

# MORNING PRAYER RITE II

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 | 10:00am

St. Alban's St. Thomas



Episcopal  
Church

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*The entire liturgy for Morning Prayer is found below.*

*Words to be said in unison or as a congregational response  
are found in bold.*

HYMN 278 *Sing we of the blessed Mother*

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1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's  
2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her  
3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en  
4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in  
through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his  
Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed  
done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of  
weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and  
on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing  
to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is  
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the  
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly  
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.  
 price of our re - demp-tion paid to set the sin - ner free.  
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.  
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign-ing as the Lord of love.

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*The office continues with the Opening Sentence (BCP 75)*

Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

**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.**

*The Priest says*

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.**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

**People** **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

JUBILATE (BCP 82)

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

THE PSALM (BCP 713)

*Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26*

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.  
2 **For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**  
3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:  
4 **'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"  
19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.  
20 **I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**  
21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.

**22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.**

23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.

**24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.**

25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.

**26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE FIRST LESSON

*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*

A reading from 2 Samuel

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

CANTICLE 15 (BCP 91)

*The Song of Mary*

**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.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
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.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON

*Romans 16:25-27*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**           **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 265 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,  
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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THE GOSPEL

*Luke 1:26-38*

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP 96)

*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

**People**          **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

V.      Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R.      And grant us your salvation.**

V.      Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R.      Let your people sing with joy.**

V.      Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R.      For only in you can we live in safety.**

V.      Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R.      And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V.      Let your way be known upon earth;

**R.      Your saving health among all nations.**

V.      Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R.      Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V.      Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R.      And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (4 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 COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

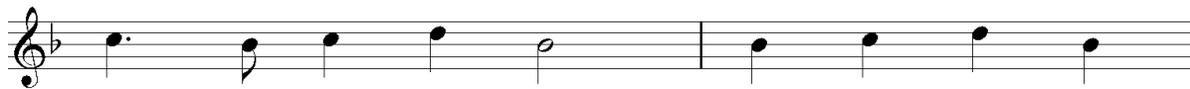
*Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

*Officiant* All these things we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

HYMN 54 *Savior of the nations, come*



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP 101)

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude with the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all  
evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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