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## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*December 19, 2021*

### **Prelude**

### **Hymn – #73**

*“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (2<sup>nd</sup> Tune)*

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Introit**                    *1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b–7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47*

*My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

**My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.**

*There is none holy like the LORD;  
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.*

**The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.**

*The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.*

**The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

**Kyrie**  
**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:2–5a**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among  
the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up  
until the time  
when she who is in labor has  
given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall  
return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and shepherd  
his flock in the strength of  
the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of  
the LORD his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for  
now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> And he shall be their peace.

**The Gradual: *Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.***

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

### **The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5–10**

<sup>5</sup>When Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have  
not desired,  
but a body have you prepared  
for me;  
<sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.  
<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come  
to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll  
of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup>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), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### **Alleluia and Verse**

### **The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39–45**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

### **The Nicene Creed**

### **Hymn of the Day -- #274**

“Praise We the Lord This Day”

### **Sermon “Blessed in Believing”**

**Luke 1:45**

- I. **Mary was blessed in believing the things spoken to her from the Lord.**
- II. **We too are blessed in believing all the Lord has spoken.**

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering

### Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

### Distribution Hymns

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| #645 | “Behold, a Branch is Growing”    |
| #95  | “Savior of the Nations, Come”    |
| #71  | “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” |

### Nunc Dimittis

### Post Communion Collect

### Benedicamus and Benediction

### Closing Hymn - #71 (7:00 p.m.)

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

### Silent Prayer & Postlude

**+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +**

**DAILY READINGS:** December 19: Is. 40:1–17; Rev. 7:1–17; 20: Is. 40:18–41:10; Rev. 8:1–13; 21: Is. 42:1–25; Rev. 9:1–12; 22: Is. 43:1–24; Rev. 9:13–10:11; 23: Is. 43:25–44:20; Rev. 11:1–19; 24: Is. 44:21–45:13, 20–25; Rev. 12:1–17; 25: Is. 49:1–18; Matt. 1:1–17.

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