



Digital Bulletin
December 20, 2020 9:00 AM
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude “Ave Maris Stella (Hail Mary, Star of the Sea)” Nicolas Lebègue (French 17th C.)

Welcome & Introduction

Opening Hymn “Come, thou long expected Jesus” Hymn 66

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| <p>1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.</p> <p>2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.</p> | <p>3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.</p> <p>4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.</p> |
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Book of Common Prayer Pg. 355

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

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

This week we light the **Candle of Love (or Angel's Candle)** to remind us of God's abundant love and how we are called to be messengers of that love in our lives. The wreath itself, made of evergreens, representing the everlasting life promised by Jesus Christ. The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes the eternal love of God that has no beginning and end. And the pinecones on the wreath represent the Spirit of new life that beckons us to joyfully await the Light of Christ coming into the world.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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 Second Book of Samuel (7:1-11, 16)

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 First Letter of Paul to the Romans (16:25-27)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

The Gospel

Officiant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon The Reverend Matt Holcombe

Meditation "Glory (Let There Be Peace),"

by Chris Stevens, Matt Maher, Rachel Taylor

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.

Advent 2020 Prayers of the People

(To have a name added to the prayers of the people please contact The Rev. Judi Sato)

O God, our Emmanuel, we live these days in continual hope. We offer our prayers confident of your faithfulness to us and all creation.

Silence

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, Matt and Judi, our priests, and Gary our deacon, that they may seek truth and lead with love.

Silence

We pray for all the world, national and community leaders.

Silence

We pray for those who serve and work beyond the walls of comfort and safety. We pray for first responders and all who put their lives before others. And we pray for our deployed military: Gary, Vince, Danielle and Dallas.

Silence

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Patricia, Lee, Steven, Mark and Daniel. And those celebrating anniversaries: Wyre and Sheron Marshall.

Silence

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; Ji-bril, Laura, Miles, Ashleigh, Tom, Cheryl, Sue H., Reuben, Gael, Cindy, Austen, Emily, Cory, Patty, Chuck, Roger, John and Lisa.

Silence

We remember those who have died, especially John Mason, Chad Mason's father. Let us join our hearts with those who grieve.

Silence

Gracious God, grant us strength and vision to prepare a place for you within our own hearts and within our shared life in this faith community, that we may love and serve the world beyond our walls.

The Confession

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 360

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)

Announcements

Digital Offering

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

1. Using your text message on your smart phone, text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446.
2. Click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.

Anthem "Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love," by Joseph Martin, from the cantata, "Winter's Grace"
Chancel Choir Virtual Anthem

Hope is like a candle, burning in the night. Hope paints every shadow with its gentle light.
Glowing like a promise till our faith is sight. Hope is like a candle in the night.
Peace is like sweet music sounding pure and strong,
Singing songs of comfort when the night is long.
Turning drums of hatred into heaven's song, peace is like sweet music pure and strong.
Joy is like a flower blooming in the soul, sending forth its fragrance to heal and make us whole.
And when bitter winds are blowing, when birds refuse to sing, joy can turn our winter into spring.
Love is like a diamond wrapped in purest gold. Nothing more precious, nothing bought or sold.
Pearl of heaven's glory, wondrous to behold, love is like a diamond wrapped in gold.

The Doxology

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Hymnal 380, st. 3

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Officiant proceeds ...

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

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;... 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... Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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

*Communion can be picked up at St. Michael's every Sunday 10:30 – 12:00 PM.
If you wish to have Communion delivered to your home, please sign up on the website.*

Post Spiritual Communion Prayer

Lord of the Feast,
thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual Body and Blood of Christ.
May we be reminded of the many times
we have been fed at your table,
always being drawn closer to you
in the breaking of the bread.
We acknowledge your presence among us,
just as you were present with your disciples.
May your Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us
to live, learn, and love beyond our walls.
For the sake of your love in our lives,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Final Blessing

Final Hymn “Lo, how a rose e’er blooming,”

Hymn 81

1. Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.
2. Isaiah ’twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God’s love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.
3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude Magnificat Dietrich Buxtehude (German, 17th C.)

Parish Announcements:

- To view all the weekly announcements, please view the **Weekly eNews** emailed every Friday at 6:00 AM. Included are new events, links, and exciting information about what is happening at St. Michael’s. To be added to the email list call the church office or email support@stmikeschurch.com
- **Home Christmas Communion Delivery** can be delivered to your home December 26-28, but you must sign up at www.stmikeschurch.com/signup **no later than noon on December 23.**
- **Christmas Communion** will be made available to you in-person inside the church using physical distancing and safety precautions as outlined by state, local, and diocesan guidelines. Christmas

Communion pre-registration is now open and time slots will be available December 23 3:00 – 7:00 PM and December 24 3:00 – 9:00 PM. Sign up online www.stmikeschurch.com/signup

- **Donate new stuffed animals** for our December Donation Drive “Stuffed with Love”. New stuffed animals will be donated to the Children’s Hospital of Colorado Springs and Safe Passages, an organization that supports children who have experienced trauma. Donations can be dropped off before December 20 to the clear bins located outside the church office doors. You may also drop off donations on Sundays between 10:30 AM -12:00 PM during Drive Thru Communion.
- **Christmas Light Festival Volunteer Opportunities:** Sign up online www.stmikeschurch.com/signup

Friday & Saturday, December 18 & 19 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Christmas Light Festival **Open to St. Michael’s & the public:**

December 18 & 19 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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