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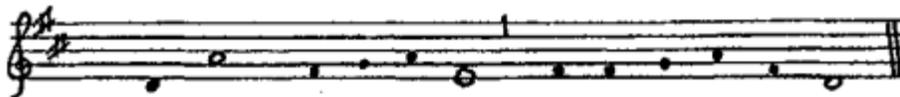
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist
December 19, 2021

Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

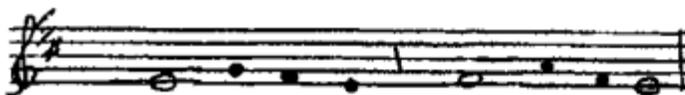
Advent Responsory: Psalm 130:1,3,5-6

An Advent Responsory



My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

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Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.

In his word is my hope.

There is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

In his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning.

In his word is my hope.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

In his word is my hope.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

Processional Hymn: #101 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

**Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

**O’er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-best,
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Children’s Focus

Abraham, Emmanuel, Mary and Solomon Efunbajo

The Gathering of the Community *(All Stand)*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are
hidden. 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.**

Kyrie Eleison *(All kneel)*

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Collects

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

All **Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Children's Christmas Storybook Video

The children and families of St. Augustine's have been working hard this Advent season to prepare something quite special for us! They have made a storybook that tells the story of Christmas with pictures they have drawn illustrating passages of hope, promise, witness, and fulfillment from the Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, right through to the gospel accounts of Jesus' birth. In the video we are going to watch this morning, the children show their pictures to us and tell us about the passage that they illustrated.

These *Children's Christmas Storybooks* are available for purchase by donation to the Refugee Task Force Fund. Donations to the "Refugee Fund" may be put in the offering plate during the service, mailed to or dropped off at the Church (in the Church mailbox, which is located to the right of the main doors, (if the office is closed), or e-transferred to givings@staug.org. Please indicate "Refugee Fund" and ***please let Gillian or Wendy know if you have donated and would like to receive a book.***

We want to say a huge thank you to Peter and Diane Starrenburg for their donation of time and supplies in the printing of the books. We would also like to thank Alison Goodwin for the arrangement of the scriptures to help us tell the story, to Gillian Breckenridge for all the video editing, and to Wendy for the countless hours of planning and coordination that went into this project.

We hope you enjoy this presentation! It is given with love to this church from the families of our parish.

Gradual Hymn: "Light of the Stable"

**Hail, hail to the newborn King,
Let our voices sing Him our praises.
Hail, hail to the guiding light
that brought us tonight to our Savior.**

Chorus

Halle, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah.

Come now where it shines so bright
to the knowing light of the stable.
kneel close to the Child so dear
cast aside your fear and be thankful. *Chorus 2x*

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **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. With the father and the Son he is worshipped 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 *(all kneeling)*

Jordan Peck

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our diocese we pray for St. Mark, Innisfail and St. Mary & St. Timothy, Sylvan Lake and The Rev. Ralph Warnock, The Rev. Ethel English and The Rev. Inez Hannett.

In the Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the King on St. Lucia and The Rev. Eleanor Glasgow, Priest-in Charge.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those involved in Men's and Women's Groups: Evening Group, Friendship Group, Men's Group and the Cursillo Community.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and the people say together,

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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand, and one of the ministers addresses the people:*
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Offertory Hymn: #117 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.**

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts *(All Stand)*

The Rev. Steve Bateman

All **Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3 *(Please remain standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you

have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted. Our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*all kneeling*)

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communion Music

 "We Three Kings" Piano Solo - Mark Penner

 "Silent Night" – Arr. G. Lanier Clarinet Solo - Jayla Matchett

 "O Come O Come Emmanuel" Piano Duet - Joanne Collier and Mary Lee Voort

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Those joining from home may say the following prayer.

All **Gracious God, I repent of my sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the cross for me, and that he shed his blood for my redemption. I earnestly remember the benefits I have because of his death and give him my heartfelt thanks. I eat and drink the body and blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to my soul's health, although I do not receive the sacrament with my mouth.** *Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer p584*

The celebrant and people then receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.

The body of Christ (given for you).

The blood of Christ (shed for you).

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneeling)*

All **Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Celebrant Glory to God *(All stand)*

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #362 "Tell Out My Soul"

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessing, give my spirit voice;

**Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of my name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done:
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy name – the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Mary Lee Voort

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Cynthia, Marion and Douglas.

Thank you to our technical crew this morning:

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