The Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 21-22, 2024
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Prelude

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Entrance Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357, vv. 1-4

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

Refrain
All **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Solo O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

Solo O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

All **O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,**
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

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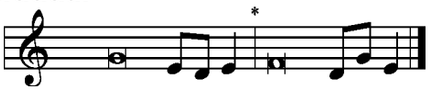
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day p. 189
P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P 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.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *A New Prophet Like Moses* Deuteronomy 18:15–19

15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your
brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the
day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this
great fire any more, lest I die.' 17 And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I
will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his
mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words
that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.'"

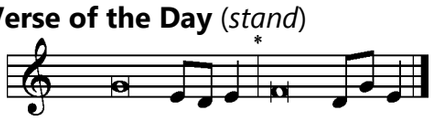
P This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 145:18, 21

The LORD is near to all who | call on him,
to all who call on | him in truth.
My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.

Epistle *Encouragement* Philippians 4:4–7

4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*) Psalm 40:17b

Alleluia. Alleluia.
You are my help and my de- | liverer, * do not delay, | O my God!
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *The Magnificat* Luke 1:39-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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

46And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
50And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
51He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
52he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
53he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.
54He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

56And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day (*sit*) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357, vv. 5-7

All **O come, Thou Key of David, come,**
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*

Refrain

All **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Solo O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

All **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. *Refrain*

Sermon "My Soul Magnifies the Lord Luke 1:39-56

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