



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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December 18, 2022
10:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OPENING RITE

Please Stand

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

Hymn Sing we of the blessed Mother

H82 #278

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.

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. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

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| 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. | 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. |
| 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. | 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. |
| 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. | 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. |
| 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people? | 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. |
| 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink. | 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. |

The Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel**Matthew 1:18-25***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew:***Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*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**Intercessor*

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 the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, the Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, and all Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains

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: (*pause*)

Celebrant Have mercy upon us, most merciful God.

People **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

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

H82 #265

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

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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.**

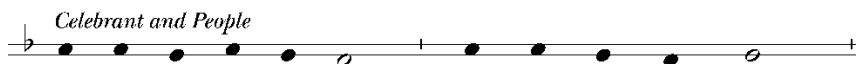
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

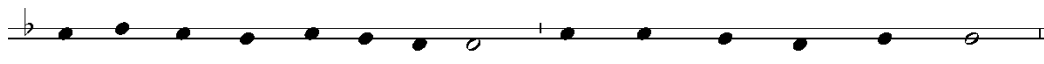


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


Celebrant and People



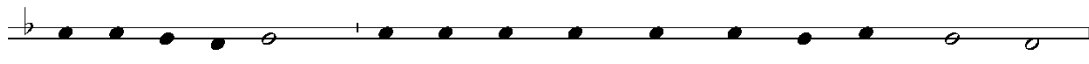
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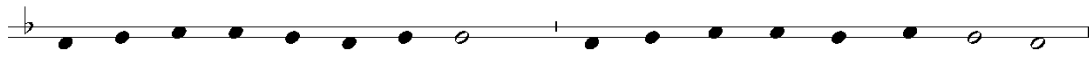
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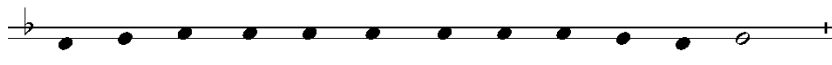
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



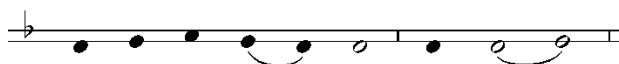
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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,

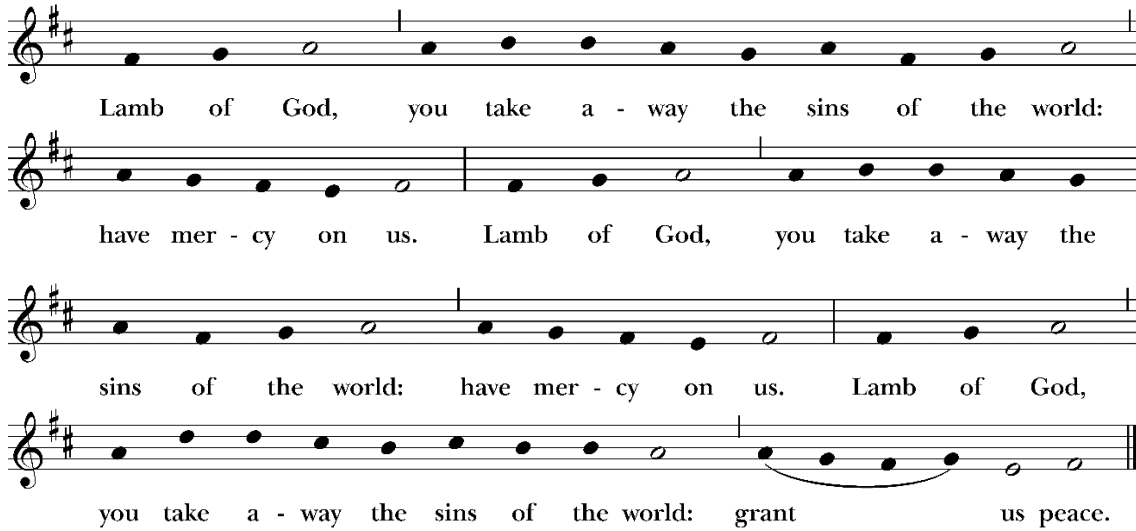


now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

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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.**



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. Ev - en the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 fro - zen God for fledg - ling - time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 hum - ming with the Word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



East and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.
 East and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.
 East and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.
 East and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.
 East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

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
Ed Barret
Natalie Thelen
Grant Thelen
Esther Kwok

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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