

Readings for December 22, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a

5:2But 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.

5:3Therefore 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.

5:4And 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,

5:5and he shall be the one of peace.

Luke 1:46b-55

1:46b"My soul magnifies the Lord,

1:47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

1:48for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,

1:49for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;

1:50indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

1:51He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

1:52He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;

1:53he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

1:54He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

1:55according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."