Welcome to

Holy Martyrs Catholic Church

December 22nd, 2024 4th Sunday of Advent

The liturgy underscores the birth of the Savior in a special way today. The prophet Micah points out that the "ruler in Israel" must

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be born in Bethlehem to "shepherd his flock" because "he shall be peace." During her visit to

Elizabeth, the Virgin Mary continues to be a model of evangelization for all of us, who are called to bring the good news of salvation to our neighbors and friends. As the author of the Letter to the Hebrews proclaims, our sacrifice, united to that of Christ's, is not based on holocausts or vain offerings but on our selfless acceptance of God's will.



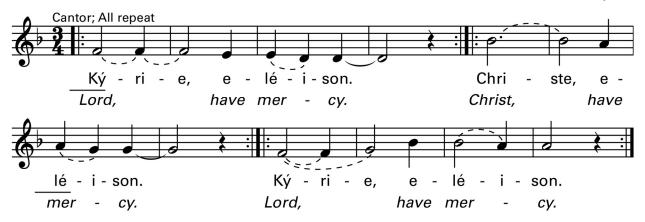
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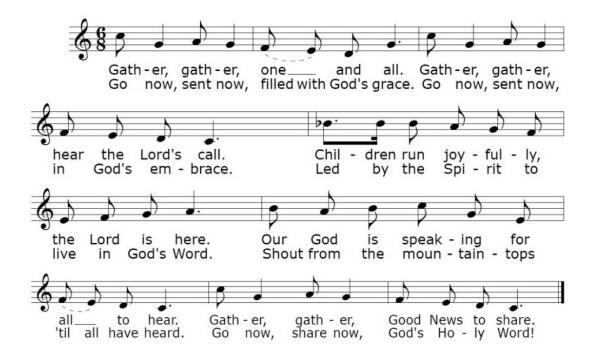
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Liturgy of the Word

9:30 am Children's Gathering/Sending for the Word



MICAH

5: 1-4

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small 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 times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We respond with a refrain from

PSALM

Chapter 80 Verses 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

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O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R.

HEBREWS

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,

but a body you prepared for me;

in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,

behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in."
These are offered according to the law.

Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will."

He takes away the first to establish the second.

By this "will," we have been consecrated

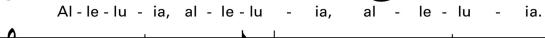
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.





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Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.



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Vs 39-45

The Lord be with you. And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Prayers of the People

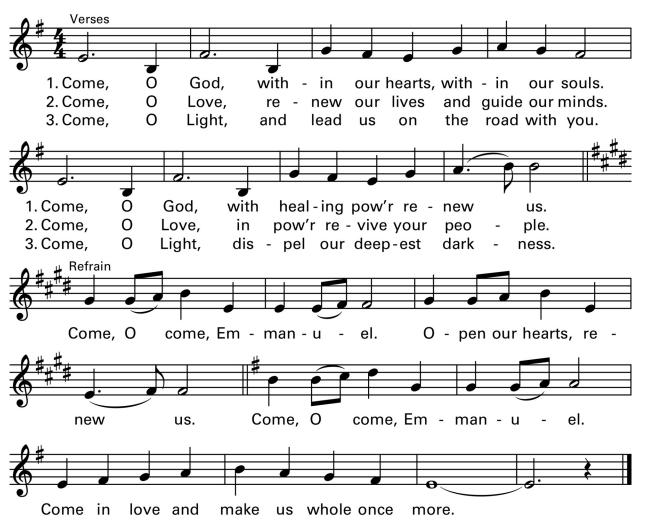
9:30 Choir Anthem

"Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

Words by Joseph M. Martin. Words & Music by David Angerman & Joseph Martin

COME, EMMANUEL





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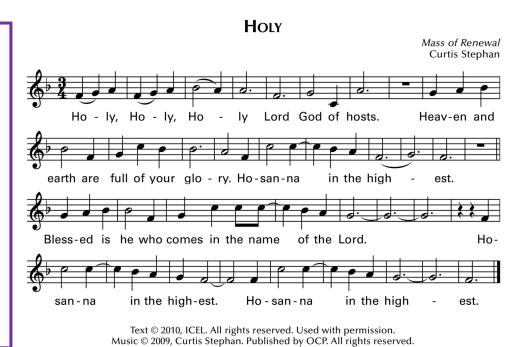
Priest:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Lord be with you – **And with your spirit.**Lift up your hearts - **We lift them up to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – **It is right and just.**

The Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father in a prayer and gives thanks to God for the whole work of salvation.



As part of the Eucharistic prayer, we acclaim our faith together.

The mystery of faith



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-

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We respond to the entire Eucharistic prayer Through him, and with him, and in him, O God Almighty Father, in unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.





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The Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi Miserere nobis **Dona Nobis Pacem**



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Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

A prayer for all unable to physically be here today.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

This music plays in the background as **Eucharistic** Ministers receive communion

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Humbly let us voice our homage for so great a sacrament. Let all former rites surrender to the Lord's New Testament. What our senses fail to fathom, let us grasp through faith's consent



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