

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

4th Sunday of Advent

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Sunday 20 December 2020

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| **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **8 O Come O Come Emmanuel**  **(in Carols Book)**  **(see the words on another page)**  **GREETINGS**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **60 MARANATHA, MARANATHA**  **W*eek 4***  **Today, as we gather on the fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the fourth of the candles, remembering how God’s love was manifested to the world through the generosity and courage of the virgin Mary.**  ***Maranatha! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!***  **COLLECT**  Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  your grace into our hearts,  that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  was made known by the message of an Angel,  may by his Passion and Cross  be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**    **FIRST READING** 2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16  *Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me*  Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.’  But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:  ‘Go and tell my servant David, “Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame | of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.”’  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **RESP PSALM**  Ps 88(89):2-5,27,29  **R.** *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*  I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R.  ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  I have sworn to David my servant:  I will establish your dynasty for ever  and set up your throne through all ages. R.  ‘He will say to me: “You are my father,  my God, the rock who saves me.”  I will keep my love for him always;  with him my covenant shall last.’ R.  **SECOND READING**  Rom 16:25-27  *May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*  Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach,, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ,, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. | This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Lk 1:38  Alleluia, alleluia!  I am the servant of the Lord:  may his will for me be done.  Alleluia!  **GOSPEL** Lk 1:26-38  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke  Glory to you, O Lord.  *'I am the handmaid of the Lord'*  The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. He went in and said to her, ‘Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.’ She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, ‘Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God’s favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?’ ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you’ the angel answered ‘and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.’ ‘I am the handmaid of the Lord,’ said Mary ‘let what you have said be done to me.’ And the angel left her.  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** |

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| **HOMILY**  **PROFESSION OF FAITH**  **Apostle’s Creed**  I believe in God,  the Father almighty,  Creator of heaven and earth,  and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  born of the Virgin Mary,  suffered under Pontius Pilate,  was crucified, died and was buried;  he descended into hell;  on the third day he rose again from the  dead;  He ascended into heaven,  and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.  **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received  the bread we offer you:…  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received  the wine we offer you:  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**,  that my sacrifice and yours  may be acceptable to God, The almighty Father.  **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,**  **for our good** **and the good of all his holy Church.** | **PREP GIFTS HYMNS**  **4 CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**  May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,  sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,  just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  Through Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**  **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  Lift up your hearts.  We lift them up to the Lord.  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  It is right and just.  **Holy, Holy, Holy**  Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  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.  **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**    At the Saviour’s command  and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  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.  Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. | For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever.  **SIGN OF PEACE**  Lord Jesus Christ,  who said to your Apostles:  Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  look not on our sins,  but on the faith of your Church,  and graciously grant her peace and unity  in accordance with your will.  Who live and reign for ever and ever.  Amen.  The peace of the Lord be with you always.  And with your spirit.  Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  **LAMB OF GOD**  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  grant us peace  **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  **COMMUNION HYMN**  **25 I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU**  **MY PEOPLE - Isaiah 49**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,  we pray, almighty God,  that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,  so we may press forward all the more eagerly  to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son’s Nativity.  Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.  **FINAL SONG**  **66 THE MASTERPIECE OF GOD**  **(tune of How Great Thou Art)**  **(see the words on the third page)** |