Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Collect
Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah
Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Isaiah 7:10–16

Psalm
Refrain **Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.** Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R** O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **R** You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R** Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans
Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:1–7

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your

wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. *Matthew 1:18–25*

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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降臨節（アドベント）第四主日

特祷

天の父よ、おとめマリヤに恵みを満たし救い主の母に選ばれました。どうかあなたの恵みで私たちを満たし、御心を受け入れマリヤの喜びをもってあなたの救いにあずからせて下さい。父と聖霊と共に一体であって世々に生き、支配しておられる主イエス・キリストによってお願いいたします。アーメン

第一日課　　イザヤ書　７：１０－１６

主は更にアハズに向かって言われた。「主なるあなたの神に、しるしを求めよ。深く陰府の方に、あるいは高く天の方に。」しかし、アハズは言った。「わたしは求めない。主を試すようなことはしない。」イザヤは言った。「ダビデの家よ聞け。あなたたちは人間に／もどかしい思いをさせるだけでは足りず／わたしの神にも、もどかしい思いをさせるのか。それゆえ、わたしの主が御自ら／あなたたちにしるしを与えられる。見よ、おとめが身ごもって、男の子を産み／その名をインマヌエルと呼ぶ。
災いを退け、幸いを選ぶことを知るようになるまで／彼は凝乳と蜂蜜を食べ物とする。その子が災いを退け、幸いを選ぶことを知る前に、あなたの恐れる二人の王の領土は必ず捨てられる。

第二日課　ローマの信徒への手紙１：１－７

キリスト・イエスの僕、神の福音のために選び出され、召されて使徒となったパウロから、――この福音は、神が既に聖書の中で預言者を通して約束されたもので、御子に関するものです。御子は、肉によればダビデの子孫から生まれ、聖なる霊によれば、死者の中からの復活によって力ある神の子と定められたのです。この方が、わたしたちの主イエス・キリストです。わたしたちはこの方により、その御名を広めてすべての異邦人を信仰による従順へと導くために、恵みを受けて使徒とされました。この異邦人の中に、イエス・キリストのものとなるように召されたあなたがたもいるのです。――
神に愛され、召されて聖なる者となったローマの人たち一同へ。わたしたちの父である神と主イエス・キリストからの恵みと平和が、あなたがたにあるように。

福音書　マタイによる福音書　１：１８－２５

イエス・キリストの誕生の次第は次のようであった。母マリアはヨセフと婚約していたが、二人が一緒になる前に、聖霊によって身ごもっていることが明らかになった。夫ヨセフは正しい人であったので、マリアのことを表ざたにするのを望まず、ひそかに縁を切ろうと決心した。このように考えていると、主の天使が夢に現れて言った。「ダビデの子ヨセフ、恐れず妻マリアを迎え入れなさい。マリアの胎の子は聖霊によって宿ったのである。マリアは男の子を産む。その子をイエスと名付けなさい。この子は自分の民を罪から救うからである。」このすべてのことが起こったのは、主が預言者を通して言われていたことが実現するためであった。
「見よ、おとめが身ごもって男の子を産む。その名はインマヌエルと呼ばれる。」この名は、「神は我々と共におられる」という意味である。ヨセフは眠りから覚めると、主の天使が命じたとおり、妻を迎え入れ、男の子が生まれるまでマリアと関係することはなかった。そして、その子をイエスと名付けた。

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主イエスによってお祈りいたします。　アーメン。