



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

December 11, 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** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

**H82 #76**

**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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.  
Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not  
even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 15

*Luke 1:46-55*

**Magnificat**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has  
looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and  
holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him in every  
generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, he has  
scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the  
rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he  
has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham  
and his children for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
for ever. *Amen.*

## The Second Reading

James 5:7-10

*A Reading from the Letter of James:*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

Blessed be the God of Israel

H82 #444

## The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*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 Christ Church, Cambridge; St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge; St. James' Church, Cambridge; St. Peter's Church, Cambridge; and the Diocesan Disciplinary Board,

**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.**



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

H82 #S148

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

*Celebrant and People*  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed 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

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

*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

Prepare the way, O Zion

H82 #65

## Dismissal

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

POSTLUDE



## Serving Today

Celebrant  
Altar Server  
Altar Guild  
Lector  
Gift Bearers

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The Rev. Jonathan Eden  
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# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL



## ADVENT I

HOLY EUCHARIST  
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 10:00 AM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 7:00 PM

## ADVENT II

HOLY EUCHARIST  
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 10:00 AM  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 7:00 PM

## ADVENT III

HOLY EUCHARIST  
SANTA AND FURRY FRIENDS!  
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 10:00 AM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 11:30 AM  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:00 PM

## ADVENT IV

HOLY EUCHARIST  
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 10:00 AM  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 7:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MORNING HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 10:00 AM