



Fourth Sunday in Advent



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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*Response*        **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26***

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.'"**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

***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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***Response*        Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

**Truro**

**Hymnal 436 (vv. 1-3)**

**Celebrant  
Response**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**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.

**Celebrant  
Response**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Hymn**

**Truro**

**Hymnal 436 (vv. 4-5)**

*The following may be said by all*

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
kindle in us the fire of your love and we shall be recreated.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Larry Jackson**

<b><i>The Nicene Creed</i></b>	<b><i>BCP 358</i></b>
<b><i>Prayers of the People*</i></b>	<b><i>Special Insert</i></b>
<b><i>Confession and Absolution*</i></b>	<b><i>BCP 360</i></b>
<b><i>The Peace</i></b>	<b><i>BCP 360</i></b>

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*Response*      **And also with you.**

### ***The Great Thanksgiving***

***Offertory Solo*** ***Rachel Carter (Soprano)***

***Presentation of Gifts*** ***Old 100th*** ***Hymnal 380 (vs. 3)***

***Eucharistic Prayer A*** ***BCP 361-363***

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
***Response***      **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
***Response***      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
***Response***      **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

***Sanctus*** ***Hymnal S-129***

***The Lord's Prayer*** ***BCP 364***

***Fraction Anthem*** ***Hymnal S-163***

***Invitation*** ***BCP 364***

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive the Bread and Wine then we invite you to come up for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest in an "X" pattern. Ushers are available, should you need assistance during Communion.*

*Communion Hymn*

*Sursum Corda*

*Hymnal 306*

*Post Communion Prayer*

*BCP 365*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Response*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Announcements*

*Prayer of Mission of Trinity Church*

O gracious and loving God, You work everywhere reconciling and healing your people and your creation. In your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work. Then, God, into our communities, our nation, and the world, send us to serve Christ, taking risks to give life and hope to all people and all of your creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

*Recessional Hymn*

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

*Hymnal 54*

*Blessing/Dismissal*

*BCP 366*

*Response*

Thanks be to God.

*Postlude*

Thank you for your visit! We would love to get to know you a little more, so please feel free to join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall at this time. One of our greeters would be happy to direct you.

### Serving Today

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Jackson (8:00 am & 10:30 am)

Readers: Lynn Fury-Prather (8:00am); Dan Thomas, Jacob Miller, Larry Tucker (10:30am)

Chalice: Sue Ellen Johnson (8:00am); Jean Jackson, Scott Ramsay (10:30am)

Acolytes: Lauren Adkins (Crucifer), Hannah Adkins, Skye Oliphant (Torches) (10:30 am)

Altar Guild: Mary Jane Zivkovich, Julie Matheny, Edith Newman (Sunday);

Paul Miller (Tuesday); Linda Tucker (Wednesday); Susie Fitcher, Joan Ramsay (Sat.)

Ushers/Greeters: Kevin Oliphant, Jim Batten, Mike Matheny, John Alkire (10:30am)

Coffee Hour: Claudia Smith and Forbes Hiehle

Shepherd: John and Becky Roberts

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God with humble thanks for all His blessings, in celebration of our 7th wedding anniversary 12-23-14, by Betty and Vint Rathbone.*

*This week we celebrate the birthdays of Clint Currey, Carty Ramsay, Larry Nutter, Kalee Schmidt and Bob Brantner. We celebrate the anniversaries of Betty and Vint Rathbone, Lynn Fury-Prather and Denny Prather and Stefanie and David Westfall.*



#### Clergy

The Rt. Rev. W.M. Klusmeyer, VII Bishop of WV  
The Rev. Larry D. Jackson, Rector  
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