Welcome to the Monastery Chapel.
We warmly invite you to participate fully in our worship.

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Magnificat Tone VIII
James Woodman

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Opening Acclamation

Presider  Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People  You come to your people and set them free.

Collect for Purity

Presider  Almighty God,

People  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.  Amen.
Entrance Hymn

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

Hymnal 269

1 Ye who claim the faith of Jesus, sing the wonders that were done
2 Blessed were the chosen people out of whom the Lord did come;
3 Therefore let all faithful people sing the honor of her name;
4 "Magnify, my soul, God's greatness; in my Savior I rejoice;

when the love of God the Father overflow sin the
blessed was the land of promise fashioned for his
let the Church, in her foreshadowed, part in her thanks-
all the ages call me blessed, in his praise I

victory won, when he made the Virgin Mary
earthly home; but more blessed far the mother,
giving claim; what Christ's mother sang in gladness
lift my voice; he has cast down all the mighty,

mother of his only Son. Hail Mary, full of grace.
she who bore him in her womb. Hail Mary, full of grace.
let Christ's people sing the same; Hail Mary, full of grace.
and the lowly are his choice,” Hail Mary, full of grace.

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Music: Den des Vaters Sinn geboren, melody from Hunsdorfer Arien, 1694; harm. Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)
Collect of the Day

**Presider** 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.

**The Word of God**

**First Lesson**

Micah 5:2–5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Psalm
Canticle 15 *** OR *** Psalm 80:1–7

Second Lesson
Hebrews 10:5–10

When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading

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 fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
    and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness 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.
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 thoughts 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 helped his servant Israel,
    in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
    to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Sermon
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 a-
gain 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

Confession and Absolution of Sin

Presider

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

God of all mercy,

People

we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Reception of Dale Pinkham Cavanaugh into the Fellowship of Saint John

The Peace
Offertory Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile.
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge bring.
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, free them from Satan’s tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o’er the grave.
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadow put to flight.
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile.

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with “The Song of Mary” on the dates given.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Collect of Longing

*Presider* Loving Father, we who are physically distant now groan inwardly as we await the day when we are restored to the company of our neighbors and brought to the fullness of your presence in the Eucharistic feast. Comfort us in our longing to be near each other, assure us of your indwelling presence, and hasten the day when we will abide with you and all our beloved siblings in that kingdom where there is neither sorrow nor crying but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*People* Amen.
Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be your Name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.

For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.

For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,

now and for ev-er. A-men.

Fraction Anthem

Missa Maria Magdalena (Healey Willan)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
Praise we the Lord this day, this day so long fore-told, whose
The prophet gave the sign for faithful folk to read: a
Ask not how this should be, but worship and adore, like
She meekly bowed her head to hear the gracious word, Ma-
Most blest shall be her name in all the Church on earth, through

1 promise shone with cheering ray on waiting saints of old.
2 virgin born of David’s line shall bear the promised seed.
3 her whom heaven’s Majesty came down to shadow o’er.
4 ry, the pure and lowly maid, the favored of the Lord.
5 whom that wondrous mercy came, the incarnate Savior’s birth.

Music: St. George, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)
Prayer After Communion

Presider    Let us pray.
            Faithful God,
            People    in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation.
            May we, like the Virgin Mary,
            be obedient to your will.
            We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude    Antiphon: Great O    James Woodman
The Monastery as Sanctuary

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