



## ADVENT REFLECTION.

You keep us waiting. You, the God of all time, want us to wait for the right time in which to discover who we are, where we must go, who will be with us and what we must do. So thank you... for the waiting time.

You keep us looking. You, the God of all space, want us to look in the right and wrong places for signs of hope for people who are hopeless, for visions of a better world which will appear among the disappointments of the world we know. So thank you..... for the looking time.

You keep us loving. You, the God whose name is love, want us to be like you—to love without jealousy or design or threat; and, most difficult of all, to love ourselves.

So thank you.. For the loving time.

And in all this, you keep us through hard questions with no easy answers; through failing where we hope to succeed and make an impact when we felt we were useless; through the patience and the dreams and the love of others; and through Jesus Christ and his Spirit, you keep us.

So thank you....for the keeping time, for now and forever. Amen.

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## Gospel

**Lk 1:39-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

## Communion Antiphon

**Is 7:14**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## GOOD NEWS—COVID UPDATE—

**NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED. Please do come early as we still need to sign in. We Join the wider Diocese**

**in obedience to Government**

**requirements to continue to wear masks in the church as a sign of our care for each other**



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*What does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.*  
**MICAH 6:8**



## OUR LADY OF WAY PARISH—EMU PLAINS

**SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2021**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Is 45:8**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

### First Reading

**Mi 5:1-4**

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back

to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4**

**(R.)** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**  
 3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

**Heb 10:5-10**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*I am coming to do your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Lk 1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 I am the servant of the Lord:  
 may his will for me be done.  
 Alleluia!