

# Church of the Heavenly Rest

Fifth Avenue at 90<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of New York  
December 18, 2011

10:30 am

## Advent IV Holy Eucharist



*Children are welcome at all our services. But if they wish, they are invited to follow the Children's Cross at the back of the procession as it passes by your pew. They are led to the Children's Chapel for a simple service with child-friendly teaching. The children then return to their families in the church at the Peace where you can participate in the rest of the service together.*

## The Word of God

**Prelude** Air: "Rejoice" *George F. Handel* (1685–1759)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

*Words:* Zechariah 9 : 9-10; from *Messiah*  
Andrea Reichenbach, soprano

*All may stand.*

**Hymn 56** (st. 1-4) O come, O come, Emmanuel **VENI EMMANUEL**

## Salutation and Collect for Purity

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Priest* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

**Kyrie eleison** *Sung by all* *Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert* (1797–1828)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

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.

*People* **Amen.**

**Fraction Anthem** *Sung by all* *Franz Schubert*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Communion of the People

*All who seek God, and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at his table.*

**At the Communion, Anthem** *arr. Bruce Saylor* (b. 1946)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.  
It came a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore for us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

*Words:* St. 1–2, German, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; st. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808–1859)

**Hymn 268** Ye who claim the faith of Jesus **JULION**

*All may kneel.*

**Post-Communion Prayer** *Said by all*

**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.**

## The Blessing

*All may stand.*

**Hymn 278** Sing we of the blessed Mother **RUSTINGTON**

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Magnificat Primi Toni *Dieterich Buxtehude*  
(c.1637–1707)

(cc) indicates congregational choice hymn.

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**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her beloved mother, Wilhelmina Emerson Safford, by Elizabeth Safford

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards 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 and Benedictus** *Sung by all* *Franz Schubert*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry, Ho

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*All may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, ...

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

*All* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; ... 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.

*All* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, 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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All may sit.*

## The First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence for reflection.*

## Canticle 15 *Sung by the Choir*

*Plainsong, Tone 8*

My soul doth magnify the LORD,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.

## The Second Lesson

Romans 16:25–27

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence for reflection.*

*All may stand.*

## Sequence Hymn 265

The angel Gabriel

GABRIEL’S MESSAGE

## The Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All may sit.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. James L. Burns

*All may stand.*

## The Nicene Creed *Said by all*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate**

**from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Prayer Book, p. 388

*Deacon* Let us pray for the church and for the world.

*All may kneel.*

*The Intercessor begins:*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name ...

*After each petition, the Intercessor says:*

Lord in your mercy.

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

Prayer Book, p. 360

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Priest* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

*All may stand.*

## The Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The children return from Children’s Chapel at this time.*

*All may sit.*

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### At the Offertory, Anthem

*Bruce Saylor* (b. 1949)

I, Paul, apostle of Christ Jesus: I wish you joy! Always be glad because of the Lord! I will say it again: be glad! Always be gentle, the Lord will soon be here. Do not worry about anything, but pray about everything with thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. God will guard your hearts and your minds with peace that no one can completely understand. And no, my friends, fill your minds with these things: all that is true, noble, just, lovable, honorable, excellent, worthy of praise. God who gives us peace will be with you. Always be glad!

*Words:* Philippians 4, assembled by the composer

*Composed in honor of The Rev. James L. Burns, Rector and Nancy V. Burns to celebrate their fifteen years of ministry at The Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York City.*

*All may stand.*

## At the Presentation,

### Hymn 112, st. 4

What can I give him

CRANHAM

*All remain standing.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, p. 369

*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.**