

St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís
Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2009
10:00 a.m.



Vision: "Be One in Christ"

The Reverend Richard Aguilar, Priest
The Reverend Ledly O. Moss, Sr., Deacon
Mr. John M. Barrow, Organist & Choirmaster

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

The Liturgy of the Word



Processional Hymn 66 (blue) Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

The people standing,

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: As we gather around the Advent Wreath today, we rejoice that Christmas is a time of prayer and of open hearts when we sing songs of joy. Christmas is a time of worship—the moment when the busiest of us pause in wonder. Christmas happens when God comes to us in love through Jesus Christ and fills us with love for all humankind.

Celebrant: A reading from the first letter of John.

Dear ones, anyone who does not love has not known God, for God is love. So it is that the love of God was manifested in us: God's own Firstborn was sent into the world that through that life we too might live. In this love: not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Firstborn as a sacrifice to set aside our sins. Dear ones, if God loves us like this, so we also ought to love one another.

All: **We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is love.**

Four candles in the Wreath are lighted.

Celebrant: Such great love helps us to love God and one another. O God, we thank you that Jesus showed the love of Christ for every person, babies and children, old and young, sick and strong, and the poor.

All: **Come to us in this Advent Season, and give us love in our hearts for all people. Amen.**

Celebrant: Advent calls each of us to “Prepare” by living this life by which we proclaim, “For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain,.” Let us pray for each other today and every day to “Prepare.”

People: **Amen.**



O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice,! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice,! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the 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.

Please be seated.

Children's Ministry Pageant

The Birth of Jesus and Adoration of Shepherds according to the Gospel of Luke 2:1-20

Introduction & Sermon: Pam Decarreau

Story of the Nativity of the Christ Child

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in a manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherd told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them

Children: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Songs:

Come, Lord Jesus

1. Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Come and be born in our hearts.
2. Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel,
Come and be born in our hearts.
3. Come, O Prince of Peace, come O Prince of Peace, come O Prince of Peace,
Come and be born in our hearts.
4. Come O Mighty God, come O Mighty God, come O Mighty God,
Come and be born in our hearts.
5. Come Wonderful Counselor, come Wonderful Counselor, come Wonderful Counselor,
Come and be born in our hearts.
6. Come Everlasting Father, come Everlasting Father, come Everlasting Father
Come and be born in our hearts

Soon and Very Soon

LEVAS (red and black) Hymn 14

Mary Had a Baby

1. Mary had a baby, my Lord, Mary had a baby, My Lord, Mary had a baby, Mary had a
baby, Mary had a baby, my Lord.
2. Gabriel came to Mary x2
What did he tell her x2
He told her about the baby, My Lord
3. What did she name him x2
She named him baby Jesus x2
Angels were a' singing, my Lord.
4. What were they singing x2
Glory Hallelujah x2
Shepherds came to see him, my Lord.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such
sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15,16*



Offertory Anthem

The King shall come

Arnold Sherman

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The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes.

O brighter than that glorious morn
Shall this fair morning be,
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
And we His face shall see.

Not as of old a little child
To bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes.

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills,
And life to joy awakes.

The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
Come quickly, King of Kings.

♩ **Doxology**

Please stand

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29:14*

Eucharistic Prayer C

Book of Common Prayer 369

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and
praise;

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

 **Sanctus** **S-124** *New Plainsong*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues,
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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 sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table of solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Celebrant and People may join hands and say together:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then the following is sung,
🎵 **Agnus Dei** **S-161** *New Plainsong*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of he world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

You who are guests this morning are welcome to worship at St. Margaret's and among the Episcopal Community of Miami Lakes. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.

🎵 **Communion Hymn 277** **Song of Mary** *Raquel*
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Please kneel or stand
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant and **People** say together,
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Then the following is said,
Celebrant: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen. *Book of Occasional Services*

Announcements

🎵 **Recessional Hymn WLP 724** **People, look East** *Besançon Carol*

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1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for the coffee hour and fellowship in order to meet and greet one another in Christ.

Observe the season of Advent through Las Posadas

Christians throughout the world count the days before Christmas. St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís Episcopal Church in Miami Lakes will have several services and opportunities in order to prepare our souls for the Nativity of the Christ Child.

Las Posadas is a pre-Christmas pilgrimage of song and story. In Latin America this ritual is manifested in several forms, such as pageants, caroling, reading Scripture, and prayers. In many places, Las Posadas is celebrated in neighborhoods and homes.

Here in Miami Lakes there will be several St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís households hosting Las Posadas during the Advent season.

The first was at the home of Michelle, Janet and Father Richard Aguilar, 6911 Bamboo Street on Sunday, November 29th.

Other homes hosted on Sunday, December 6th, Saturday, December 12th, and Saturday, December 19th..

The final Las Posadas Celebration will be this evening at 6:00 PM in the Church. Everyone is welcomed to walk the way of the Mary and Joseph in seeking an inn (la posada in Spanish) and finding shelter for the newborn King.

Assisting the Service Today

Greeters/Ushers	B. NNadi/M. Olz The Saverys
Lector 1st Reading	Omit
Lector- Canticle	Omit
Lector 2 nd Reading	Omit
Chalice Bearers	Wayne Dott Ann Goraczko
Acolytes	
Crucifer	Ashley Miller
1st Server	Geneva Palmer
2nd Server	Sean Palmer
Torchbearers	Jamal Miller James White
Altar Guild	Cathy Dott
Bread of Life	Sheila D'Souza
Reception Host	J. Nwahiri
Vestry Person of the Day	Guy Evans
Choir :	Anita Buker, Rubina Burke, John & Mary Cox, Hyacinth Ellis, Charles Foote, Adele Reese Tony & Mireya Medina, Juliet Nwahiri, Nilda Brandy, Michelle Aguilar, Alex Diaz

Prayer Team John and Mary Cox



Prayers are asked for:
Hyacinth Ellis, Alison Cotterell, Louise Loftman, Adele Reese, Donnell Miller, Jean & Edwin Lopez, Lois Allison, Lois Ann Wilson, Jackie Nangle, Gil McDonald, Eileen Seiplax, Gloria Bonilla, Canon SuzeAnne Silla and Family, Penny Johnson, and Weada Matthews