

# Order of Service, Readings, and Prayer

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Welcome

Parish Announcement's

**Prelude By Handbells** "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

"Christmas Bell Tidings"

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

"Come Behold The Newborn King"

*"Light of Light"*

Pastor- Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

Cong.- God of love, fill our hearts with true compassions.

P. - Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

C. God of love, help us speak truth with kindness.

P. Advent is a time to share with those in need.

C. God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.

P. Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.

C. God of love, help us see the world through loving eyes.

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# Today's Readings

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## Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

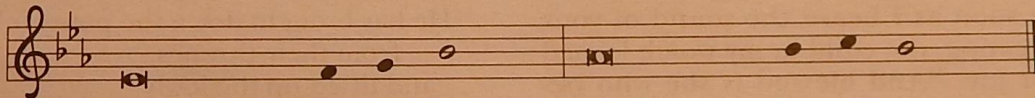
Micah 5:2-5a

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.

## Psalmody

Luke 1:46b-55; tone 4



My soul proclaims the greatness  
of the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>my spirit rejoices  
in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup>for you, Lord, have looked with favor  
on your lowly servant.  
From this day all generations  
will call me blessed:  
<sup>49</sup>you, the Almighty,  
have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.  
<sup>50</sup>You have mercy  
on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup>You have shown strength  
with your arm

and scattered the proud  
in their conceit,  
<sup>52</sup>casting down the mighty  
from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.  
<sup>53</sup>You have filled the hungry  
with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>You have come to the aid  
of your servant Israel,  
to remember  
the promise of mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his  
children forever.

or Psalm 80:1-7 [not printed]

## Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, 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.

## Gospel

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

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."]

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