

DECEMBER 18, 2022 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prelude - "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" Sussex Carol.

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Versicles

- A** The Jesse Tree, Christ's fam'ly tree,
C Points us the way to Jesus.
A From Eden down to Calvary,
C Our loving Savior frees us.
A The promise is for you and me
C And points the way to Jesus.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

- C** Almighty God, from before the foundations of the world You planned to send Your Son, born of the Virgin, to redeem Your creation from sin and death. Illumine our hearts to see Your loving purpose at work in the lives of Your people who make up Christ's family tree; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Sit

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

sts. 1, 4-5, 7



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

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THE JESSE TREE: JESUS' FAMILY TREE

(Presented by the Sunday School)

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1–4, 10; 9:6-7

342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

sts. 1–2



1 What hope! An E - den proph-e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.

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Second Reading

Genesis 3:1–6, 14–15

Recitation (Adam and Eve)

Third Reading

Genesis 9:8–13

Recitation (Noah)

Fourth Reading

Genesis 12:1–3

Recitation (Abraham and Sarah)

Fifth Reading

Genesis 22:6-8

Recitation (Isaac)

342 What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

sts. 3–4



3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Sixth Reading

Genesis 28:10–14

Recitation (Jacob)

Seventh Reading

Ruth 1:15-16

Recitation (Ruth)

Eighth Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13

Recitation (David)

Ninth Reading

1 Kings 5:2-5

Recitation (Solomon)

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

sts. 1-2



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-d'ring love.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.
And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

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Tenth Reading

Luke 1:11-16

Recitation (Zechariah)

Eleventh Reading

Matthew 3:1-6

Recitation (John the Baptist)

Twelfth Reading

Luke 1:26-38

370 What Child Is This

st. 1



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

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Recitation (*Mary, Joseph and Jesus*)

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

sts. 1, ref, 2, 4

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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Anthem - "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" English Carol.

Stand

Responsory

- A** The Jesse Tree, Christ's fam'ly tree,
- C** **Points us the way to Jesus.**
- A** From Eden down to Calvary,
- C** **Our loving Savior frees us.**
- A** The promise is for you and me
- C** **And points the way to Jesus.**

Collect

- A** Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, You are the shoot from the stump of Jesse, the Savior who was promised by God to Adam and Eve. Thank you for taking on our human flesh in the fullness of time and joining our family to save us from our sins. Strengthen us always to live as children of our Heavenly Father and as Your redeemed brothers and sisters.
In Your name we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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
 forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- P** Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day.
- C** Amen.

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

sts. 1, ref, 2-4



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God In the high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Postlude - "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" tune *In Dulci Jubilo*, German Carol.

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