets the psalm (as spoken by Jesus) as a call for the abolition of the sacrificial system. The old order, the old covenant, is abolished, and the new is established. The sacrifice that God asks is obedience of one's own will to God's will. Jesus offers his body (in Hebrew terms, his whole life) in selfdedication to God's will. By this selfoffering as a sacrificial victim, "we have been sanctified" (v. 10), ceremonially cleansed and made holy. The salvific meaning of Jesus' incarnation is found in the reconciliation of humanity to God through Jesus.

Luke 1:39-55 Luke's account of the visitation of Mary to her kinswoman Elizabeth connects the parallel stories of Jesus and John. Luke shows John, in the womb, beginning his ministry of witness to Jesus. Characteristic also of Luke is the emphasis upon women and their response to the Lord, and the emphasis upon the work of the Holy Spirit. The baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy, enacting John's future attitude toward Jesus (3:16), just as Jacob and Esau enacted their struggle in Rebekah's womb (Genesis 25:22-23), and as Jeremiah was

appointed prophet in the womb (Jeremiah 1:5). Elizabeth proclaims Mary blessed—by God's choice of her, by the child she will bear and by her faith in God's effective word. Elizabeth recognizes her already as "the mother of my Lord" (v. 43). Luke, unlike the other gospel writers, uses the title "Lord" for Jesus in ordinary narration. Even before his birth, Jesus is "Lord." The infancy and childhood stories show him becoming what he already is.



Christmas at St. Andrew's

Christmas Eve Services, Monday, December 24

Children's Service at 3pm

This is a short service of about half an hour, aimed at young children. We sing Christmas carols, hear the Christmas story, have a children's homily featuring Rodney the Church Mouse, and say some Christmas prayers (there is no Holy Communion). The service is followed by cake and refreshments in the parish hall. Last year, the service was attended by about 250 people.

Family Eucharist at 5pm

This is the most well-attended Christmas service at St. Andrew's, with the church usually full to capacity—600 to 700 people attending. It is a traditional hour-long service of Holy Communion with Christmas carols and a Christmas sermon.

The intergenerational congregational choir sings with the junior choir at this service. The service ends with the church lights darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

Choral Service & Holy Eucharist at 10pm

This service is for those who have a particular love for Christmas choral music. The full St. Andrew's choir and a string quartet accompany the service. There is a musical prelude to the service featuring the quartet, which begins at 9:40pm, prior to the hour-long service, which starts at 10pm. The service itself is a traditional service of Holy Communion with Christmas carols, a Christmas sermon, and choral anthems. The service ends with the church lights darkened and with everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night." The service, beginning at 10pm, is just over an hour in length. Usually about 300 people attend this service.

Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, December 25 at 10am

This is a relaxed and happy service of Holy Communion, with Christmas carols and a short Christmas homily. The service is usually lightly attended by about 50 people and lasts one hour.

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 30 at 10am

This service on the Sunday after Christmas is a lovely opportunity to sing Christmas carols and hear the Christmas Bible readings. The service takes the traditional form of a service of Lessons & Carols. There are five Christmas bible readings interspersed with five Christmas carols sung by the congregation. There is no Holy Communion at this service and it lasts about 45 minutes.

Epiphany Fireside Service Sunday, January 6 at 5pm

This is a beautiful, intimate service which takes place in the parish hall set against a lovely fire roaring in the fire place. The service is usually well attended by an intergenerational congregation. There is Holy Communion, a short epiphany themed homily and an opportunity to sing beautiful epiphany hymns. This is a popular service followed by a potluck and is usually attended by 90 to 100 people.



Notices & Announcements

Newcomers and visitors: We extend a warm welcome to those who are new in our community. Please fill out one of the welcome cards in the narthex (foyer) and hand it to a greeter for a fuller welcome!

5pm Christmas Eve Intergenerational Choir Signup

Last chance to sign up and sing tomorrow. Please sign up with Amanda or Wardie. Important dates to remember:

- Today, December 23, 11:30am to 1:30pm: Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary. Pizza after rehearsal!
- Monday, December 24, 4pm: Meet in the choir room for warm-ups and a final rehearsal. Sing at the 5pm service.
- Amanda Kern
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9am Christian Learning

Today, Sunday, December 23, we gather for *Praying with Icons: Mary the Mother of God*. After this, class will resume on January 20, 2019. Join us in **Room 2 at 9am**. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret K. Schwarzer

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Childcare—Christmas Eve 5pm

Babysitting will be available during the **5pm** service on **Monday**, **December 24**, in Kids' Place. Feel free to drop your children in childcare for all, or part of the service.

- Susan Jackson
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Christmas Lessons & Carols

Come to the **10am service** next **Sunday**, **December 30**, to sing your favorite Christmas hymns! — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Mitten Tree

The St. Andrew's mitten tree is in the parish hall. This is a long-standing outreach ministry. Please bring new hats, gloves, and mittens for those in need this winter.

- Heidi Harper
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Epiphany Fireside Service & Potluck

Please join us in celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6, at 5pm in the parish hall. We will sing the great hymns of Epiphany and share the Eucharist in front of a warm, roaring fire. This is a lovely service for all ages! Afterwards, we invite you to stay for homemade soup and a baked potato bar, hosted by the fellowship committee. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. Looking forward to seeing you!

Jennifer Sawyerjennysawyer10@gmail.com

Collecting Coats for Kids and Adults

As the cold weather sets in, there are thousands of people in our area who are without a warm winter coat. Gently used warm coats of all sizes—infant through adult XXL—are accepted. Donated coats will be cleaned free of charge by Anton's Cleaners and then distributed through the Coats for Kids Distribution Partners network. This collection will continue **through December 31**. Please check your closets and drop your unwanted coats in the collection box in the office corridor. — Joanna Horobin

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Support El Hogar with Amazon

If you are using Amazon for some of your Christmas shopping, please consider going through the El Hogar website first:

www.elhogar.org/amazon. El Hogar receives up to 12% of your total, at no extra charge to you! Thanks! — Becky Taylor

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Confirmation Prep & Youth Group

Confirmation prep and youth group will next meet **Sunday**, **January 13**, with eighthgrade confirmation prep from **5 to 6:30pm** and high school youth group from **6:45 to 8pm**. All youth are welcome.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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Firearm Safety Task Force

The Firearm Safety Task Force met on Sunday, December 9, and adopted the following Mission Statement:

St. Andrew's Firearm Safety Task Force is a non-partisan group committed to educating the congregation on relevant common sense gun legislation at both the local and national level. The committee strives to provide guidance to interested parishioners on how to become involved faithfully in decreasing gun violence and promoting gun safety. In addition we pledge ourselves to bring the values of the gospel to affirm the sacredness of every human life.

The Task Force will meet again on **Sunday, February 3, at 11:30am in Room 2**. We are working on preparing a forum to the parish this winter. — Paul Merry

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Sunday Parking on Denton Road

We received a letter from one of our Denton Road neighbors complaining that a parishioner had parked partially blocking their driveway two Sundays ago. We have also had a number of calls about this since the beginning of the year. *Please be very careful that you do not obstruct the driveways of our neighbors*. We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors and to extend to them the courtesy we would expect from others parking in our own roads. Thanks for your help with this!

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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MLK Day of Action

Live out the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through the MLK Day of Action! On Monday, January 21, 2019, volunteers will gather at St. Andrew's in the morning to drive into the South End of Boston and spend the day (from approximately 9am to 2pm) working on projects at the Blackstone School, a partner of St. Stephen's Church, our sister parish. All ages are invited; children below grade nine should bring a parent. See the sign-up genius on the SERVE page of the website.

- Cam McCormick
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Online Giving Available

Electronic giving is offered on our website under the GIVE tab to make pledge payments (one-time or recurring) and special contributions (e.g., memorial flowers, outreach). Creating a profile only takes a moment, and you can make changes to your donations as well as view and print your donation history. We hope you will take advantage of this convenient feature on our website.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Book of Common Prayer

The worship committee has purchased new prayer books to replace those in the church that were in poor condition. If you would like one of the old ones for your personal use, please feel free to take one from the display in the narthex. — Cynthia Scott

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Gratitude

Family Promise Christmas Gifts

The reality of not having a home of one's own is especially magnified during the holiday season, which is why we are so grateful for your generosity to our guest families. The gifts so carefully purchased by the members of St. Andrew's Church will be placed under our Christmas tree to surprise our children on Christmas morning. What a joy that will be, especially in our new Day Center, which gives us the space and the feel of "home" to make that happen. Please share our deepest thanks to every child and parent in the church school community who offered presents, gift cards and more. Your dedication to Family Promise is a treasure in every season, but especially during this sacred time of the year. With warmest wishes for a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year, Judy Mongiardo, Network Coordinator, Family Promise

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Staff

The clergy are always available to assist you. Please email or call the clergy if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited. Also, please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list. Our prayers and concerns are with all those in need.

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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am and 5pm. The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am—we offer healing prayer at this service; **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is also offered weekdays at 8:45am, unless otherwise noted.
- Senior Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; Junior Choir rehearsal is on Sundays at 9am.
- Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Sober Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

Sunday, December 23

See service schedule above 9am Christian Learning **NO** 5pm Service

Monday, December 24

NO 8:50am Silent Prayer all this week 5pm Family Holy Eucharist 10pm Festival Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day
Parish Office closed
10am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 30

NO 9:45am Church School or Rite-13 10am Christmas Lessons & Carols NO 5pm Service

