



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A

December 4, 2022
10:00 A.M.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

OPENING RITE

Please Stand

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Hymn Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

H82 #59

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Our King and Savior now draws near
People **O come, let us adore Him**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, iudicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

The Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

H82 #67

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts

and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan T. Eden

The Nicene Creed

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 again 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.

Prayers of the People in the Season of Advent

Standing or kneeling. The Leader and People pray responsively

Intervenor Stir up your whole church, O Lord, and with great might prepare our hearts to receive your Word,

People **That all your people may hear your truth. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, today we remember St. Paul’s Church, Bedford; All Saints’ Church, Belmont; St. Mark’s Church, Burlington; Officers of the Diocese; and the Racial Justice Commission,
That their lives and teaching may glorify your name through all the world. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Bring wisdom and patience to all in positions of authority, here and around the world,
That a sense of community and harmony may be found in all their decisions and that all their actions may serve the common good. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Cast away the darkness of war in all the world, and teach us to put on the armor of Christ's peace,
That, living in unity with one another, all people of the earth may dwell in safety and look with confidence to the coming of your kingdom. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Swell our hearts, Lord Christ, with the love you make known to us in this season,
That we may take to heart the care of the poor, the outcast, and all who suffer from any grief or trouble. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send again the message of repentance, preached once by your prophets,
And give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins of prejudice, injustice, and greed. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Have mercy, O Lord, on all the sick, especially Paul, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Gail, Anne H, Patricia, Anne J, Marion, Barbara., Maureen, Edmond, Lucy, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), and with healing hands enfold them,
That they may feel your presence and be made whole. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Remember, O God, all those we love but see no longer, especially, those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*), and all who find their delight in your kingdom,
That they may feast forever at a table we hope, one day, to share. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In this season of waiting, your grace surrounds us and we thank you for all the gifts manifest in our lives and communities, especially those we now name, silently or aloud (*pause*), that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
Give us grateful hearts and abundant hope, that we may recognize your hands at work in us and in the world around us. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Prepare us. Purify us. Stir cold hearts and open blinded eyes,
That, watching, we may be ready to receive the gift that even now you prepare for Bethlehem's manger. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant And, as we know that without you we cannot please you, hear our prayer of confession that we make before you:

People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, things known and unknown, deeds done and left undone; and lift us by your spirit's presence that we may live to serve you and one another in new life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant May the power of God, who comes to dwell among us, forgive you all your sins and offenses, prepare your hearts for joy, and embrace you in an eternal kingdom.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

H82 #75

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship, alt.

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our eternal God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

H82 #S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

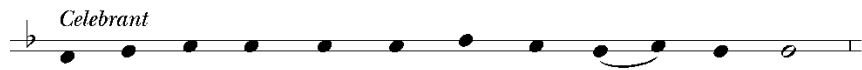
Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

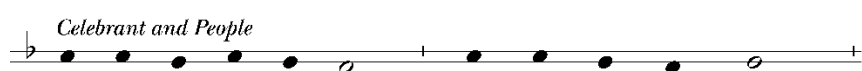
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Celebrant

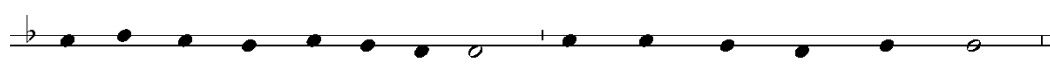


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

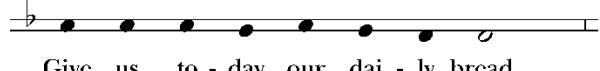
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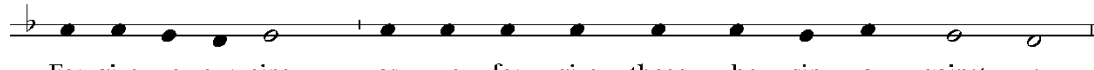
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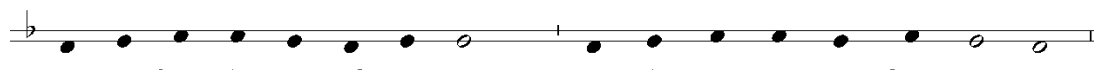
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Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



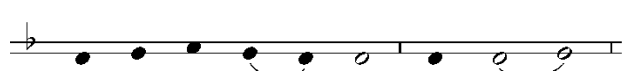
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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



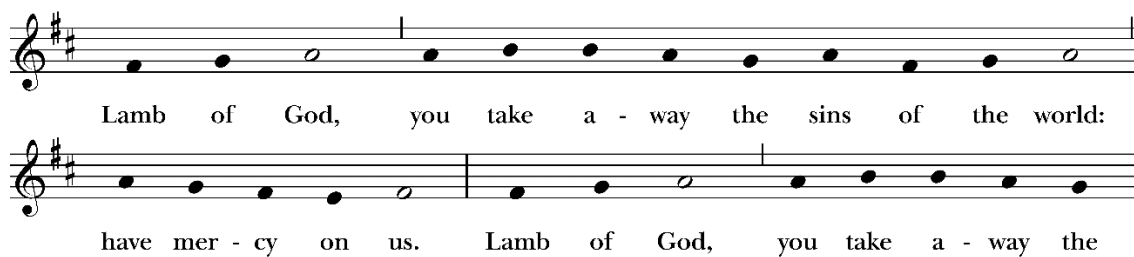
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



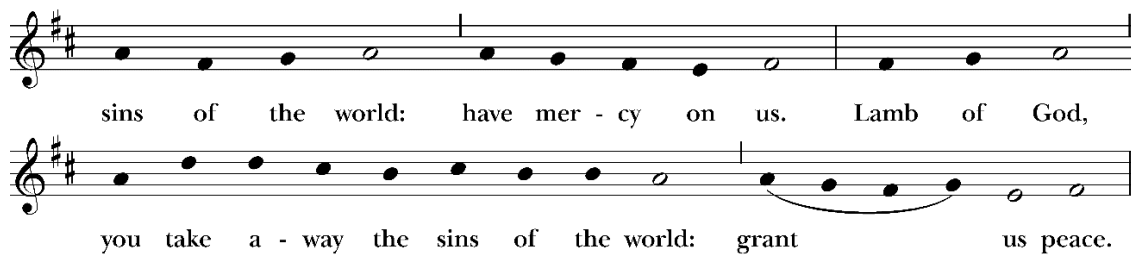
now and for ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem

H82 #S161



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



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People O God,
 who bids us wait in this season of longing:
 As you have fed us with the body of Christ,
 make us hungry for your justice in the world;
 As you have given us drink from the cup of salvation,
 make us thirsty for the fullness of your kingdom;
 In these days of expectation,
 stir our hearts and awaken hope
 that we may share the gifts of your reconciling love with all creation.
 Amen.

Blessing

May the God who stoops to become incarnate grant us
 the grace to remember that the world is
 too broken for anything but truth, and
 too small for anything but love. **Amen.**

May God take our minds and think through them,
 take our lips and speak through them, and
 take our hands and work through them. **Amen.**

May God stir our hearts with yearning for the coming kingdom
 and open our ears to the voices of the prophets. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God,
 who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us,
 be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

H82 #307

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world in peace. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Serving Today

Celebrant
Altar Server
Altar Guild
Lector
Gift Bearers

Organist

The Rev. Jonathan Eden
Terri Halliday
Terri Halliday
John Gooley
Natalie Thelen
Grant Thelen
Esther Kwok

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Seraiah Belfon

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL

ADVENT I	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 7:00 PM
ADVENT II	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 7:00 PM
ADVENT III	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:00 AM
SANTA AND FURRY FRIENDS!	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 11:30 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:00 PM
ADVENT IV	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 7:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 10:00 AM