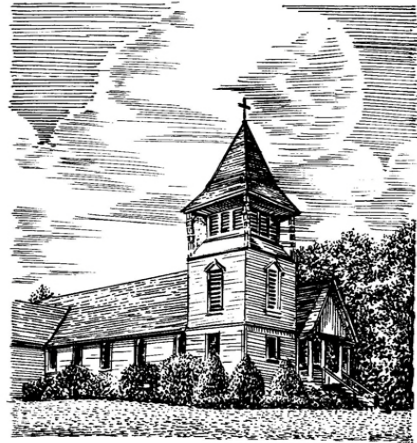


Sunday, December 18, 2011



Church of the Annunciation Oradell, New Jersey

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Welcome! *If you are visiting or new, we are delighted that you are with us today. Know that you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at God's table. We hope you will participate fully in our worship and engage your mind, body, and soul in the praise of God. Children are very welcome, especially in the play space near the rear of the church. Fill out a visitor's card, which you will find on the shelf near the door to the church, so we can stay in touch with you. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour, so we can get to know you better and to support you in your walk with the Lord.*

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

at ten o'clock

Please observe quiet reverence during the Prelude – respecting those preparing to worship God at this time

Prelude: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (Hymn 61)

J. S. Bach

HYMN 494 – stz. 1-4

Crown him with many crowns

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Wechselblatt Family

Confession of Sin

Prayer Book page 41

HYMN 494 – stz. 5

Crown him the Lord of heaven

Collect and Scripture – Psalm 89:1-4 and 19-26 – BCP Page 713

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HYMN 497

stz. 1-2 before – stz.3 after the Gospel

Sermon

“How receptive am I to God”

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer Book page 96

Prayers of the People – Form IV

Prayer Book pages 388

Collect for Advent 1, Blessings, and The Peace

Prayer Book page 211

Announcements and Parish Celebrations

Wardens and Parish Leaders

Offertory: The Magnificat

see insert

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book page 361

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

During Communion *Ave Verum*

Gerald Near

Thanksgiving After Communion

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HYMN 470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Postlude *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

Paul Manz

Maintain quiet reverence during the Postlude – saving conversation for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year B



Collect

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

The Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11 and 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Psalm 89:1-4 and 19-26

alternating at the *

Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; * **from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; * **you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; * **I have sworn an oath to David my servant: 'I will establish your line for ever, * and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: * **"I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.**

I have found David my servant; * **with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

My hand will hold him fast * **and my arm will make him strong.**

No enemy shall deceive him, * **nor any wicked man bring him down.**

I will crush his foes before him * **and strike down those who hate him.**

My faithfulness and love shall be with him, * **and he shall be victorious through my Name.**

I shall make his dominion extend * **from the Great Sea to the River.**

He will say to me, 'You are my Father, * **my God, and the rock of my salvation.'**

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In Our Prayers

Special Intentions Special Intentions: Dotti Zebrowski, Marie Papp, Carolyn Bensen, Clare Simpson, Sue Demay, Dorothy Grefrath, Alice Bezdjian, Gary Hoag, Peter Grefrath, Gloria Brower, the Gustenhoven Family, Prerna and Abhishek as they marry in India.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Laura Dziemian, and Jane and Tom Maher by Susan, David, Robert & Christine.

Absent Guest Plate (a second offering at the altar steps each week, which is given away for charitable purposes, today is for **Madoche Jean Louis**, the Haitian child we sponsor through Compassion International

Those Serving in the Military: Jason McGillivray, Ryan E. Bartholf, Salvatore Petruso, Geoff Zann, Thomas Gill, Justin Kelly, Justin A. Perry, Scott Bartholf

Today's Worship Leadership

Altar Guild: Jan Simpson, Elizabeth Craig
Church School Teacher: Lynna Demay
Financial Steward: Rahul Dass

Acolytes: Brianna Cottone and Ben Corrado
Crucifer in training: Elaine Gustenhoven

Coming Parish Events

Christmas Flower list, please submit all names by the end of the day.

Sat 24 Dec- Christmas Eve service @ 5:00pm. "No Midnight" Service.

Mon 19 Dec – Vestry Dinner Meeting @ 7 pm

Sun 25 Dec – Christmas Day @ 10:00 am – JOINT SERVICE with Vision Church, which will provide music.

O Come, O Come, Emanuel, 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.

A candle is burning, a candle of love, A candle to point us to heaven above, A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth, For Jesus comes bringing God's LOVE to our earth.

A Note about Today's Scripture Readings

The first reading today is the promise God made to David to establish his line as kings over God's people. This promise to raise up a new king of David's lineage was understood by Jews in the first century as a promise to send the Messiah.

In the second reading today Paul concludes his letter to the Church in Rome. He expresses the early Christian proclamation that in Christ the clouded meaning of the Old Testament prophecies has been revealed. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God's plan has been made clear and the hints of that plan in the writings of the prophets have been fulfilled.

Christians gather in the liturgy to remember our story: a story which goes back through the ages. The central actor is always God, who acts in history to lead all the creation into the kingdom. God, who acted in the lives of people in the past such as David and the blessed Virgin, continues to act today in our lives. The Eucharist is the moment of encounter with God in which, like Mary, we respond, "Yes, let it be done to me according to your word."

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Scriptures For The Next Three Sundays

12/25 Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14
1/1 Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 147; Galatians 3:23-25 & 4:4-7; John 1:1-18
1/8 Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 8; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Wednesdays at 11 am – Holy Communion with Healing and Spiritual Focus

12/21 Thomas

12/28 Josephine Butler

Jan 4 The Epiphany

Bible Study on Wednesdays @ 7 pm = Foundations for Our Faith

12/21 Isaac & His Sons: Gen. 24-3, Ps. 46, 81, 114

12/28 Joseph & His Brothers: Gen. 37-50, Ps. 78, 80, 81

1/4 Moses & the Red Sea: Exod. 1-15, Ps. 77, 103