



St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

December 18, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This booklet has all of the music, prayers and readings you need to participate in today's service.

May our worship nourish you for your journey of faith.

Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Opening Hymn: *Wonder, Love, and Praise #724 People Look East*

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Music: *Bescancon Carol* harmony by John L. Hooker (b. 1944) © 1997 John L. Hooker Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Peo - ple look East, The time is near of the crown - ing of the
Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



year. Make your home fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to-day: Love the guest is on the way.
flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to-day: Love the rose is on the way.
cho-sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to-day: Love the bird is on the way.
- geth - er. Peo-ple look East and sing to-day: Love the star is on the way.
com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to-day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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 upon your Name.

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

Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #56 *O come, Emmanuel*, verses 1, 5-7

Words: Latin 9th century. Music: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*, Plainsong Mode I *Processionale* adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)
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O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
O come, thou Key of Dav - id, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
O come thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;
O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of hu - man - kind;



that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
bid thou our sad di - vi - sons cease, and be thy self our King of peace.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 1:18-25

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 Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The Nicene Creed

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

In this season of preparation for your birth, Lord Jesus, we wait for that time your prophet will say, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Stir up your might and come to save us as we look forward to your holy restoration. We pray, saying **Come O Come Emmanuel.**

In these waning days of autumn, we pray in gratitude for the changing seasons that reflect the beauty of creation. For your wisdom and courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for future generations, we pray: **Come O Come Emmanuel.**

In this season when we remember the challenging words of John the Baptist, we pray that you will continue to raise up prophets to tell the good news of salvation and call us to repentance and reformation. For the church, for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George’s, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In our civil society, we give thanks for leaders who take seriously their call to serve. We ask that all leaders of nations speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. That all who are held captive by any form of oppression may find liberation, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In this land of plenty, we pray for those who lack the basic necessities of life. For the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and the Haiti Micah Project, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are out of work, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In a time when so many need healing, we pray for your wholeness, O God. Grace us all with resilience to endure the challenges we face and strengthen us to reach out to one another. For those who suffer, those who are sick, for those on our parish prayer list and those we remember in our hearts, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In the midst of life, we also face the realities of death. O God who gives comfort, we pray for those who have died, that they find their eternal home with you. *The people may add their own petitions.* For the departed and for all who mourn, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

We pray in thanksgiving to you O God, bringer of joy, especially for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. For all the blessings of our lives, we pray:
Come, O Come Emmanuel.

We pray in confidence and hope to you, O Christ, as we await your birth with anticipation and joy.
Amen.



The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

Offertory Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #265 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

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The an - gel Gab - ri - el from hea - ven came, his wings as drift - ed snow, his
"For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be, all gen - er - a - tions laud and
Then gen - tle Mary meek - ly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleas - eth God,"
Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born in Beth - le - hem, all on a



eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, most
hon - or thee, thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, most
she said, "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name." Most
Christ - mas morn, and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ever say "Most



high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
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The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues:

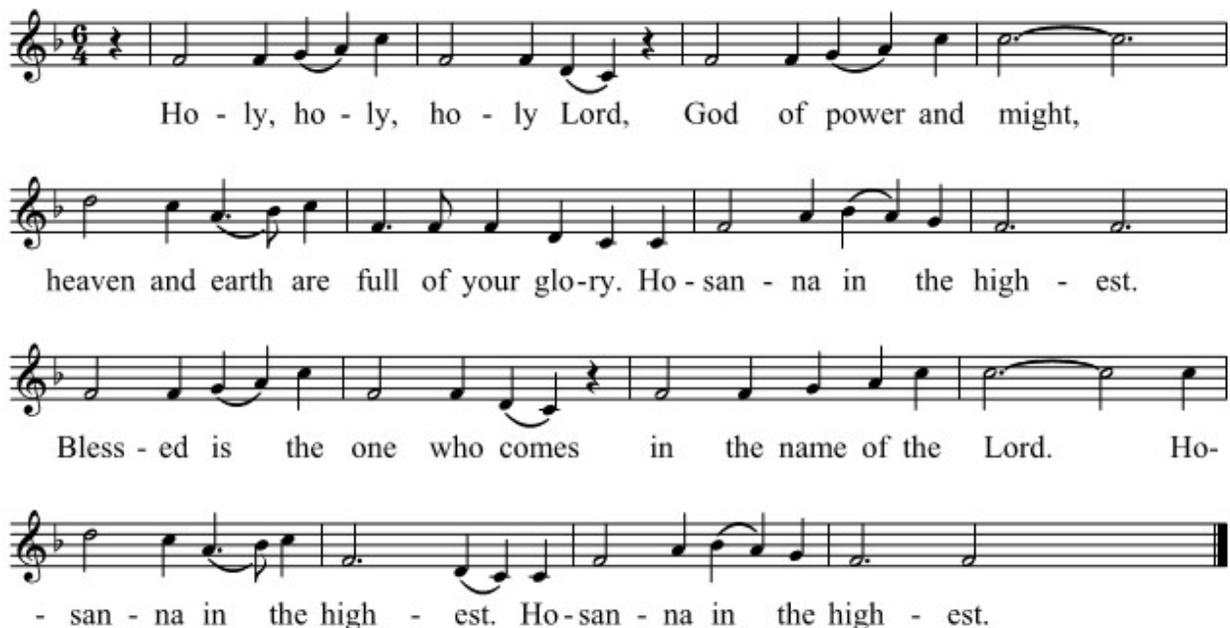
We give thanks to you, Holy One, that the days are surely coming when all the world will see the fulfillment of your promise of salvation. You alone are our righteousness, our only hope for justice and peace.

We rejoice and sing to you with gladness, for you have renewed us by your love, restoring the fortunes of the lost, gathering up the broken and outcast, and giving them a home in you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus: Wonder, Love and Praise #858 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

We give you thanks O God for sending Jesus to be our way in the wilderness: at his word, every valley is lifted and every mountain made low; in his body, all flesh shall see your saving power.

Born of Mary, Jesus Christ is our salvation and strength, the fulfillment of your word and the hope of generations. For he lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

And so we remember that on the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Gracious God, we ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts that they may be the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world.

Guard our hearts and minds by the power of Christ Jesus. Speak to our anxieties with the peace that passes understanding, and let our gentleness and joy be a sign of his gracious presence.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – Contemporary Version

Celebrant: The Living Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and after a time of silence, all sing

Fraction Hymn: *Christ our Passover*

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Cantor



Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

All



There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.



Communion Hymn 1: Hymnal 1982 #81 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Words: Verses 1-2, German 15th century, Tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934),

Verse 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859), Tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); Hymnal 1940

Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, from *Alte Catholische Gerisliche Kirchnengesang*, 1599. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,



Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing as seers of old have sung. It came, a blos-som bright
with Ma-ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo-ther kind. To show God's love a - right,
dis-pel in glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where, true man, yet ve - ry God,



a - mid the cold of win-ter, when half-spent was the night.
she bore to us a Sa-rior when half spent was the night.
from sin and death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.



Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #60 *Creator of the stars of night*

Words: Latin, 9th century. Music: *Conditor alme riderum*, plainsong, Mode 4. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light.
In sor - row that the an - cient curse should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
At your great Name, O Je - sus now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
Come to your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



O Christ, Re-deem - er of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.
you came, O Sa - vior, to set free your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
not as a mon - arch, but the child of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
all things on earth with one ac - cord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
de - fend us while we dwell be - low from all as - saults of our dread foe.
praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

God of new beginnings, we thank you for drawing near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen us with your love and to renew us for your service. Kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, that your light would so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his coming. This we ask in the name of Jesus Emmanuel, who was and is and is to come. Amen.

Announcements

Christmas Services at St. George's

Saturday, December 24: 5 p.m. Family Service with Pageant

This service includes the Christmas pageant followed Holy Communion, a wonderful celebration of the magic and mystery of Christmas Eve.

Saturday, December 24: 9:00 pm Festive Eucharist

This service of Holy Communion begins with special music by the choir. Come and celebrate Jesus' birth with word and song, bread and wine. Joy to the world!

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. Eucharist

We continue the celebration of the Incarnation with a service of Holy Communion with music on Christmas Day.

Sunday, January 1: The Second Sunday of Christmas 8 & 10 am

8:00 am Quiet Eucharist

10:00 am Christmas Lessons and Carols: a service with scripture readings, poetry, and Christmas hymns, with Holy Communion.

The Blessing

May God be with you as you keep watch for the One whose Advent is promised. **Amen.**

May God embolden your witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way. **Amen.**

May you be found ready at Christ's return, at peace in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who gives us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Gather #485 *City of God*

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Verses 1 2



A - wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your sleep! A new day is
We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of day. The one who has



dawn-ing for all those who weep. The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light.
loved us has bright-ened our way. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be



The Lord of our long-ing has con-quired the night.
a light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain

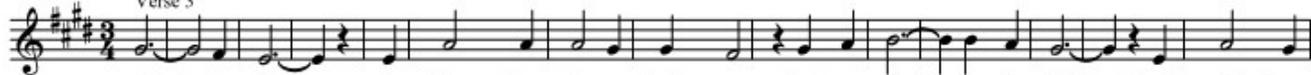


Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be turned in-to danc-ing! For the



Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night in-to day.

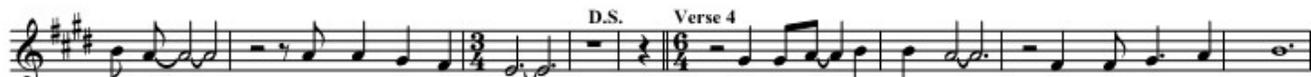
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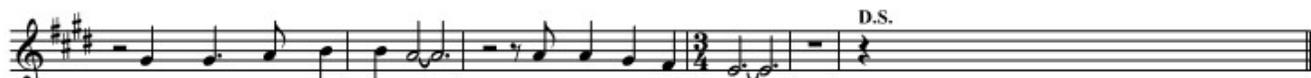
God is light; in whom there is no dark-ness. Let us walk in the light, God's chil-dren,



one and all. O com-fort my peo-ple; make gen-tle your words. Pro-claim to my



cit-y the day of her birth. O cit-y of glad-ness, now lift up your voice.



Pro-claim the good tid-ings that all my re - joice!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*