

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20th, 2020 ~ 11:15 am
SUNG EUCHARIST (LIVESTREAM)

*No matter who you are or where you are in your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here.*

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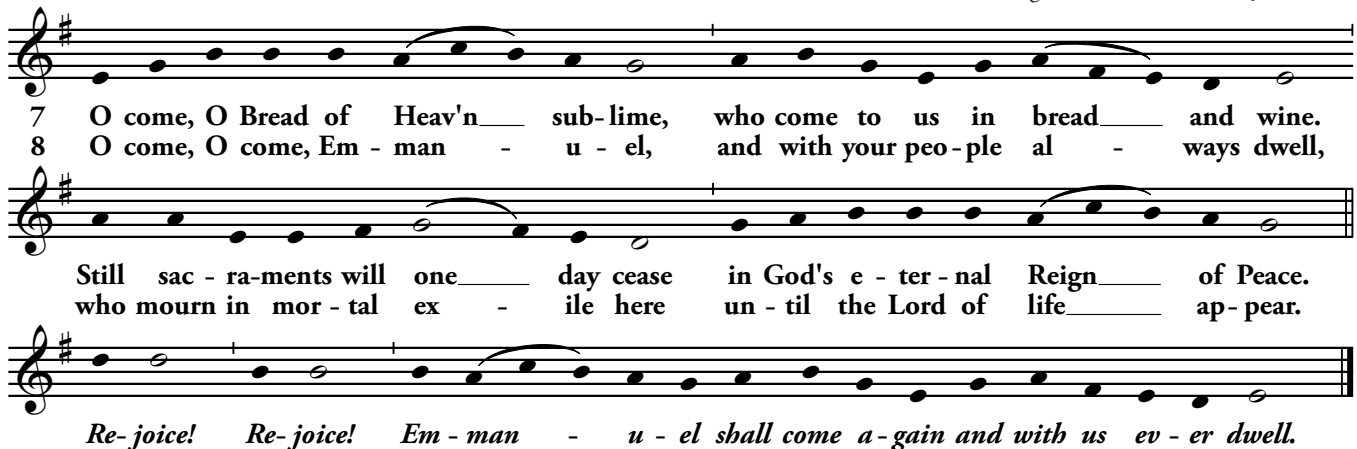
Prelude *Prière à Notre-Dame*

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Hymn 56 *O come, O come, Emmanuel (verses 7-8)*

Tune: VENI, EMMANUEL

Revised text: Boston College Center for Christian-Jewish Learning



7 O come, O Bread of Heav'n sub-lime, who come to us in bread and wine.
8 O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and with your peo-ple al-ways dwell,
Still sac-ra-ments will one day cease in God's e-ter-nal Reign of Peace.
who mourn in mor-tal ex-ile here un-til the Lord of life ap-pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el shall come a-gain and with us ev-er dwell.

Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you holy and living one.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Collect for Purity

Presider Let us pray together.

All 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.

Song of Praise, *Holy God (Trisagion)*

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

Ho - ly God, Ho-ly and Might- y, Ho-ly Im- mor - tal One, Have mer-cy up - on__ us.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**
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 Samuel — 2 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.

after the Lesson:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the Gradual, *The Song of Mary (Magnificat)*

Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179), adapt. Lisa Neufeld Thomas

Sung by members of the Choir:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior,
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, for you have remembered your promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

—Canticle 15 from *Enriching Our Worship 1* (Luke 1:46–55)

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans— 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.

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Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Plainsong, Mode I

Refrain, sung by a cantor and repeated by all:



The cantor sings the verse appointed for the day:

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word. —Luke 1:38

All repeat the refrain.

The Holy Gospel — Luke 1:26–38

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

after the Gospel:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dani Gabriel, *Deacon*

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

Ast. Minister Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”
For the peace of the world and for the unity of all peoples, as we await the coming of Christ and the turning
of the year, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Marc our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Elect, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they might
act in solidarity with the poorest among us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Berkeley, and for our unhoused friends living here in this cold season, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the
Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering those who have been subjected to violence in the name of law and order, including victims of
police violence and children separated from their parents at the border, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for all who are struggling right now, especially the Johnston family, Amanda Randles, the people
of Haines, Alaska, Elvis Jones, Phil Holbert, Dot Gates, Dick Jackson, Laura Ramirez, Katherine Crawford,
Emmanuel Thomas Reed, Gaile Nirvana Nuñez, Annie Boutelle, Ron Sullivan, Mara Alexander, Terry and
Cindy MacDougall, the Kobrinsky Clan of Fargo, together with Raul Gomez, Rosemary Nelson, and Alan
Davis, John Heisner, Carol DeCatur, Cecilia and Rod Hunkler Reetz, Mark, Jill, and Carl Anderson, the
Kyakameena skilled nursing facility staff and residents, all those impacted by the Coronavirus, and those we
now name (*Silence*). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for those who died without hope, and for all the
departed, especially Jennifer Boehler, Nadeem Farooqi, Bryan Miller, and Grace Wahlberg, and those we now
name (*Silence*). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Presider Lord, it has been a long season of waiting already. Hear our prayers as we focus on the beacon of your Son, who is on His way, and the many blessings you continually offer in your goodness. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Asst. Min. Let us confess our sins to God.

All may remain standing or kneel. After a pause for silent reflection, the Assisting Minister continues:

God of all mercy,

All We confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider Having been forgiven and made whole through our Peacemaker, let us live together in peace. God's peace challenges us and guides us toward the acts of justice, peace, and integration of the whole creation. Let us offer 'Shalom' to one another and give each other a sign of reconciliation and peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you:

People And also with you.

Please take a moment in prayer to extend Christ's peace to the people in your life.

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving of the Community

At this time, as we gather for the Great Thanksgiving around Christ's table, we invite any here this morning to share thanks (via the comments section on the livestream) for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, an unexpected act of compassion, or other grace-filled change in your life.



Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord; Thank you, Lord... We just want to thank you, Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Please consider giving to support the work of All Souls in our community and in the wider world via the links on our website or via a check to the office.

Presider Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
(Hebrews 13:15, 16)

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way, repent and make his pathways clear."
We dare not rest, dare not delay, salvation by our God is near.

The axe, as yet, awaits the tree; the threshing floor awaits the fan.
Before his justice none can flee; beneath his judgment none can stand.

Prepare, then, well. And swiftly too, for swifter still is God's own grace.
Prepare your heart to be made new; prepare your eyes to see his face.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Laud, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

—Adam Michael Wood

The Great Thanksgiving (*The Eucharistic Prayer is Prayer 3 from The Church of South India Book of Common Worship.*)

Presider Glory to God, source of all bounty and beauty whose fullness and fragrance can transform us within and without.

All **Creator God, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.**

Presider Glory to God, who has made a covenant with all living creatures, and has promised never to forsake the creation they love:

All **Creator God, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.**

Presider Glory to God, who made us all in their image, and entrusted the earth to our care.

All **Creator God, we lift our hearts to you in thanks.**

Presider O God, Redeemer of all things, with grateful thanks we offer these gifts and this bread and wine, fruits of your earth and of our labour, and signs of your redemptive purpose for our lives and for all creation. By sharing in this bread and wine, you assure us, in Christ, of a share in your being, your bliss, your purpose:

All **Glory to God, our Redeemer, who saves us by his grace.**

Presider Be present, be present, O Jesus you good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, word without end. **Amen.**

Presider May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Presider Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving. O Lord, holy Parent. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathe into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus, you came to us while we wandered.

He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable, to be his disciples, friends, and partners. With his outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins and through his resurrection we are saved. And through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation.

You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosana in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest.**

Presider Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying : 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All **Lord, we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection, and we await your coming.**

Presider Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior taught us, we now pray:

Cantor: Our Fa-ther in heaven, *All:* hallowed be your Name. Your king-dom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we forgive those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from ev - il. For the kingdom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

After the Presider breaks the bread for us to share, a moment of prayerful silence is kept. We then sing:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant _____ us peace.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Since the celebration of Resurrection on that first Sunday, Christians have been remembering Christ's presence in bread and wine. We will be keeping this practice week by week with different members of All Souls receiving for the community.

For centuries the Church has also come to trust in the presence of Christ with us even when we cannot partake in the bread and wine, what is often known as spiritual communion. As the bread and wine are being shared at the altar at All Souls, we invite you to pray this prayer and ask Christ to be present with you.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you this day in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I ask you to be present spiritually in my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Adapted from *A Prayer Book for the Armed Services* 2008, page 147

At Communion, *There is no rose of such virtue*

Trinity Carol Roll (c. 1420)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu.

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia. *There is no rose...*

For in that rose contained was heaven and earth in little space; Res miranda. *There is no rose...*

By that rose we may all see that he is God in persons three, *Pari forma. There is no rose...*

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God of all creation,

All **holy Parent of all people,
who through our Lord Jesus Christ united all things in his fullness,
we join your whole creation in exultant praise of your bountiful goodness.
You have touched us with new life and filled us with new hope that your reign will come,
that the hungry will be fed,
that the oppressed will be set free from evil,
that your reconciling work will be done,
that love and faithfulness will meet together,
that justice and peace will kiss each other
and the whole creation will be filled with your glory. Amen.**

**Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider Go into the world in peace; have courage, hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may the blessing of the Triune God be with you now and always. **Amen.**

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Dismissal

Ast. Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

The Trinity Carol Roll (c. 1420) is a music manuscript that was given to the library of Trinity College, Cambridge, UK, in the late 19th century. It was made not long after Henry V's victory at Agincourt in 1415, and includes a carol called *Deo gracias Anglia* ("Thanks be to God for England") celebrating that triumph (in medieval and early modern usage, "carols" were festive songs not associated with any particular season, and sometimes centered on what we would now call "secular" themes). The manuscript features high-quality script, notation, and decorations, but rolls in general were cheaper to make and lighter than manuscript books; musicologist Helen Deeming has suggested this one may have been copied "relatively quickly as a specific memento of the Agincourt victory." Most of the other carols it contains bear associations with the Feast of the Nativity or other feast days that fall within the Christmas season (St. Stephen, for instance). Such is the case with *There is no rose*, sung this morning at Communion. The piece honors the Virgin Mary (symbolized by the Rose), reflecting the growing importance of Marian devotions in late-medieval Catholicism. As with many carols, the piece begins with a refrain (originally called a "burden") that is then repeated after each verse. Each verse concludes with a Latin exclamation that responds to the content of the verse: *alleluia*, *res miranda* (marvelous thing), and *pari forma* ("equal in form").

Why focus on a musical source, rather than a composer, in this "Composer of the Week" feature? One reason is that composers had a different status in medieval and early modern musical cultures than they do in modern art music cultures: it was common for music to appear without attribution to any specific person or group, and the musicians we remember as composers today were often valued more for their performing skills. Only in the last two centuries or so has our musical ecosystem come to ascribe so much authority and value to composers (and to separate the role of composer from that of performer), often at the expense of performers and listeners alike. In this sense, medieval and early modern people thought about the importance of composers more like pop music fans of the 1990s and 2000s, who didn't reject boy bands or pop divas as less creative or deserving of acclaim simply because those artists didn't write their own songs.

PARTICIPATING TODAY

11:15 SERVICE

<i>Presiding</i>	The Rev. Maggie Foote
<i>Preaching & Assisting</i>	The Rev. Dani Gabriel
<i>Lectors</i>	Deirdre Nurre, Jess Powell
<i>Intercessor</i>	Toni Martinez Borgfeldt
<i>Camera</i>	Jim Feeley
<i>Sound</i>	Emily Hansen Curran
<i>Digital Liaisons</i>	Will Bryant & Calvin Payne-Taylor
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Jamie Apgar, <i>cantor, organist, and pianist</i>
	Sarita Cannon, <i>soprano</i>
	Deidre Nurre, <i>alto</i>
	Ed Hofmann, <i>Angel Band leader</i>