

*The Church of the  
Holy Family  
The Episcopal Church in  
Mills River, NC*



*The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021*

## **SACRED PLACE SACRED SPACE**

**Please observe silence after the Altar Candles are lit.**

### **PRELUDE**

**A bell rings three times; the People stand.**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* Today we light the fourth Advent Candle, which stands for Peace.

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory, and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Candle is lit.*

### **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

*The Lord is My Light*

*Taize*

The Lord is my light  
My light and salvation  
Come Lord Christ  
Come Lord Christ

### **ENTRANCE HYMN #265 *The angel Gabriel from heaven came***

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a bless'd Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,  
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*            Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
*People*                *You come to your people and set them  
free.*

### **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and  
from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by  
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### **KYRIE S-91**

Lord have mercy upon us,  
Lord have mercy upon us,  
Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us,  
Lord have mercy upon us,  
Lord have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*               *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*           Let us pray.

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 forever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

<sup>2</sup>But 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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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;

<sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

## **PSALM: Canticle 3: The Song of Mary**

*Remain seated.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
**and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.**

For he hath regarded \*  
**the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

For behold from henceforth \*  
**all generations shall call me blessed.**

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
**and holy is his Name.**

And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
**throughout all generations.**

He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
**he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
**and hath exalted the humble and meek.**

He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
**and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
**as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed forever.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>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).”

<sup>8</sup>When 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), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to

establish the second. <sup>10</sup>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.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN #277 *Sing of Mary pure and lowly***

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,  
virgin mother undefiled;  
sing of God's own Son most holy,  
who became her little child.  
Fairest child of fairest mother,  
God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word made flesh, our very brother,  
Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,  
in the home at Nazareth,  
toil and labor cannot weary  
love enduring unto death.  
Constant was the love he gave her,  
Though he went forth from her side,  
forth to preach and heal, and suffer,  
till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father;  
glory be to God the Son;  
glory be to God the Spirit;  
glory to the Three in One.  
From the heart of blessed Mary,  
from all saints the song ascends,  
and the Church the strain re-echoes  
unto earth's remotest ends.

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

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

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Pray for all Bishops, Deacons, and Priests, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jose, our Bishop, and Chris, our Priest that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant continues:*

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.***



## **PROPER PREFACE**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy***

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.  
**AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **INVITATION**

*(All are welcome at our Table)*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Magnificat*

*Taize*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **RECESSIONAL HYMN #56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel***

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

***Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!***

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

***Refrain***

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

***Refrain***

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

***Refrain***

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

***Refrain***

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

***Refrain***

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.

***Refrain***

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

***Refrain***

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

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## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST**

Shirley	Mickey	Kevin	Cody
Brent	Devin	Nicholas	David
Josh	Jan	Lila	Dave
Penny	Joy	Danny	Elisa
Julie	Jim B.	John	Carolyn and
Helen	Rita Beth	Susie	Tyshaun
Chris C.		Edward	

*In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

*In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer pray for St. Thomas, Burnsville.*

*We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week , especially Lee Young and Carole Kitchen*

***Meditation of the Day: “There is an ocean of God’s love available- there is plenty for everyone. May God grant you never to doubt that victorious love-whatever the circumstances.” Corrie ten Boom***

*You are the apple of God’s eye. You are precious in His sight. Receive His love and use it to help you love the redeemed you, for whom Jesus gave His life.*

*Such love, pure as the whitest snow  
Such love, weeps for the shame I know  
Such love, paying the debt I low  
O Jesus, such love.*

*Such love, stilling my restlessness  
Such love, filling my emptiness  
Such love, showing me holiness  
O Jesus, such love.*

*Such love, springs from eternity  
Such love, streaming through history  
Such love, fountain of life to me  
O Jesus, such love.*

*(From Journey to the Manger by Jean McLachlan Hess)*

## **Upcoming Events**

Men's Breakfast- Every Wednesday, 8:30 am at Kosta's Restaurant  
Executive Committee Meetings-Every Tuesday, 1:00 pm  
Outreach Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 1:30 pm  
Choir Practice, Every Wednesday, 4:30 pm  
Women's Group- Saturday, January 8, 2022, 10:00 am  
Christmas Eve Service-December 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm

### *Liturgical Calendar Through December*

*December 19 (Advent 4) Communion Distribution with Bread only*

*December 24 (Christmas Eve) Distribution with Bread and Wine*

*December 26 (Christmas 1) Distribution with Bread and Wine*

*After December 26<sup>th</sup>, Communion will be distributed through Bread and Wine.*

### **IAM Needs for Holiday Food Drive:**

6-10 lb. Hams/Canned Hams  
8-15 lb. Turkeys, Turkey Breast  
Stuffing mix , Bags of Potatoes; Small to Large  
Sweet Potatoes/Canned Yams, Canned Corn  
Gravy Mix or Jar, Canned Fruit  
Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Green Beans  
Mushroom Soup, Fried Onions  
Cake Mixes  
Icing  
Canned Pumpkin  
Evaporated Milk  
Pie Crust  
Canned Hominy  
Bags of Maseca Tamal

You can also make a monetary donation. Please make your check out to Holy Family and indicate in the memo line that this is for IAM.

## Sunday Worship

9:45 am Christian Education  
10:45 am Worship and Communion

Martha Callan, *Treasurer*  
Judy Rhodes, *Music Minister*  
Linda Bregartner, *Altar Guild*  
Jeanne Mason, *Parish Secretary*  
Diane Carter, *Prayer Ministry*  
Martha Callan, *Outreach Chair*  
Charlotte Garcia, *Youth and Children's Ministry*

*The people of Holy Family, Ministers*  
*The Rt. Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop*  
*The Rev. Dr. Chris Mason, Priest in Charge*  
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### VESTRY

Gary Carraux: Senior Warden [1/22],  
Stan Phipps: Junior Warden [1/23],  
Linda Bregartner [1/22], Stan Pacana [1/24],  
Evie Brush [1/24], Jay Callan [1/23]