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Mike Harber, *Vestry Member*  
Michael Williams, *Vestry Member*  
Pamela Van Etten, *Clerk*



### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

*Begins at 7 pm on Thursday, Dec. 24.*

## In Our Prayers

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember and pray for o companion diocese of Haiti and their bishops, Zaché and Oge. We pray for grace and guidance as the Dioceses of Alabama, Alaska, and the Virgin Islands develop a mutual covenant for our new Companion Relationship. We pray for the Kairos Prison Ministry and Kairos Outside; for St. Thomas in Birmingham, and St. Thomas in Huntsville.

We pray for those who are sick and recovering from illness or surgery, including Kay Dickey, Diana McMahon, Kathy DeArmond, Nancy Jones, Mary Southern, Randy Norris, Michael Williams, Virginia Nordon, Rita Whitman, Lannon Poole, Charlotte Poole, Pamela Harper's mother Billie, Rachel Russo, and Matt & Allie McCord and their unborn son.

## Serving This Week

Mike Harber, *Sunday School Teacher*  
Laura Williams, *Usher*  
Cathy Jones, *Altar Guild*  
Amanda Borden, *Lay Reader*  
Caleb Hart, *Pianist*

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

Ten-thirty on Sunday Morning  
The Twentieth Day of December  
In the Year of Our Lord 2015

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *A Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

### Gathering of the People

*The People are invited to observe a time of quiet prayer. We are using service music from the Hymnal, as well as other changes in the liturgy for Advent and Christmas.*

Piano Prelude

Words of Peace

Processional *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* *Hymn 66*

Penitential Acclamation *Page 355, BCP*

Collect for Purity

Glory to God *Gloria* *Hymn S-280*

Salutation

Collect of the Day *Scripture Sheet*

### The Word of God

*We sit for the Lessons and the Psalm, and we stand for the Gospel.*

Old Testament *Micah 5:2-5a* *Scripture Sheet*

Canticle 15 *Song of Mary* *Scripture Sheet*

Epistle *Hebrews 10:5-10* *Scripture Sheet*

Sequence *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven* *Hymn 265*

Gospel Lesson *Luke 1:39-45* *Scripture Sheet*

The Sermon

Prayers of the People, Form II *Page 385, BCP*

Confession of Sin *Page 360, BCP*

Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory

### Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

Presentation *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* *Hymn 657:1*

Eucharistic Prayer A *Page 361, BCP*

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* *Hymn S-129*

Consecration of the Elements

Lord's Prayer *Contemporary* *Page 364, BCP*

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction *O Lamb of God* *Hymn S-158*

Communion

Post-Communion Prayer *Page 366, BCP*

Blessing

Recessional *Tell Out, My Soul* *Hymn 437*

Dismissal

Piano Postlude

### Announcements



Christmas Eve + Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015

Carols of Christmas at 7:00 pm in the Church

Festival Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm

Christmas Supper in the Little House at 8:30 pm

Christmas Day + Friday, Dec. 25, 2015

Church will be closed.

Christmas I + Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015

No Sunday School

Carols and Holy Eucharist II at 10:30 am

## LESSONS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Collect of the Day

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.*

### Old Testament *Micah 5:2-5a*

But 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.

### Canticle 15 *Song of Mary*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
*for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
*the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.*

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
*in every generation.*

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
*he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*

*and has lifted up the lowly.*

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
*and the rich he has sent away empty.*

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
*for he has remembered his promise of mercy,*

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
*to Abraham and his children for ever.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### Epistle *Hebrews 10:5-10*

Consequently, 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.

### Gospel *Luke 1:39-45*

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."