

# *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 20th, 2009*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer*

*Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Dalles, Oregon

## **The Word of God**

### **The Opening Hymn**

*O come O come Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

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that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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### **The Acclamation**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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**

*Creator of the stars of night*

vss 1, 5, 6

Hymnal 60

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.  
Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

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*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

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.**

*Please be seated*

## The First Reading

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.

Then Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle 15

*The Song of Mary (Magnificat)*

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*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, 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.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age the same; his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

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**The Gospel**

Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

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

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

*Silence*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## The Prayers of the People

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Katharine our presiding Bishop; Nedi our Bishop; Janet our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*Congregation adds petitions*)

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. (*Congregation adds petitions*) Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Pat Ehrhart, Jan Newson, Cookie Eden, Paul Beasley, and Chuck Miller. I ask your thanksgivings. (*Congregations adds thanksgivings*)

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence (Congregation adds petitions) The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession of Sin

*Stand or Kneel*

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*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life*

*The Thank Offerings this quarter are being given for SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) and education needs in the Holy Land.*

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

*The Children's Question*

Choir & Children's Choir

### The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer C**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength;

for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*      The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive; Please come forward for the bread and wine or for a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

### **The Communion Hymn**

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came*

Hymnal 265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,  
“my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.” Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say—“Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

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### **The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness  
and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may bless the people.*

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.  
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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*Deacon and children [Dismissal]*  
**People Thanks be to God!**

*Servers This Morning~ Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;  
 Acolyte: Brandon Adams; Worship Leader: Ned Kice; Eucharist Minister: Dewanda Clark;  
 Lector: Diane Adams; Prayers of the People: Verna Browne and Jerry Frazier;  
 Altar Guild: Anne Frazier and Doris Smith; Altar Bread: John Langfeldt; Sunday School: Robert Kirby;  
 Coffee Hour: Kerrs and Fullmers in Thanks for the adult and children's choir today;  
 Greeters: Lewis and Barbee Hodgkins.*

*Today's flowers given by Ron and Dewanda Clark are given in loving memory of our parents.  
 The flowers given by Alvie and Norma Clark are in thanksgiving for loved ones.*

#### **PLEASE PRAY:**

For friends and family, including Betty, Rustin and Gretchen, Praveen and family, Jan Jardin, Cherisse Bliss, Susan, Carolyn, Caroline, Dale, Karen, Susan, Carolyn, Tim Rippee, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Joan, Lynn, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Matthew Ketchum, Albert South, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

#### **CALENDAR:**

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm TH
	Quilters	7:00 pm - 9:00pm CR
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm L
	Book Group	7:00 pm RO
Wednesday	AA meeting	7:00 pm TH
Thursday	<b>Christmas Eve Services</b>	5 pm & 10pm
	<b>Carol Singing</b>	9:30pm
Friday	<b>Christmas Day Service</b>	10:00~~ Old St. Paul's

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

***Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 147:13-21;  
 Galatians 3:23-25:4:4-7; John 1:1-18***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**POINSETTIAS NEEDED!** Let's have lots of poinsettias to fill the sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of our Lord! Please bring poinsettias before the Christmas Eve Services. Thank you!

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

**Christmas Eve Family Service~ 5:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carols~~Carols 9:30 p.m.; Service at 10:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Service at Old St. Paul's~10:00 a.m.**

**Christmas Sunday Services~~8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

**THANKS to all for the Lessons and Carols Service!** The peace, joy, and fellowship of the service and then refreshments were wonderful. May that first gift of Christmas continue to refresh you in this time of activity, anticipation, and joy.

**THANK YOU,** also, for the pledges and cards of intention to give of Time, Talent and Treasure. We are thankful for your gifts so freely offered to the Lord and the church! Your commitment to St. Paul's helps us to plan and commit and to reach out to those in need, so it is a most appreciate gift. Thank you!

**TUESDAY: BOOK STUDY.** *Mountains Beyond Mountains: Healing the World: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer*, by Tracy Kidder. It is a very readable and amazing story of one person's dedication to Haiti and public health issues throughout the world.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE** of St. Paul's thanks all for their helping of families in need this Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS RETREAT** with the Kimseys at Ascension School Conference Center, in Cove. This is an opportunity to share a time of rest, reflection and spiritual renewal as you celebrate and more fully enter into the joy of Christmas. Please see the fliers on the bulletin board opposite the office for more information.

**HAITI AIR:** The airplane in the narthex is awaiting your sign-up in the windows, to indicate support and prayers for the Haiti team and the mission trip to Cap Haitien in January 2010. Please put your name on a window of the plane, and know that you'll be going with us in this plane. Thanks!

**FROM THE DALLES TO IRAQ:** Please remember to add to the box of school supplies we are gathering to send to Amy and Gavin for the orphanage they are supporting. **ALSO,** more boxes will be sent to Sgt. Albert South who would appreciate nutritious snacks of any kind. The already filled boxes are blessed and on their way, and the new ones await you!

## **REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD**

\*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles.

\*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support ERD- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world.

\*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**THANKS** to the Choir! To Lloyd and Rule for leading, and the adults and children for their glorious singing! We dedicate the coffee hour today to you.



~~~~~ *Merry Christmas* ~~~~~

