



**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

## **The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Rite I**

*Insert for Sunday, December 19th*

### **Hymns For Sunday Mass**

**Processional Hymn, #66:**

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

**Gospel Hymn, #324:**

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

**Offertory Hymn, #56:**

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

**The St. Andrew's Choir**

will perform

*“A Song Of Advent”*

**Recessional Hymn, #57:**

*“Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending”*

### **The First Reading: Micah 5:2-4**

But you, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah, who are 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. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren 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 dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Reader:      The Word of the Lord.

**People:**      *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 80:1-7 (read responsively)**

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou who leadest Joseph like a flock! Thou who art enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
**2 before E'phraim and Benjamin and Manasseh! Stir up thy might, and come to save us!**

3 Restore us, O God; let thy face shine, that we may be saved!

**4 O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry with thy people's prayers?**

5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**6 Thou dost make us the scorn of our neighbors; and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let thy face shine, that we may be saved!

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant:    The Lord be with you.

**People:**      *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant:    Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,' as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "Thou hast 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, "Lo, I have come to do thy will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **The Gospel: Luke 1:39-56**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechari'ah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in

God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity for ever." And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her home.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise be to thee O Christ.*

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