

The Lord's Day
All Saints Parish Church
December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Meditation for Worship

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; set me securely on high away from those who rise up against me.
(Ps. 59:1)

"The entrance of Jesus into this world is against the backdrop of humiliation. There was no place for Him to lay His head. In fact, as an adult, He would say, 'The Son of Man has no place to lay His head.' He never had a place to lay His head that wasn't borrowed from someone else."

R.C. Sproul

Lighting of the Advent Candle

John 1:1-14

*Call to Worship

Ps. 45:6, 7

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of joy above Your fellows.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymns

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 311
No. 318

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. We ask this in the name of our Savior.

Words of 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

Beautiful Savior

You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever. Ps. 45:2

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion,
2. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Anonymous, 1677
Tr. by Joseph A. Seiss, 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

*Reading: Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

No. 308

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

Anticipating the Messiah: The Promise Fulfilled

Luke 2

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymns

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 299
No. 319

*Benediction

*Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 323

* Congregation will please stand

The Great Condescension

“It was great condescension that He who was God should be made in the likeness of flesh; but much greater that He who was holy should be made in the likeness of sinful flesh.”

Matthew Henry

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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