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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20TH, 2015

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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (CP # 89) vs 1,3,6 and 7*

Bishop From the Christ who was, who is and who is to come:
grace, light and peace be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Laura Winnen

Jeff Cothran

My Lord is a-com-in' soon; pre- pare ye the way of the Lord. Get ev-'ry-thing rea - dy for that day; pre - pare ye the way of the Lord!

1.If you're a - sleep, it's time to wake up; a -
2.Come, Lord Je - sus, come in - to my heart; pre -
wake, O sleep - er, a - rise! If you're in the
pare ye the way for the King. He is a -
dark, it's time to be lit; a - wake, O
com - in', he's com - in' soon; pre - pare the
sleep - er, a - rise!
way for the King!

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." We light this candle of **LOVE** to remind us that God has shone a light into the world. Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate, Light is stronger than darkness, and Life is stronger than death.

All **God of new beginnings, awaken our hearts.
Help us see Jesus, who comes to give us life.
May we always be ready to share our hope
in Jesus Christ, our Friend and Helper. Amen.**

Bishop Let us pray:

All **God of promise,
you look with favour on the lowly,
you scatter the proud and you fill the hungry.
May we, like Mary, respond to your call
and be obedient to your will;
through Jesus Christ who is to come. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

We sit to listen for the Word of God.

1st Reading Micah 5: 2-5a

Hear what the Spirit is saying while we wait.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: ***Tell Out My Soul (music insert pg. 1)***

2nd Reading Hebrew 10: 5-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying while we wait.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: ***Heavenly Message (CP #269)***

Reader May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke (1: 39-55)

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

This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

Sermon The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton

Advent Responsory Psalm 130

Cantor, repeated by all *Brigid Coult*

Our souls wait for the living God; in God's Word is our hope.
Our God will come and give us life!

Out of the depths we have cried to you,
O Lord; listen to our voice.

Our God will come and give us life!

We wait for you, O Lord, we wait on your words;
they are our hope.

Our God will come and give us life!

Wait for the living God, the dawn will come,
the dawn will come.

Our God will come and give us life!

Wait, wait on the living God; with God there is help,
with God who is our Saviour.

Our God will come and give us life!

**Our souls wait for the living God; in God's Word is our
hope. Our God will come and give us life!**

Prayers of the People

Confession/Absolution

Bishop In silence before God, we confess our sin.
(silence)

Bishop Creator, we disfigure your earth.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Bishop Redeemer, we deprive others of hope.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Bishop Giver of life, we too often choose the way of death.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Bishop God forgives you, forgive others, forgive yourself.

Bishop My brothers and sisters in Christ,
the peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is a chance for us to participate fully in the presence of God.

The Invitation to the Table

Deacon The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus
and with all those who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
unto whom Jesus was born,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth
in which Christ became incarnate.

So, come to this table, you who desire to meet Jesus.
You who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come, It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Offertory Hymn *There Was a Child (music insert pg. 2,3)*

Bishop Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, we bring before you the precious
fruits of your creation and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in
need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and
Lord. Amen**

Bishop May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

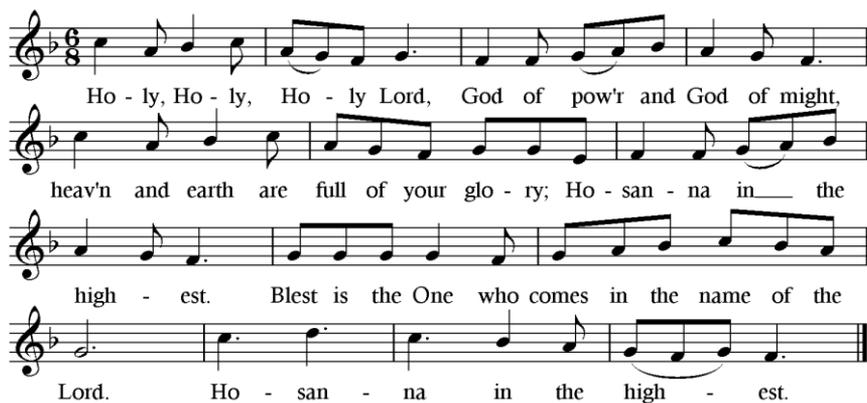
Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Bishop Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life...
...we proclaim your glory as we sing:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bishop In the night in which he was betrayed...
 ... therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Bishop With this bread and cup...
 ... we look with hope for his coming.

All **Come Lord Jesus.**

Bishop We long for your Spirit...
 ... bring your gift of peace on earth.

All **Come Holy Spirit.**

Bishop All praise and glory are yours Holy One...
 ... one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



Our Fa-ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your
name; your_ king - dom come, your_ will be done on_
earth, as in heav'n. Give us to - day our_ dai - ly bread; for -
give us our sins as_ we for - give those who_ sin a - gainst
us. Save us from the time of trial, and de - li - ver us from_
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours; now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Bishop God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom,

People **Happy are those who come to the feast.**

Bishop The gifts of a gracious God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymn: Creator of the Stars of Night (CP #96)

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God,

All **whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Announcements of the Community

Bishop's Blessing

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blest be the name of the Lord.

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy and grace of the One Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Canticle of the Turning (music insert)*

Deacon Go in LOVE...

People **Thanks be to God.**

Additional music sources:

My Lord is a Comin Soon: Winnen and Cothren

Advent Responsory, Psalm 130: Brigid Coult

Tell Out My Soul: Timothy Dudley Smith, 1961

Canticle of the Turning: Melody Traditional, words Rory Cooney 1990

There was a Child, Janet Gadeski, 2005

Sanctus: Marty Haugen, GIA

Lord's Prayer: St. George's Rite, Gordon Light

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Worship Team for today, Advent 4, Dec. 20th, 2015

The Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton	Presider and Homilist
The Rev. Eileen Nurse	Deacon
Donna Alger	Greeter, Sidesperson
Jill Steacy	Reader
Sue Spivey	Intercessor
Susan Foulds	Communion Administrator
Belinda Howes	Bishop's Chaplain and Server

All are invited to a luncheon and conversation with Bishop Melissa, downstairs in the parish hall, immediately following worship.