

4th Sunday in Advent
December 23, 2018
8:00am

Morning Prayer p. 235

Sermon Theme: “Where Does Mary Fit?”

Text: Luke 1:39-56

The Hymnody

Opening Hymn	LSB 384
Office Hymn	LSB 342
Sermon Hymn	LSB 356
Post Offering Hymn stanzas 1-2.....	LSB 781
Closing Hymn	LSB 361

Psalm 80:1-7

- P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- C** **Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your
might and come to save us!**
- P** Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- C** **O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your
people’s prayers?**
- P** You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to
drink in full measure.
- C** **You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our
enemies laugh among themselves.**
- P** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be
saved!

Prelude	“Prelude on Greensleeves”	Hanna
Offertory	“Improvisation on Jefferson”	Hanna
Postlude	“Joy to the World”	Young

Micah 5:2–5a

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”
⁸When 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), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39–56

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”
⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”
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Communion Hymns.....	LSB 342, 624
Closing Hymn.....	LSB 361

Introit for Fourth Sunday in Advent

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
- C** My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.
- P** There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
- C** The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.
- P** The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- C** The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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