

Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Rite I



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**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY
BAPTISM AND THE HOLY
EUCCHARIST**

PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN *HYMNAL 56*

"O come, O come, Emmanuel"

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION *BCP 299*

Please stand, as you are able.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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 for ever. ***Amen***

THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Micah 5:2-5a

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. 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. 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; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE: *HYMNAL 438*

"The Song of Mary"

People may be seated

THE EPISTLE:

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 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)."

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), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN *HYMNAL 265*
"The Angel Gabriel"
Stanzas 1, 2, and 3 before; stanza 4
afterward.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL:
Luke 1:39-45

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

And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Glory to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe

THE PRESENTATION *BCP 301*

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT
*The people may stand **BCP 304***

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES
BCP 305

The Baptismal Family and Ministers go to the font. Young Children and others are invited to join them

THE THANKSGIVING OF THE WATER
BCP 306

THE BAPTISM *BCP 307*

*We welcome Brock and Grant Towery
into the household of God*

THE DISMISSAL *BCP 339*

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY *HYMNAL 269*

"Ye who claim the faith of Jesus"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II *BCP 340*

THE SANCTUS *HYMNAL S-130*

THE CONSECRATION *BCP 341*

Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *BCP 336*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

HYMNAL S-164

**THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION** *(for those attending
remotely)*

THE MUSIC AT COMMUNION
Organ Meditation

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
BCP 339

THE BLESSING *BCP 339*

THE CLOSING HYMN *HYMNAL 73*
"The King shall come"

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The Church: for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for the Togendowagan Society, Ray, their Leader; Darcy and Dan, their Elders; and for St. Stephen's, Stevensville, and The Rev. Dr. Richard Tardiff, their Interim Priest.



THOSE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK
December 22nd - December 28th

Birthdays

23 Manny Hoag
27 Jillian Diveley

Anniversaries

27 Aub and Janet Kirkland
27 Robin and Sarah McHugh

The Government: for Joe, our President; for Greg our Governor; for Congress, especially Greg, Jon, Matt, Steve, Ryan and for Kelly, Vickie, Wilmot, our area mayors.

The Community: for the staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of God's Love, Good Samaritan Ministries, Family Promise, and the Personal Care Pantry.

Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Debbie, Kari, Jennie, Dick, Billie, Ben and Family, Marge, Dale, Taylor, Bob D., Terry, Scott, Jordan, Kevin, Robin, Ray, Joyce, Lynn, Charlotte, Peggy, Paul Bresnahan, ZoeAnn, Teresa, Colleen, and Sherry

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: for Erica, David, and Shane