

## Hymns and readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent

<b>Opening</b>	<i>O come, O come Emmanuel</i>	<b>#56</b>
<b>Baptism</b>	<i>Praise him, praise him</i>	<i>Insert</i>
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>The angel Gabriel</i>	<b>#265</b>
<b>Recessional</b>	<i>Savior of the nations</i>	<b>#54</b>

## Intercessions

Parish prayer requests.....

- I ask your prayers for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Ann our Bishop and for the clergy of the diocese, for our own pastor, Fr Chris,...
- I ask your prayers for the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good .....
- I ask your prayers for the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we anticipate the Lord's appearing
- I ask your prayers for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine, and in every place where war is waged.
- We remember today all who have asked our prayers: Barb, Skip, Linda, David, Jim, Nancy, Joe, Residents of Maple Leaf Homes, Marilyn ...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud
- Of your charity I ask your prayers for the Faithful Departed:

## Today's Readings

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Collects

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that our 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.*

### First Reading

*Book of Micah [5:2-5a]*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil. *The Word of the Lord.*

### Psalm

*80:1-7*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Second Reading.**

*Letter to the Hebrews [10:5–10]*

When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” 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), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel**

*Luke [1:39–45, (46–55)]*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to

generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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