

**ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

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The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

10:00 a.m. Service

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The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *The Wexford Carol*

arr. Mark Hayes

Processional Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#66, Hymnal 1982

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The People standing the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant and People sing

The Kyrie

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The Holy Eucharist I

Lord, have mercy upon us *Kyrie*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

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

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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.*

People *Amen.*

The Lessons *(The People sit)*

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Misericordias Domini

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Celebrant *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke***

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ***

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer

The Nicene Creed

*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 man.*

*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.*

The Prayers of the People Form IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People

***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 Celebrant says the absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace *(All stand)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Music *Gabriel's Message*
Jackson Schneider, Flute

arr. Kathleen Henson

Text:

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame
All hail, said he, thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

*For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

*Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant say the Lord's Prayer together

*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.*

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

Virtual Choir Musical Offering

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
Featuring members of our own St. Edward's Choir*

Blessing

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Recessional Mary Did You Know
Father Rick, Randy Westgate, Mike Freshwater

Postlude *Bethlehem*

Jim Brickman



Serving the Liturgy

The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector

Karen E. Waddill, Organist & Pianist

Patrick Ishler, Choir Director & Cantor

Jackson Schneider, Flute

Father Rick, Randy Westgate, and Mike Freshwater – Contemporary Musical Offering

Readers

Mark Jakiel

Lucetta Kiefer

Altar Guild

Julie Hoff, Bev Hess



In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Thomas, Lancaster

We pray for Christians, Muslims, and Jews and all people of faith throughout the world who are suffering persecution for their beliefs.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Rea and Mary Ann Outman; Ellie and Sarah Parker; Mike and Sandy Patrone; Tim and Lynn Peters

Pray for the recently departed:

Harry West

Julie Sandblade, sister of Eric Sandblade

Praying for those we love and who are important in our lives is an essential component of our worship, but many of the names listed and read out in the Prayers of the People are known only to those who have requested them, and the list grows each week. So, when we come to the Prayers of the people in the service, the names for those "You are asked to pray for" and those "for our military personnel" will not be read aloud; rather we invite you to lift those names up to God in Christ silently in your heart as we pray the Prayers of the People, adding any others you wish to pray for.

You are asked to pray for: Amy, Bill, Reed and Cole Swiernik, The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer and family, Reenie Cardwell, Joe Holwager, Arch Cross, Mary Walker, Liz Yeager, Patricia Stout, Harry West, Mimi Stauffer, Robert Hubbard, Tom Joerger, Donna J. Mott, Charlotte Jakiel, Dakota Patrone, DJ Dixon, Robert, The Rev. Jay Croft, Robert Carter, Dorothy Diehl, Barbara Bradfield, Fran Davis, Cody Campbell, Heather, Cheryl Shearer, Myra Taylor, Sally Mears, Barry Leed, Dr. Randy Cohen and Family, Aaron Rowe, Sr., Dorothy Rowe, Dr. Karl and Carolyn Moyer, James Pentland Moore, Rick Welk, Max Lown, Aiden Guillory, Winnie Sternberg and her family, Paul Gomez, Jillian, Adelaide L. Petersen, Dorothy Johnson, Annette Green, Stanley Jakiel, John Holena, Joe Holena, Carrie, Larry Haffey, Janine Holena; Ted Fitzgerald; Peter Kelly; Cindy and Ken; Teresa Kennedy; the family of Julie Sandblade – Elle, Dustin, and Robby; all prisoners who are on lockdown due to COVID19

You are asked to pray for our military personnel who are being deployed or serving in the military: Rev. David J. Sparks, Evan Westgate, Adam and Christina Grim, David Peck, David Sternberg, John Lewis, Gordon Frankenfield, Allison Tomich, Mike Spurr, Seamas Whitesel, Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer, 1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel, Brandon Fox, Alex Kube, Richard Mutari, Dustin Burleson, Anthony Koser, Jack Hawk, Christina Dragon, Justin Carnahan, Clayton Tennes, Benjamin Jenkins, Andy Lopez

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers!

The community of St. Edward's is glad you are worshipping with us this morning, via our live stream. If you would like more information about the ministry of St. Edward's, please contact our parish office or visit our web site: sainteds.org

WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Joy in the Lord as Companions in Christ"

*The Rt. Reverend Audrey Cady Scanlan, DMin
Bishop of Central Pennsylvania
The Reverend Dr. Richard C. Bauer, Rector
Karen E. Waddill, Organist & Pianist
Carol Cotnoir, Organ Associate
Patrick Ishler, Choir Director
Elaine K. Radcliffe, Choir Director Emerita
Randy Westgate, Praise Band*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. service live streamed on YouTube Live – St. Edward's channel

*We offer the following worship & ministry, below, but due to Covidtide,
we have temporarily suspended in-person gathering.*

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist: Rite I ~ 10:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*9:10 a.m. – Praise Band Service
10:40 a.m. Christian Education ages
pre-K/K – Grade 12
Nursery is available up to age 4*

Wednesday Services

*Due to Covidtide, this service is temporarily suspended for in-person gathering.
12:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with meditation & healing*

Friday Evening Prayer

*7:00 p.m.: Join us on Zoom – led by Patrick Ishler
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86327105082>
Join Code: 863 2710 5082*

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Weekly Announcements

As we enter Fourth Advent, and prepare for Christmas next week, and while we must stay socially distanced and refrain from in-person worship, in our sanctuary, there are still many opportunities for us to worship together during this Covid tide. Please see a listing below and stay tuned to our weekly emails, web site posts, and Sunday bulletins for updates on specific details as we are updated with times and links. We invite you to celebrate with us, as a community of faith! We are all in this together and we are all connected as we walk in hope, peace, joy, and love, during this final week of Advent, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Christmas Flowers at St. Edward's: We will be offering our traditional Christmas Flower sign-up with your "In Memory of" or "In Thanksgiving for" names to be placed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. *Please prayerfully consider signing up for Christmas flowers this year.* Flowers are \$20 and can be submitted, via email, with your check mailed into the parish office, made payable to St. Edward's and marked "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. **Deadline is MONDAY, December 21st.**



Lessons & Carols: Virtual Convocation Event – In case you missed it, please check your Thursday and Saturday email for the link to the virtual offering on our YouTube Channel and a downloadable program, or click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoMmQTd_Vuo&feature=youtu.be

Scepter articles, photos, submissions: Please submit to Mac Miller TODAY, for our January Scepter. Email to: hj_miller@outlook.com

Parish Office Closed: The parish office will be closed from Thursday, December 24th – Saturday, January 2nd. BUT... we will still be sending out our Monday, Thursday, and Saturday emails to keep you informed of our Sunday service offerings, happenings, etc. We will also have the Scepter and grocery cards available by Monday, January 4th. And, should you need to contact us, you have Father Rick's and Michelle's phone numbers and we will be checking in at the office regularly.

Please consider a monetary gift to the **Hempfield Area Food Pantry** this holiday season. So many of our neighbors are in dire need. The HAFP has been so thankful for the robust support of the St. Edward's community this year. And, we thank you all, as well. Let's continue our tradition of generosity for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Looking for a way to brighten someone's day during the holidays? We can all participate in our own personal "social outreach." Click on the link below to find a list of Retirement Homes in our area that are accepting cards for their residents. What a nice way for us to reach out to the wider community to let them know that we care! Type in this link to access the listing on our website: https://sainteds.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Christmas-Cards_2020.pdf

Many of you have expressed an interest in receiving a 2021 **Episcopal Church calendar**. We have ordered 25 and they have arrived! Please let the office know if you would like to have us put aside

one for you! We are accepting donations for the calendars, with a suggested amount of \$3-\$5, to offset the cost of production. Thank you.



Christmas Eve at St. Edward's: December 24th at 8 PM – Virtual Rite II service live streamed on the St. Edward's YouTube Channel. The service bulletin will be available within the YouTube description on the service page.

At-Home Communion for Christmas Eve: We will have consecrated wafers, in packets of four, available on Monday, December 21st – Wednesday, December 23rd for pick up at St. Edward's between the hours of 11 AM – 3 PM. Please visit us at those times, as the office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th. *If you cannot make arrangements to come by the church next Monday – Wednesday, please contact the parish office and we will make certain we deliver wafers to your home*