

The Lord's Day  
All Saints Parish Church  
December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Meditation for Worship

*The LORD knows the thoughts of man,  
that they are a mere breath.  
(Ps. 94:11)*

Reflecting on Christ's Incarnation

*God recapitulated in Himself in ancient formation of man, that He might kill sin, deprive death of its power and vivify man.*

Irenaeus

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rev. 7:9-12

\*Call to Worship

Ps. 92:5-8

How great are Your works, O LORD!

*Your thoughts are very deep.*

A senseless man has no knowledge,

*Nor does a stupid man understand this:*

That when the wicked sprouted up like grass and all who did iniquity flourished, it was only that they might be destroyed forevermore.

*But You, O LORD, are on high forever.*

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymns

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
Once in Royal David's City*

No. 300

No. 322

Public Confession

*O God, knowing that Christ shed His blood for us, we ask You to forgive our many transgressions. Forgive our wicked thoughts and our hateful words. Forgive our lack of charity toward one another. And forgive our lack of zeal for righteousness.*

Words of Comfort and Assurance

Isa. 53:4, 5

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

Response

PRAISE OF CHRIST

Fairest Lord Jesus

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1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,  
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.



*Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677  
Tr. 1850, 1873*

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8.  
Silesian folk song  
*Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842*

Prayer and Collection of the Tithe and Offerings

\*Doxology

No. 567

\*Old Testament Reading *God's Covenant with David* Ps. 89:1-18

\*Response to the Word

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

*Amen!*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever.  
Amen.*

\*Hymn

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

No. 305

\*New Testament Reading

*The Birth of Christ*

Matt. 1:18-25

\*Response to the Word

The Word of the LORD.

*Thanks be to God!*

\*Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon

*The Messianic Expectation Fulfilled*

Luke 2:1-35

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

\*Hymn

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

No. 297

\*Benediction

\* Congregation will please stand

**The Word Made Flesh**

*Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry.*

Cyril of Jerusalem

SOLI DEO GLORIA

**The Use of Wine in the Observance of the Lord's Supper**

In light of the biblical account of the Last Supper and Jesus' use of wine in representing His blood, All Saints Parish Church believes that the use of wine in the observance of the Lord's Supper remains the proper symbol for representing His blood. We do, however, make occasional exceptions for the use of grape juice, with the hope that those holding such an exception will seek to understand the conviction of the church in this matter. Please speak to one of the elders if you wish to discuss this issue.

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