

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer, Rite II

> December 22, 2024 10:30 am





We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today.

Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you *are* here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate or scan the QR code to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!





Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack.

Select annotations taken from Annotations © 2001 Frank Logue

To learn more about Resurrection, check out **www.episcopalloudon.com**, email us at **office@episcopalloudon.com**, or find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Fill out a pew card or email *office@episcopalloudon.com* to be placed on on the weekly email, *Parish Tidings*, for the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook! *facebook.com/episcopalloudon*



MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Our service begins on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer

Opening Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding vv.1-3

Hymnal 59

The officiant says

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Station at the Advent Wreath

CelebrantLight and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.CelebrantO God, make speed to save us.PeopleO God, make haste to help us.

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The officiant says

We prepare for our time together.

We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.

The bold portions

are the parts the congregation says together. Remember that "liturgy" means worshipping together. It is important that we make our responses in a good, strong voice.

The **Confession of Sin** helps us examine our hearts, and hear of God's forgiveness.

In Morning Prayer, the confession has been at the beginning in every published liturgy since 1552. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

OfficiantLord, open our lips.PeopleAnd our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

The officiant says

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

All say together

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The congregation may be seated.

The Venite, which is Psalm 95:1-7 used as a canticle, was used among the opening psalms in the medieval office of lauds at daybreak on Sundays and festivals. It invites us to come before God's presence with a song, for He has created us, and He has chosen us. Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary*

Lector We will read the Canticle in unison.

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 LESSONS

The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Lector A reading from the Book of Micah

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.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah	BCP 87
Arise, shine, for your light has come, * and the glory of the Lord has dawned upo	on you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; * deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.	
But over you the Lord will rise, * and his glory will appear upon you.	
Nations will stream to your light, * and kings to the brightness of your dawni	ng.
Your gates will always be open; * by day or night they will never be shut.	
They will call you, The City of the Lord, * The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.	
Violence will no more be heard in your land, ⁵ ruin or destruction within your borders.	(
You will call your walls, Salvation, * and all your portals, Praise.	
The sun will no more be your light by day; * by night you will not need the brightness	of the
moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, * and your God will be your glory.	
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Hol as it was in the beginning, is now, and wil ever. Amen.	

The Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

Lector A reading from the Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

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.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Come thou long expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-55

All stand

Officiant A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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."

Officiant	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

The **Apostles' Creed** and the Nicene Creed

Parish Announcements

This center section of your bulletin is for you to tear out & take home with you. Keep the announcements, prayer lists, calendars, & Diocesan news on hand all week!







Beginning Wednesday, January 8th , Tony Adams will facilitate a Bible study offering on The Fruit of the Spirit. It's not too late to join! Just contact Tony at (423) 884-3024 or adamsaj@aol.com.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In this topical Bible study, we will look at each fruit of the Spirit one session at a time in the order that Paul presents them. Each session will focus on one key passage of scripture that fully describes the fruit being considered.

We'll meet on Zoom, on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am for 10 sessions (January 8 - March 19, excluding Ash Wednesday).

Handouts will be provided by Tony, and come from the study book. You will need a bible (some are available in the parish hall library, if needed.)

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Prayers Phanksgivings

THIS WEEK'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

Aaron; Sara; Killian; Becky; Stephen; the Hentchel family; Maurie; and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12/4 - Ruth Hennessy
12/11 - Rosemary & Gregg Kitts
12/12 - Dave St. John
12/17 - Jerry Ploeger
12/18 - Jenny Lucas
12/22 - Paul & Jeanette Fiebke Will & Nancy Heathcote
12/23 - Vicky St. John
12/24 - David Baumgardner
12/25 - Keytha Graves
12/27 - Rame Coombes
12/30 - Mel Hines

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

Claire Rob & Sherry Jane Jim Wayne Jack Raynella Kim E. Beverly Bob & Betty Anne Rame & Janey Sandy Cheri Shannon Mel Diana N. Ashley Ed & Jean Joe Grace Johnny Karen H.

DIOCESAN PRAYERS

St. Stephen's - Oak Ridge, TN St. John - Deadwood, SD

For Your Calendars

TODAY	Leader: Acolyte Lector: Usher: Counters: Coffee Host: Chancellor: Altar Guild: Flower Guild: Video:	Andrew Wilkinson Monty Ross Bill Perry Art Stewart & Garry Lucas Ginny Tolbert & Monty Ross Betsy Schwindt Nelda Griffith Bev Baumgardner Bob Cantine	Next Week at Resurrection Monday, 12/23 7:00pm - AA (open meeting) Tuesday, 12/24 4:30 pm - Service of Lessons & Carols 5:00 pm - Holy Eucharist Service
			Wednesday, 12/25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
Dec 29th	Leader: Acolyte: Lector: Usher: Coffee Host: Chancellor: Altar Guild: Flower Guild: Video:	Tony Adams Dawson Hope Alice Anderson Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley Jenny Lucas Betsy Schwindt Bev Baumgardner Judy Hadjian & Kathleen Bailey Mark Blakley	Sunday, 12/29 8:00am - Morning Prayer Service 10:30am - Morning Prayer Service Email office@episcopalloudon.com to have your ministry or committee's activities or meetings added to the parish calendar (and to let us know if you'd like it to appear here).
Jan 5th	Acolyte: EM: Lector: Usher: Counters: Chancellor: Coffee Hour: Altar Guild: Flower Guild: Video:	Drew Hawley Bonnie Smith Jackie Buttinelli Art Stewart & Dawson Hope Jean Cardwell & Nelda Griffith Art Stewart Monty Ross Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley Rosemary Kitts Bill Schwindt	COMING UP December 24 - Christmas Eucharist with Lessons & Carols December 24-Jan 2 - Office Closed Check your Parish Tidings and keep a look out for upcoming details!

Check it out!



Bishop Brian Cole invites you to consider volunteering for diocesan convention. We need YOUR help to make this diocesan convention a success. Never been to convention? Want to see what goes on behind the scenes? Thinking about being a delegate and want a taste of convention? Want to participate with convention but only stay for part of the day? Consider volunteering to experience convention and help make this a year to remember. Volunteers receive all the fun snacks, swag, and lunch as visitors and delegates.

"Hi, I'm going to talk to you today about a way to be engaged in our upcoming diocesan convention in February of 2025. We will gather at the Episcopal School of Knoxville for a convention whose theme will be 'Imagine Our Possibilities.' It's a timely theme as we consider what is and what might be for us as the people of God in this diocese.

And one way that we prepare for convention is with lots of volunteer support, along with our staff and Bishop & Council and clergy and lay delegates. It takes volunteers for us to take on and put on a convention. So consider the ways in which you might want to participate, either prior to convention or the actual experience of being at convention.

If you're willing to serve as a volunteer, there's no cost to be there. We also give you snacks and food, and you get to work with really good people. So consider at the end of this [article], there will be a way for you to fill out a link to say yes, I'd like to volunteer. We will follow up with you on that.

It matters that the ways in which we show up, it's true in the New Testament community that we, as members of a body of Christ, we need each other in a parish and in the diocese, in all the ways in which the church shows up. We do it in a variety of ways, and I would encourage you to take on that volunteer spirit.

That's true for this state and for this region, and to offer that same kind of spirit to us now in the life of the church. When we gather together to make decisions, we do so in a transparent way, in a way where we listen to each other, learn together, and let the spirit guide us, and your volunteer support and help will allow us to be at our best as we prepare to make decisions, to pray together, to worship together, to go forth into God's Kingdom in this diocese now.

Thank you, thank you for possibly giving your all for the Diocese of East Tennessee. Thanks."

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

are both ancient statements of faith. In Morning Prayer, we use the Apostles' Creed as a remembrance of our baptism.

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Officiant	Let us pray.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen. This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase "Lord's Prayer" is not used in the New Testament. It is similar to Jewish prayers: it begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God's help.

Suffrages - this set of prayers is based on those from the 1549 Prayer Book.

Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- **V.** Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- **V.** Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 212

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**.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

All stand. The Officiant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The **Peace**, is a very ancient way for people to greet one another. When the celebrant says: "The Peace of the Lord be always with you," everyone responds: "And also with you." Then we share God's peace with one another.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Love came down at Christmas

Choir

The officiant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblation of our life and labor to the Lord.

The ushers bring the people's offerings to the officiant.

Officiant:All things come of thee, O Lord;People:And of thine own have we given thee.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May our hearts leap fo rjoy as we again assemble in prayer to await the Lord's coming. With Mary, may our souls proclaim God's greatness as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church: As the celebration of your incarnation draws near, we remember the many ways your revelation is lifted up in the world and we pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the world, and especially for those whose very faith endangers their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For an end to violence, oppression and injustice: As you lead us, Lord, from darkness to light, may we be among those who exalt the lowly and fill the hungry with good things, rooting out the proud of heart and drawing courage from the power of your arm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For our own spirits: May our hearts be magnified and made much bigger than we think possible. May this season of Advent stir in us such faith that we exert ourselves to be your light in a darkened world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For this community: may we be enriched by welcoming the stranger and be drawn to a bright future in service to you, while also remembering and honoring those in the past who guided us into faith. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the sick and suffering. May they find healing and peace. Especially we pray for **Aaron**; **Sarah**; **Killian**; **Becky**; **Stephen**; **the Hentchel family**; **Maurie**; **all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest**; **and those we add**, **silently or aloud**.

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the dead and those on the threshold of death. May they and we be welcomed into the place of glory our Lord has prepared for us.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we gather up the prayers of this household, confident in your promise to be with us always. Guide us in wisdom and faith; that we might live into the life created for us, trusting in your will. All this we ask through your Son, our redeemer, Jesus, who is your Christ. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

All stand or kneel.

Officiant and people

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

The Bishop of Norwich composed this prayer of **General Thanksgiving**, inspired, some think, by a private prayer of Queen Elizabeth I, issued in 1596.

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**.

CLOSING HYMN

Redeemer of nations, come

Hymnal 55

Officiant	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God

The officiant concludes, saying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The 'Bendicamus Domino' has been used in the church as a dismissal since about 1000.

You are invited to stay following worship for coffee & goodies, and to connect with other parishioners in the Parish Hall.

Today's Art



The Visitation ca. 1505 Jakob and/or Hans Strub (active early 16th century) Italian Oil and gold on panel Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid

Jakob and Hans Strüb were two brothers who were active as painters in early 16th-century Germany. They probably trained with their father, the painter Peter Strüb the Elder. Both specialised in large-scale altarpieces and may also have produced the sculptural elements of such ensembles. The present work was originally part of a large altarpiece in the church of Saint John the Baptist in the Augustinian monastery of Inzigkofen. It was subsequently broken up into fourteen panels in order to be sold. The present panel depicts The Visitation, an episode recounted in the Gospel of Saint Luke. It is located outdoors in front of the house of the Virgin's cousin Elizabeth, with the two women shown embracing. The unusual way of representing their pregnant condition follows the French and German tradition, with a small child depicted in their stomachs. Christ appears surrounded by rays of light with his cousin Saint John kneeling before him. The backgrounds are painted in gold, following the traditional, popular format. The composition reveals clear stylistic similarities with the work of Bernhard Strigel, another German master, for example, in the use of the arch that frames the scene.

It is known that in 1861 the present panel belonged to a restorer in Munich. At that point the infants in the wombs of Mary and Elizabeth were covered over, as were the sexual organs of the Christ Child in the scene of *The Circumcision*. These later overpaintings, which in the case of the present work modified the original concept of the painting, were removed in 1987. Photographs taken prior to that date show the two women without these important elements.

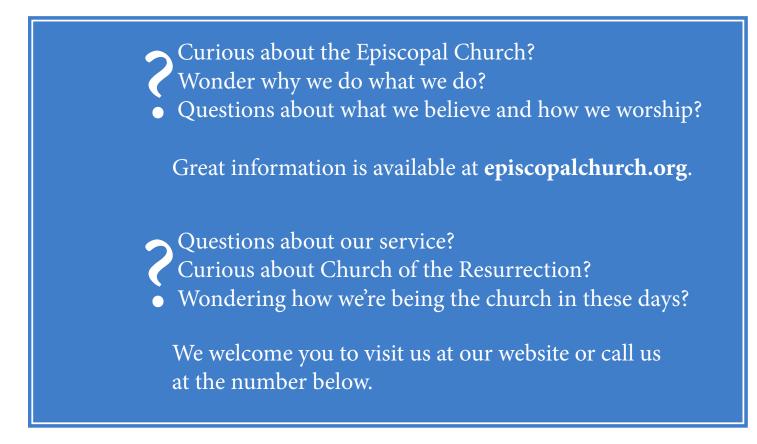
The artist depicted the biblical episode with the essential elements, placing all the emphasis on the embrace of the two women and on the message that this gesture conveys through his emphasis on their pregnant state. The event described by Saint Luke takes place in a simple exterior setting with the entrance to Elizabeth's house on the right, a rock on the left and plants and grass on the ground, the latter functioning to indicate that this is an interior. The tiny images of infants inside the women's bodies —which are to be found in German and French painting and sculpture — represent Christ blessing, surrounded by rays of light while the Infant Saint John the Baptist kneels in sign of devotion.

Glorifying God By

Refreshing Souls | Bridging Communities | Engaging People In Service

Thank you for joining us today! We hope to see you again soon.

We invite you to join us for worship at 8:00 or 10:30 am each Sunday. If you can't make it in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook! *facebook.com/episcopalloudon*





917 Pond Road, Loudon, TN 37774 865-986-2390