



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist II

10:30 AM service can be found in the bulletin insert.

Prelude "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Franklin D. Ashdown

Opening Hymn "Good Christian friends, rejoice" Hymn #107

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

People **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.**

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff (measures 1-3) is for the Cantor, with lyrics: "Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy." The second staff (measures 4-6) is for the Assembly, with lyrics: "Christ, ___ have mer - cy. Christ, ___ have mer - cy. ___". The third staff (measures 7-9) is for the Cantor, with lyrics: "Lord, ___ have mer-cy. Lord, ___ have mer - cy. _____".

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 for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (7:10-16)

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

The Book of Common Prayer pg. 702

**Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?
 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
 And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (1:1-7)

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "Prepare the way of the Lord" Taizé

**Prepare the way of the Lord.
 Prepare the way of the Lord,
 And all people will see the salvation of our God.**

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (1:18-25)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son,

Leader God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for those asked to serve on behalf of this nation: Tyler, Corey, Garrett, Antoine, Daniel, Thomas, Rick, Ben, Carson, Jason & Dallas. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially; Greg, Neil, Amy, Robert, Alan, Charlie, Molly, Ron, Wes, Mary Anne, Tommie, Kathleen, Angie, and those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Mark, Ruth, Jan, Phyllis, Tom, Tripp, Randy, Emih, Cindy, Kalob, Taylor, Ryan, Russ, Jason, Mateo, Shep, Phil, Jordan, Sarah, Kathleen, Patrick, Alex, Arleen, Mary, Michelle, Dana, Ashlynn, Marilyn, Patsy, MaryDee, Margie, Ross, Bob, Hank, JoAnn, Lorna, Cathleen, Jordan, Brian, Joy, Susan, Gail, Miles, Laura, Des, Mason, Charlette, Claudia, Ji-bril, Tracy, Donald, Tristan, Leona, Austen, Millie, Courtney, Ron, Julia, Valerie, Peyton, Terri, & Sharon.

If you would like to be added to Sunday prayers of the people or to the Wednesday healing service, please email Rev. Angela at angela@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give you thanks for those with birthdays; Tim T., Mary A., Justine S., Ethan C., Patricia N., Carol S., Elizabeth D., Lee K., Mark B., Shawn B., and those with anniversaries; Jim & Marion Moore and Sheron & Wyre Marshall.
May we celebrate them as beloved children of God.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Deacon 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

10:30 AM Service Continues Here

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Digital Offering *(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)*

- Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
- Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.



1. ’Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that God the Lord of all the earth
sent angel-choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wondering hunters heard the hymn:

*Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.*

2. Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found,
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel-song rang loud and high:

Refrain

3. The earliest moon of winter-time
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver-pelt.

Refrain

4. O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true;
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy.

Refrain

Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

*(10:30 AM Service Sung)
Hymn # 381 (verse 4)*

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

**God the Father, Light Creator,
to thee laud and honor be;
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
glory, glory be to thee;
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the Holy Trinity!**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(An appropriate Proper Preface is offered here and the service continues as follows.)*

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:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

(Please kneel or stand in body or spirit)

Celebrant

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,

People

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

Celebrant

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 of 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 for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At this time we are only offering intinction/ dipping of the bread into the wine. Please come to the altar rail and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the wine. When the wine comes to you, you may dip your wafer into the wine and then consume and return to your pew. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: Please come to the left side (as you face the front) of the altar rail and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine. The ceramic chalice is for gluten free hosts only.

Communion Hymns

"Wait for the Lord"

Taizé

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

“In the bleak midwinter”

Hymn #112

1. In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate,
Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
throngèd the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved
with a kiss.
4. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him-
give my heart

“Love came down at Christmas”

Hymn #84

1. Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas:
star and angels gave the sign.
2. Worship we the Godhead,
love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus,
but wherewith for sacred sign?
3. Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbor,
love for plea and gift and sign.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Sending

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant In the name of God and this community, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

verses Hymn #56, vs. 1, 5-7

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
5. 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
6. 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
7. 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

“People Look East”

by Robert Lau

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements

- Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 18 during the 10:30AM Service
- Christmas Eve Services, December 24 – 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM*, 11:00 PM*
- Christmas Day Service, December 25 – 10:00 AM* (*No Nursery*)
- Office Closed – December 26 & 27
- Last Day for 2022 Giving – December 29
- New Year’s Day – Lessons & Carols – January 1 – 10:00 AM* (*Nursery 9:45-11:15 AM*)
- Office Closed – January 2
- January 8, 2023 – Our Normal Sunday Schedule Resumes – 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM*, 9:15 AM Education
- Annual Parish Meeting – January 29 – 9:15 AM

*Livestreamed Online

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