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## *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 21, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Solemn High Mass

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Our Church stands on the unceded traditional  
territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

## Organ Prelude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659  
("Come unto us, Saviour of the nations")

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Mass Setting

Missa IX 'Cum jubilo'  
Creed: Merbecke

Plainsong

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Alexis and Sydney:** On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

On the second Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of the Prophets. *(the candle is lit)*

**Voice 3:** On Gaudete Sunday, we lit the candle of John the Baptist. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

**Alexis and Sydney:** Today, we light the fourth candle to remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. *(the candle is lit)*

### Opening Hymn

**17     People, look east**

**Besañçon Carol**

### Introit Proper

Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation : that we, beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and my glory with thine inheritance. *Ps.* We have sinned with our fathers : we have done amiss and dealt wickedly. Glory be ... Remember us ...

Opening Greeting

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### Collects

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be

the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

IV.4.



Psalm 80: *Qui regis Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph *like* a flock; / **show thyself also, thou that sittest *up-on* the cher-u<sup>^</sup>bim.**

<sup>2</sup> **Before Ephraim, Benjamin, *and* Man-as-seh, / stir up thy**



strength, *and* come and help us.

<sup>3</sup> Turn us a-*gain*, O God; / show the light of thy countenance,  
*and* we shall be whole.

<sup>4</sup> **O Lord God** of hosts, / how long wilt thou be angry with thy  
**peo-ple** that pray-eth?

<sup>5</sup> Thou hast fed them with the *bread* of tears, / and hast given  
them plen-*teous*-ness of tears to<sup>^</sup>drink.

<sup>6</sup> **Thou makest us** a very strife un-*to* our neigh-bours, / and our  
**ene-mies** laugh us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup> Turn us again, O *God* of hosts; / show the light of thy  
countenance, *and* we shall be whole.

<sup>17</sup> **Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, / and upon  
the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own  
self.**

<sup>18</sup> And so shall we not go *back* from thee: / O let us live, and we  
will *call* up-on thy Name.

<sup>19</sup> **Turn us again, O Lord God** of hosts; / show the light of thy  
countenance, *and* we shall be whole.

## Second Reading Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

**283    *Tell out, my soul***

**Woodlands**

## Gradual Proper

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. *℟.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name. Alleluia, alleluia. *℟.* Come, O Lord, and tarry not : forgive the misdeeds of thy people. Alleluia.

## **Gospel Matthew 1:18-25**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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## Offertory Proper

Be strong, fear not; behold, our God will come with a recompense : he will come, and save us.

## Offertory Hymn

**22**     *Wake, O wake!*

## Wachet Auf

## Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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## Communion Proper

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son : and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.

## Communion Hymn

***Comfort, comfort you my people***

## Genevan 42

**1 Comfort, comfort you my people;  
tell of peace, thus says our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
bowed beneath oppression's load.**

**Speak you to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell them that their sins I cover,  
and their warfare now is over.**

**<sup>2</sup> For the herald's voice is calling  
in the desert far and near,  
bidding us to make repentance  
since the kingdom now is here.**

**Oh that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise in meeting  
and the hills bow down in greeting.**

**<sup>3</sup> Make you straight what long was crooked;  
make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits God's holy reign,  
for the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that God's word is never broken.**

**Ablutions Motet**

**Advent Prose – Rorate Caeli**

**Plainsong**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical Body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.**

**And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our**

**Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

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**Post-Communion Hymn**

**14 O come, O come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel**

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**Organ Postlude**

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645  
("Sleepers, wake, a voice is calling") J.S. Bach

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