

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 24, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Hymnal 1982
Wonder, Love, & Praise (W)

The Book of Common Prayer

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Silent prayer before worship (kneeling customary)

Prelude *Gesu Bambino*

(Violin)

Pietro A. Yon

56 *O Come, O come, Emmanuel (seated, vs. 1)*

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

56 Lighting of the Advent Candle *silence, followed by verse 5 (seated)*

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. *Refrain*

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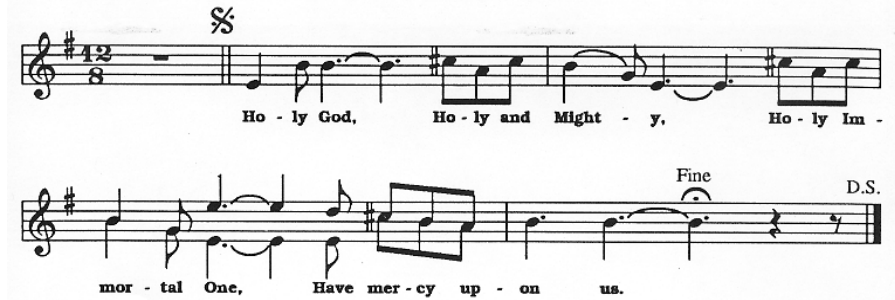
74 Processional *Blest be the King whose coming*
The Opening Acclamation

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
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Holy God, Holy and Mighty

Betty Carr Pulkingham

(Choir sings 1st time, Congregation joins last 2 times)



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The Collect of the Day

Reading from the Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a

Canticle 15 (said)

Reading from the Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

265 Sequence Hymn

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Reading from the Gospels: Luke 1:39-45

Sermon

The Rev. Robert D. Morrison, Jr.

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People Form V (*prayer list, back page*)

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Confession of Sin

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Peace

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Ave Maria*

Sergei Rachmaninoff

(Alleluia Singers & Chancel Choir)

380 Presentation of Alms: The Doxology (Hymn #380, vs. 3)

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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Eucharistic Prayer B

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Preface of Advent

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W858 Sanctus *Holy Holy Holy*

LAND OF REST

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread 364
All Baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion

Communion Hymn *Wait for the Lord* Jacques Berthier
(Choir sings 1st time, then Congregation joins in)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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Communion Music *Ave Maria* Bach-Gounod
(Violin and Organ)

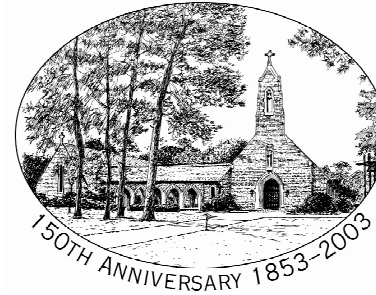
- 268 Communion Hymn *Ye who claim the faith of Jesus* JULION
- Post Communion Prayer and Blessing 365
- 438 Recessional *Tell out my soul* WOODLANDS
- The Dismissal *Response: Thanks be to God.*
- Postlude *Allegro in G Major* J. H. Fiocco
(Violin and Organ)



*Let this be a sign to you:
in a manger
you will find an infant
wrapped in swaddling clothes*

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*To proclaim God's love for the world
as revealed by and through Jesus Christ,
to witness to His love, and to serve Him in our daily living.*



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Sunday, December 24, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.

Thank you for your presence in our service today! We are privileged each time one of God's children joins us in glorifying and honoring God through worship.

If you are visiting, please complete one of the pew cards and place it in the alms basin. Please wear the detachable part so that we can recognize and welcome you.

Personal listening devices are available from the ushers if you have difficulty hearing the service.

All Baptized members of any branch of the Christian Church are invited to the Lord's Table for Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are invited to the altar to receive a blessing.

If you wish to intinct (dip bread in wine, rather than drink from the cup), hold up the bread you receive so the chalice bearer can see.

During Communion the Side Altar is always open for prayers.

Christmas Eve

- 4:30 p.m., Carol Sing
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:30 p.m., Carol Sing
- 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II