



SaintPaul's

An Episcopal Church For  
The City of Milwaukee

✠ The Fourth Sunday of Advent ✠  
10:15 am Liturgy of the Word  
December 20, 2020

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Choral Introit

*I look from afar*

Giovanni Palestrina

*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?  
High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say:  
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,  
tell us, art thou he that should come?  
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

Words: Matin Responsory for Advent Sunday

Canticle Surge Illuminare

*Arise, shine, for your light has come*

chant: John Goss

Words: Isaiah, 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.*

Collect of the Day and Welcome

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by you 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.**

First Lesson

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.

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-20, 25-26

*Misericordias Domini*

G. M. Garrett



- 1     Your love, O LORD, for / ever will I / sing;\*
- from age to age my / mouth will pro/claim your / faithfulness.
- 2     For I am persuaded that your love is es/tablished 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 gene/rations.’ ”
- 19    You spoke once in a vision and said to your / faithful / people:\*
- “I have set the crown upon the warrior
- and have exalted one / chosen / out of the / people.
- 20    I have found / David my / servant;\*
- with my holy / oil have / I a/nointed him.
- 25    I shall make his do/minion ex/tend\*  
        from the / Great Sea / to the / River.
- 26    He will say to me, / ‘You are my / Father,\*  
        my God, and the / rock of / my sal/vation.’ ”

## Epistle

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.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 438      *Tell out my soul*

Woodlands

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

*Gospeller*        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.

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily

The Rector

## 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.**

**Anthem**

*A tender shoot*

Otto Goldschmidt

*A tender shoot hath started Up from a root of grace,  
As ancient seers imparted, From Jesse's holy race,  
It blooms without a blight, Blooms in the cold bleak winter  
Turning our darkness into light.*

*This shoot Isaiah taught us From Jesse's root should spring,  
The Virgin Mary brought us The branch of which we sing,  
Our God of endless might, Gave her this Child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.*

Words: Otto Goldschmidt

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 72** *Hark! The glad sound!*

Richmond

**Voluntary** *Three Liturgical Improvisations: "O heavenly Word, eternal Light"*

George Oldroyd

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The Reverend W. Bradley Toebben, Rector

**Deacon:**

The Reverend Sheila Scott

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday Morning

8:00 am Holy Eucharist in the Morning Chapel

10:15 am Choral Eucharist

### Organ Recital and Choral Evensong

First Sundays of October thru May (November at Forest Home Cemetery)

3:30 pm

The Right Reverend Steven Andrew Miller, Bishop of Milwaukee

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