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ORDER OF WORSHIP – Saturday, December 21, 2024 @ 5:30pm

Fourth Weekend of Advent

Welcome

Announcements

Communion is celebrated at each service. Please contact the church office if you are unable to come into the building and wish to receive.

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Confession and Absolution (stand)

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Praise song 1

Praise song 2

Lighting of Advent Wreath

L: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, as with think about the coming of Jesus Christ,

C: we light the candle of love.

(Acolyte lights four candles)

L: When Christ comes into our lives He brings the fullness of joy.

C: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! (1 John 3:1)

L: This is how God showed His love;

C: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

L. A new command I give you; Love on another

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

C: All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another (John 13: 34-35)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
 who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
 to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
 in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth.
⁵And he shall be their peace.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1–7

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might and come to save us!**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**⁴O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord....

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse

Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia..

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 1:39–45

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Children's message

Sermon

Nicene Creed

L: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit**

**of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Response song

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Offering

We continue the age-old practice of presenting our tithes, gifts, and offerings to Almighty God though now through modern means. Giving options and contact information are listed the end of this worship folder, and appear on the screen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

O Come O Come Emmanuel (Chorus)

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

The Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer

So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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 forever and ever.

Amen.

Pax Domini

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

C: Amen

Sanctus

O Come O Come Emmanuel (Chorus)

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Distribution

Communion Song

Benediction

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 favor and give you peace.

Dismissal

Sending -

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Your Offerings

1. Mail to St. Paul @ 21 Still Rd., Monroe, NY 10950.
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