

Mary

You bore for me the one who came to bless
And bear for all, to make the broken whole.
You heard his call, and in your open 'yes'
You spoke aloud for every living soul.
Oh gracious Lady, child of your own child
Whose mother-love still calls the child in me
Call me again, for I am lost and wild
Waves surround me now, On this dark sea
Shine as a star and call me to the shore.
Open a door that all my sins would close
And hold me in your garden. Let me share
The prayer that folds the petals of the Rose.
Enfold me too in love's last mystery
And bring me to the One you bore for me.

Malcolm Guite



The congregation and all guests are warmly invited to gather for Refreshments following the service at the Anglican Centre (children to go across accompanied by an adult)

Order of Service

Fourth Sunday in Advent

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St. Catherine's Anglican Church

23 December 2018

11.15

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Kara K Werner

Music: St Catherine's Worship Group

→ CP = Common Praise (*hymn book*)

→ CW = Common Worship (*prayer book*)

Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn

CP #44

Angels from the realms of glory

The Gathering

The Greeting

CW 167

Our Lord says 'Surely I come quickly.' Even so; come Lord Jesus.

Confession

using "Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy....."

The Collects

CW 376/8

Advent Candle Liturgy

God with us, beside us, comes soon to the world he has made.

We are God's children, we seek the coming of Christ.

Come Lord Jesus.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: The Ruler from Bethlehem

Please

sit

Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength
of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the word of the living Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Advent Alleluia Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Mary visits Elizabeth

Luke 1.39-45(46-55)

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you O Lord.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened

to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

This may be followed by a short period of silent reflection

Creed

Please stand

CW 173

Prayers of Intercession

R: Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

In the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

CP

#76

While Shepherds watched their flock by Night

Preparation of the Altar

Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement;

Draw us from hatred to love;

Make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

Amen.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Eucharistic Prayer D

CW 194

The Lord's Prayer

CW 178

In whichever language suits you.

Breaking of the Bread

CW 179

Giving of Communion

CW 181

All baptised Christians are invited to participate in the Communion, everyone else is welcome to receive a Blessing.

Prayer after Communion

The Dismissal

Notices

Final Hymn

CP

#57

Joy to the World

The Blessing and Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.