



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23/24, 2023
Liturgical Year “B”

St. Michael Poplar Springs, Mount Airy, MD
The Advent wreath is blessed at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday.
10:30 a.m. is live-streamed

10:30 a.m. Father Kurt

PRELUDE

“Advent Wreath Hymn”

Alan Hommerding/Luke Rosen

ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE MASS BEGINS MADE BY MUSIC MINISTRY MEMBER

Announcing for all Masses...

- *Good morning/afternoon/evening*
- *Welcome to St. Michael Poplar Springs for the celebration of the Fourth Sunday of the Advent Season.*
- *There is a worship aid in the pews. Be sure to pick up a copy as you enter your pew.*

10:30 – WELCOME to all who join us for Mass via livestream!

Thank you for tuning in to worship with us this morning.

You can find the worship aid on our web page.

Remember that we will be livestreaming the 10:30 Mass on Christmas morning – tomorrow!

- *Today our Presider is ...*
 - *5:00 Our pastor, Father Paul. He is assisted by Dcn Harbey.*
 - *8:00 Our pastor, Father Paul. He is assisted by Dcn Harbey.*
 - *10:30 Father Kurt. He is assisted by Deacon Cliff.*

Let us all take a moment to silence our mobile devices and come to a quiet awareness of God's presence here, remembering the needs of our loved ones and our world, and giving thanks for the many blessings we have received this week.

<Pause for 30 seconds>

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Please stand and offer welcome to those around you.

Turn in the Worship Aid to page 4. We begin each of our weekend liturgies with “Advent Litany” this year...


INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Rite

“Advent Litany”

Michael R. Prendergast and Rick Modlin

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Ma-ra-na-tha, ma - ra-na-tha. Come, O Lord, and set us free.

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Penitential Act

from Mass of Saint Frances Cabrini

Kevin Keil

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**PRIEST: Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

<a brief silence follows>

The cantor leads the Penitential Act...

(Invocation) Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat
Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

(Invocation) Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat
Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

(Invocation) Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat
Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

PRIEST: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. *All: Amen.*

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 2 Samuel 7: 1 – 5, 8b – 12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 89**
“For Ever I Will Sing the Goodness of the Lord”

Tom Booth

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Second Reading

Romans 16: 25 - 27

Gospel Acclamation

“Advent Alleluia”

Michael Mangan

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Gospel

Luke 1: 26 - 38

Homily

Profession of Faith

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including "And became man," all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

"Lord, hear our prayer."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Breaking Bread Book Number 52

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1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2. "For know a bless - ed Moth - er you shall be, All
 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head; "To
 4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



1. wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 2. gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your
 3. me be as it pleas - es God!" she said. "My
 4. Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn; And



1. hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry," }
 2. Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told." } "Most
 3. soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name." }
 4. Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



1-4. high - ly fa - vored la - dy!" Glo - ri - a!

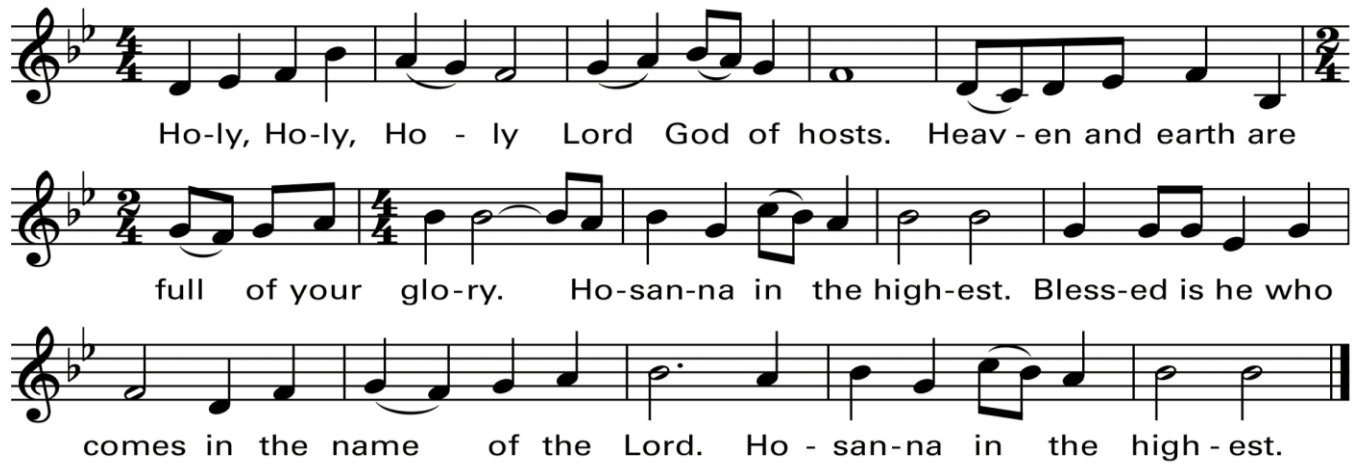
Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamations from the MASS OF SAINT FRANCES CABRINI

Kevin Keil

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“Holy, Holy”



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. 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.

“Memorial Acclamation”



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res - ur -
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

“Great Amen”



A - men. A - men. A - men.

Communion Rite

The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace


The Lamb of God

the MASS OF SAINT FRANCES CABRINI

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Cantor



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,

All



1, 2. mi-se-ré-re no - bis. Mi-se-ré-re no - bis.
3. do-na no-bis pa - cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Communion Procession

Communion Antiphon

“Fourth Sunday of Advent”

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephen

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Be-hold, a Vir-gin shall con-ceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Em-man - u - el.

Communion Song

“Jesus, Hope of the World”

Deanna Light and Paul Tate

In Worship Aid

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Je - sus, hope of the world, Je - sus,
 light in our dark - ness, here we a - wait you, O
 Mas - ter Di - vine. Here we re - ceive you in bread and in
 wine: Je - sus, hope of the world.

VERSES

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|----------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Come to us, | O Son of God! | Come to us, | O Son of |
| 2. Come to us, | O Prom - ised King! | Come to us, | O Prom - ised |
| 3. Come to us, | O Ris - ing Sun! | Come to us, | O End - less |
| 4. Come to us, | O Heart's De - sire! | Come to us, | O Sav - ing |

1.-4. Come, Lord Je - sus!

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| 1. Man! | Come, Son of God! | Come, Son of Man! |
| 2. Peace! | Come, Prom - ised King! | Come, Prom - ised Peace! |
| 3. Light! | Come, Ris - ing Sun! | Come, End - less Light! |
| 4. Love! | Come, Heart's De - sire! | Come, Sav - ing Love! |

1.-4. Come, Lord Je - sus!

1. Shep - herd your peo - ple in love!
 2. Come and be Lord of our hearts!
 3. Shat - ter the dark - ness of death!
 4. Ban - ish our doubt and our fear!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Check with Father –
these may be announced by him.**

(When the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle,
if necessary, please announce, "Please be seated.")

Announcements – please allow silence before beginning...

- *If you are having a medical procedure or surgery soon, please meet the Priest at the Reconciliation Room for the Sacrament of the Sick, after he greets parishioners.*
- **Sunday (tomorrow/today) is Christmas Eve as well as the 4th Sunday of Advent. Because of this, there will NOT BE a 12:15 Mass.**
- **NOTE THE CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY schedule:**
 - *We will have two 4 pm services upstairs and downstairs.*
 - *There will be a 6:30 Mass,*
 - *9:30 p.m. with carols starting at 9 pm.*
 - *Monday, Christmas day, we will have Mass at 8 am and at 10:30 am.*
- **Please note, the offices will be closed Christmas Day and on Tuesday, December 26.**
- *This year the Solemnity of Mary, January 1, falls on a Monday. It is not a Holy day of Obligation and there will be no 9am Mass. The offices will be closed.*

AT 10:30 MASS PLEASE ADD – Please help us to prepare for Christmas Eve Masses by gathering up any Advent Worship Aids near you. Please put them in the basket near the doors. Anyone willing to go through the church after everyone leaves to give it one last check – your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITES

**Presider: Please join me in praying for vocations.
The prayer is found on the card inserted
in the Breaking Bread books...**

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who call us by name
and ask us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today,
and give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future.

Grant us faith-filled leaders,
who will embrace Christ's mission
of love and justice.
Bless the Parish of St. Michael
Poplar Springs, by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons,
and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Sending Forth “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Breaking Bread, Number 39

Text: 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; Verses 1, 3-6, para. in *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; Verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; *Processionale*, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-727260.

Verses

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in
 2. or - d'rest all things might - i - ly; To us the
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them That trust thy
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

Refrain

1. God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 2. ways to go.
 3. ty and awe.
 4. o'er the grave.
 5. mis - er - y.
 6. put to flight.
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!