



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ADVENT 4

December 19, 2021

10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE

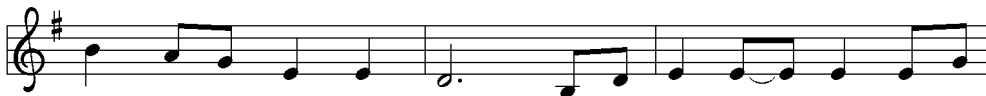
HYMN *standing*

Canticle of the Turning

ELW #723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy, and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Grace Latorra and family by video

Mary's Candle

Reader 1: Here we light this lamp of liberation--Mary's Candle-- as we remember Mary, the young woman who believed that she was already who God told her she was: called, holy, and beloved.

Reader 2: May the holy light of Mary's candle remind us that we too are children of God, holy and beloved, and may this knowledge help us to say "yes" to God's calling in our lives.

Reader 1: By the light of this lamp of liberation...

Reader 2: Free us from shame and self-doubt.

Reader 1: To thine own Divine calling and identity may we be true, O Lord.

Reader 2: Releases us to do your will.

All: **Amen.**

Silence is kept as the candle is lit.

(Candle Lighting from Unlikely Prophets: An Advent Devotional from Behind Bars from Hagar's Community Church

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN We are Waiting



HYMN OF PRAISE Light one Candle ELW #240



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

People **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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *seated*

Micah 5:2-5a

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) Hymnal #679

All

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up -

spir - it re-joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum-ble of heart. You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind-ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, as you prom-ised to

D.C.
weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!
Sar - ah and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

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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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Startled by a Holy Humming



1.Start - led by a ho - ly hum - ming drum - ming in her heart and ear,
 2.Troub - led by the an - gel's bless - ing Ma - ry asked how it could be.
 3.Tend - ing to the voice of hea - ven Ma - ry's doubts be - gan to fade
 4.Start - led, troub - led, then be - liev - ing Ma - ry's vi - sion o - pened wide.



Ma - ry heard an an - gel com - ing, Gab - ri - el was draw - ing near.
 In a way she was con - fess - ing all that doubt can ne - ver see:
 while her faith like ris - ing lea - ven grew un - til she glad - ly prayed:
 She by faith be - gan per - ceiv - ing life and truth from hea - ven's side.



From the loud though sound - less beat - ing of the flash - ing, un - seen wings
 how the flesh is filled with spi - rit, how the heart can beat with love,
 "May it be as God has spo - ken, may it be as I have heard,
 Lord, may we at last like Ma - ry catch the slant of hea - ven's light



pulsed the words of sac - red greet - ing: she would bear the king of kings.
 how a - no - ther heart can hear it, how this comes from God a - bove.
 may God's will be ne - ver bro - ken, may I live by God's own word."
 pierc - ing through the doubts that bu - ry hope and grace from hu - man sight.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL *standing*

Luke 1:39-45

Presider 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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

**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 human.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor offers the petitions, and the People respond
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *standing*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS; BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY & SPECIAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Advent Acclamation

Lacey Brown

Al - le - lu - - - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

O come, O come Great Mys - ter - y, to o - pen minds and

set our hearts free. En - light - en us to hear your

voice. Send us all peace, and fill us with your joy.

We wait, we hope, we yearn, we pray for you to

o - pen us and make all things new. We wait, we hope, we

yearn, we pray for you to o - pen us and make all things new.

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DOXOLOGY

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

O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly One. O God of earth and
 God of sun. The moon and stars and plan - ets a - bove re -
 flect your glow - ing end - less love. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est! O blessed are you, Christ Je - sus in our midst.

The prayer continues until

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory**

The prayer continues until

Presider By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the
 one bread.**

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

The Presider says

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.

During communion the ushers will direct you to come forward. Sanitize your hands at the station. You may choose between wafer or pre-packaged wafer and wine. Return to your seat. Remove your mask. Consume the element(s). Replace your mask. Sanitize your hands. Place the empty receptacle in the basket by the door as you leave.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ivar Hillesland

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the People.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far - as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

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sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Christmas Worship Schedule

Candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist	December 24, 4:00 pm
Christmas Day Feast of the Nativity	December 25, 10:00 am
First Sunday in Christmas	December 26, 10:00 am

Join in person or live on Facebook

Christmas Decorating Party! Following today's worship!

All hands on deck! **We are having Christmas worship in person this year**, and we need your help! We will especially need a few strong folks and one or two folks able to safely climb ladders. Stick around after church to have a snack at coffee hour and then help us decorate! It promises to be a fun and festive time! :)

Text Us!

Send a text to office@stlukesseattle.org to:

- Give us new or updated contact information
- Request a name tag
- Tell us your pronouns
- Send us a prayer request

End of the Year Giving to St. Luke's and Edible Hope Kitchen

Please consider a special gift to St. Luke's and/or the Edible Hope Kitchen as this strange and difficult year comes to an end. The challenge of raising funds when folks can't be present in person has made it difficult to meet our goals for income. Your additional, generous offering will allow us to begin the year without a deficit as we plan for a brighter future. You may give online on the website, by check or to Edible Hope via Facebook. Thank you so much!

You can **contribute** to St. Luke's and to our Edible Hope, our meals ministry, by setting up auto pay with our office, **donating online** from the St. Luke's website, or via PayPal with a credit or debit card on your smartphone using this QR code:



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