

# The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

✠ December 22, 2024 ✠

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30 a.m.

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## Welcome to Our Parish!



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### Our Mission Statement:

Celebrate Christ + Serve Christ + Share Christ



## The Lessons

### *A Reading from 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.

**Reader:**

The Word of the Lord.

**People:**

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 80:1-7

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



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- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the  
cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall  
be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall  
be saved.

*A Reading from 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.

Reader:

The Word of the Lord.

**People:**

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Sequence Hymn:**

**268**

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

*Julion*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

**People:**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."]

Priest:

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Fr. Ray

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

### The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

*Intercessor:* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church especially;

*People:* **The Anglican Church of Uganda, St Stephen's, Ridgeway, St. John's, Columbia, St. John's, Winnsboro, St. John's, Congaree, Hopkins. That we all may be one.**

*Intercessor:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People:* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor:* We especially pray for those celebrating birthdays this week.

*People:* **David Stringer, Kimberly Cannon, Ryan Baker, Jan Hope**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially;

*People:* **Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Ray, our Priest-in-Charge, Lucas, our called Rector; that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People:* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People:* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intercessor:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People:* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor:* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People:* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**



*Intercessor:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People:* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our Parish Prayer List;

*People:* **Caroline** (*granddaughter to Jan & Wendy Hope*), **Diane Woods, Shirley Hunt, Les Woods, Sam and Stephanie Sands** (*friends to Jan & Wendy Hope*), **Roger** (*brother to Jan Hope*), **Margie and Howdy Hawk** (*known to Judy Rauppius*), **Mark Hayden** (*friend to Becky Ferguson*), **Margaret Marsh** (*friend to Jane Wilson*), **David Caines, Carol Freeman, Tim Garner, Brent, Rovenia Miller, Benny Etter, Lou Womack** (*friends to Manning & Sheilah Kimmel*), **Lou & Joan Amzler, Don Shonk, T.J. Grubbs** (*brother to Linda Campfield*), **Brian Dubas** (*father to Claire Incorevati*), **Shayla Humphreys** (*granddaughter to John Wallace*), **Nita McGill** (*mother to Steve McGill*), **Margie Spraggins** (*sister to Novie Greene*), **Sara Lou Johnson** (*sister to Barbara Dawson*), **the families of Kevin Godfrey and Jeff & Karmen Hadley** (*known to Jeff Couick*), **Genevieve Long, Lisa and Lauren** (*friends to Melanie Hurst and Rebecca Myers*).

*Intercessor:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Intercessor and People:**

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

*(The Ministers and People stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

Fr. Ray's two-minute children's Conversation (ages 2 to 11)

## BLESSING OF MILESTONES

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Milestones

*(if you are celebrating this week, come forward)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Person of the Week: Ben Boyles

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

**Offertory Anthem:** Magnificat -George Dyson

**Offertory Hymn:** 72

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes *Richmond*

**The Great Thanksgiving, Rite II, Prayer B** **BCP 367**

**The Sanctus** **S 124**

# The Lord's Prayer

S 119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winifred Douglas (1867-1944). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

**Celebrant:** [Alleluia] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia]

*Every baptized Christian, regardless of age or denomination, is warmly invited to receive communion. If you can't make it to the altar, let one of our ushers know, and a priest will bring communion to you. If you or your children whether due to illness, age, baptized status, or any other reason would like a blessing instead of communion, please come forward to the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest as a sign to the priest. We're delighted to welcome everyone to share in this special moment at the altar rail.*

## The Fraction Anthem

S 161

**Communion Hymn:** 60  
 Creator of the stars of night *Conditor alme siderum*

**The Post-Communion Prayer** BCP 365, 366

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn:** 66  
 Come, thou long expected Jesus *Stuttgart*

**Priest:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Closing Voluntary:** Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes  
 -Wilbur Held

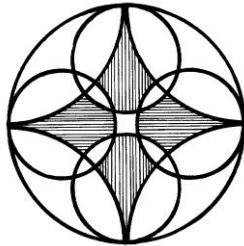
## OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS

Acolytes:	<i>Wesley Hane, George Hane, Arthur Goonen, Amelia Okey</i>
Lectors:	<i>Susanne Okey, Gardy Wilson</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	<i>Gardy Wilson, Wendy Hope</i>
Greeter:	<i>Dottie White</i>
Ushers:	<i>Andy Hane, James Hale Burgess</i>
Coffee Hour:	<i>Kathy and David Malak</i>
Altar Guild:	<i>Alice Craighead, Barbara Dawson, Linda Caines, Rebecca Myers, Melanie Hurst, Cathy Griffin, Claire Incorvati, Marianne Meshot</i>
Audio/Video:	<i>Colin Okey, Manning Kimmel</i>
Vestry of the Week:	<i>Ben Boyles</i>
Nursery:	<i>Melanie Hurst and Rebecca Myers</i>
Basket-of-the-Week:	<i>Education=Hope</i>
Pastoral Care Team:	<i><u>Frances Rouse</u>, Sally Baker, Sandra Gause, Toni Hendrix, Judy Rauppilus, Diane Rudulph, Charlie Scoville, Martha Macdonald, Tammy Windell, Barbara Dawson, Louise Hane, Carole Tiedeman</i>

## YOUR VESTRY

<b>2024</b> <i>Ben Boyles</i> <i>Robert Carter</i> <b>Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Sr. Warden</b> <i>Karen Hill</i>	<b>2025</b> <i>Jeff Couick</i> <i>Randy Hart</i> <b>Julia McCallum, Jr. Warden</b> <i>John Stewart, Clerk</i>	<b>2026</b> <i>Steve Dawson</i> <i>Christy Dutra</i> <b>Karen Lambruschi</b> <i>Jim Russell</i>
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*The Very Rev. Dr. Raymond Joe Waldon – Presiding Officer*



The Altar flowers are given by  
Kathy and David Malak  
in thanksgiving of being a part of Our Saviour's family and a  
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Love, Dedication, and Guidance for the preparation of our  
parish's next phase. You Both are a Blessing!