



Fourth Sunday in  
**Advent**

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The Church of Scotland

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Auditoire de Calvin, December 22 2024

**Prelude** *“From heaven above to earth I come”*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

**Welcome**

**CH4 285** *The Angel Gabriel from heaven came*

**Lighting of the fourth Advent candle**

The fourth candle, to remind u of Mary who humbly received God’s will as her own.

*“And Mary said ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me according to thy word.’”*

**O God our Father, we thank you for the joyful experience of Mary. Help us to honour her lowly grace and to share in the humility which does not despise the Christ who comes as a child born in a stable. Amen.**

**Advent candle song**

*The holly and the ivy  
Are dancing in a ring  
Round the berry bright red candles  
And the white and shining king.*

And one is for God’s people  
In every age and day.  
We are watching for his coming  
We believe and we obey.

And two is for the prophets  
And for the light they bring.  
They are candles in the darkness  
All alight for Christ the king.

And three for John the Baptist  
He calls on us to sing:  
“O prepare the way for Jesus Christ:  
He is coming, Christ the King.”

And four for Mother Mary,  
“I cannot see the way,  
but you promise me a baby:  
I believe and I obey.”

**Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**All Age Talk**

## **CH4 287 No wind at the window**

### **Gospel** *Luke 1:39-55*

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."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowly state  
of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me  
blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for  
me, and holy is his name;

indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination  
of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their  
thrones and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his child Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our  
ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

### **Offering**

**Music** "*Noel Nouvelet*"

John Rutter

**CH4 807** (as the offering is brought forward)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

**CH4 489** Come down, O Love Divine

### **Sermon**

**CH4 286** *Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord*

**Prayers for others**

**CH4 283** *The voice of God goes out  
to all the world*

**Blessing**

**CH4 786** *May the peace of God go with us*  
**Benediction and threefold Amen**

**Postlude** *“In dulci jubilo”*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Welcoming elder: Jane Broere

Ushers: Arthur Griffith, Ellen Walker

Reader: Nicola Hollyman

Organist: Rebecca Dirks MacDonald



**Tuesday December 24**

Christmas Eve service, 23h15, on Zoom only

**Wednesday December 25**

Christmas Day service, 11h. Apéro afterwards



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