

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Rorate Coeli

Sunday, December, 22 2024 (9:00 am)

Organist: Helen Kirschstein

Usher: Michael Ude



Opening Hymn 351: Creator of the Stars of Night

Liturgy Setting Three p. 184 Confession and Absolution

Introit

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. **C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit; let the earth cause them both to sprout.

Kyrie p 186

Hymn 340: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Salutation and Collect of the Day p 189

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' 17 And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen

to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

Gradual

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia and Verse p 190

Alleluia. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God! Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: John 1:19-28

19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." 24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, 27 even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Apostles Creed p 192

Hymn 349: Hark the Glad Sound

"The Lord Is at Hand"

1.) Rejoice.

2.) Pray.

3.) Trust.

Hymn 897: O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly

Offertory p 192

Great O Antiphons of Advent

P: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

P: O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

**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.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

P: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us.

**O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

P: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, You close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

**O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

P: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,**

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

P: O King of nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.

**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.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

P: O Emmanuel, our King and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Lord's Prayer p 196

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The Benediction p 202

The Closing Hymn 356: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Silent Prayer and Announcements

WELCOME to all our worshippers!

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