

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

## Series C

Color: Blue or Purple

### LECTIONARY TEXTS

RCL (Revised Common Lectionary)

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55 or *Psalm 80:1-7*

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Suggested ReClaim texts

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55 or

*Psalm 80:1-7*

Phillipians 2:5-11

Luke 1:[39-45] 46-55



### COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, and with great might help us, that whatever is hindered by our sins, may by your grace and mercy be readily accomplished; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Optional Supplications for*)

#### ON THE RCL GOSPEL READING • Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Gracious Father, we thank you for your servants Mary and Elizabeth, to whom you granted the blessedness of being the mothers of our Lord and of his forerunner, John. And yet the very blessedness bestowed pierced them with pain. Let us see in Mary and Elizabeth, that to whom much is given, much will be required. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### ON THE ReClaim GOSPEL READING • Luke 1:[39-45] 46-55

Lord Jesus Christ, inspired by her knowledge of Scripture, Mary's soul magnified and rejoiced in God her Savior, reciting his redeeming acts and mercies. Blessed is Mary and blessed are all like her, who magnify God's Word and rejoice in his saving works. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, you have given us this time to bring our mutual prayers before you in one accord. You have promised that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are with them. Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of our hearts as you deem appropriate, granting us, in this world, knowledge of you, and in the world to come life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to your care the children of our parish, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, their Savior and Lord. Bless them with loving parents and teachers, and keep them from all danger and harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

#### FOR THE SICK

Visit and relieve, O Lord, your servants who are ill, for whom we now make supplication, naming them in our hearts. Bless them with a sure confidence in your care, defend them in danger, and keep them in your lasting peace and safety. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, we thank you that you have taught us what you would have us believe and do. Help us to keep your Word in pure hearts, so we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and in death. **Amen.**

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