



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
IN-GATHERING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2023
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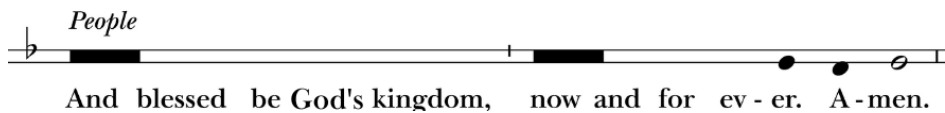
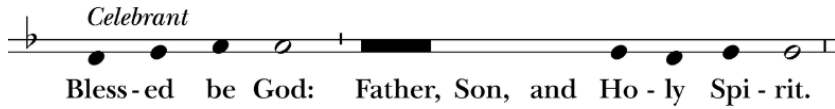
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PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

As those of old their first fruits brought

H82 #705

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah:

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1 - 12

Domine, refugium

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| 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another. | we are afraid because of your wrathful
indignation. |
| 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God. | 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance. |
| 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth." | 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh. |
| 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night. | 10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone. |
| 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass. | 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?] |
| 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered. | 12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. |
| 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; * | |

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Judge eternal, throned in splendor

Please stand as you are able.
H82 #596

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form V, alt.

Standing or Kneeling, the Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “God, graciously hear us.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. *Silence*

Leader God, hear us.

People **God, graciously hear us.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Carol our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who follow God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton, St. Thomas’ Church, Taunton, and Trinity Church, Wrentham. For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may spread your reconciling love to the ends of the earth. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those who walk different paths of faith, that we may work with them toward the peaceful world you envision. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those in positions of public trust: Joeseeph our president, Maura our Governor, and Michelle our mayor; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For this congregation, that delivered from hardness of heart, we may show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you. We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

(The people may add their own thanksgivings.)

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; and for those who are alone; that they may live in joy, peace, and health. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For those for whom our prayers have been asked: especially Donald, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Michael Curry, and those we name now silently or aloud. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

For all who have died in faith, especially those we now name silently or aloud [*pause*], and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. *Silence*

God, hear us.

God, graciously hear us.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God. *Silence*

The Celebrant adds the following Doxology

For yours, O God, is the majesty, yours is the power and glory, for in that love that gave itself for us, you remain present to us, you accept us, and you send all faithful people out to claim the world in your name.

People **As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, world without end. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

OFFERTORY AND INGATHERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

O day of peace

Please stand as you are able.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

INGATHERING RESPONSE

Celebrant All good gifts come from you, O God,

People **Teach us to give as we have been given.**

Celebrant Accept these offerings as symbols of our life and labor.

People **Multiply them, that they may become your work in the world.**

Celebrant Give us grateful hearts for all we receive from your hands, O God, and the wisdom to share what is ours for the good of others and for the life of community. Bless these gifts and all our lives that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

People **For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

H82 #S125

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

H82 #S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Eternal God, by grace you accept us as living members of your Son Jesus Christ, and feed us with spiritual food in this sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace to do your work of reconciliation as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit may all creation sing hymns of thanks and praise. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you.

May God make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace,

And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems, and sustains, be upon you and surround all you love with blessing and peace. **Amen**

HYMN

Now thank we all our God

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant

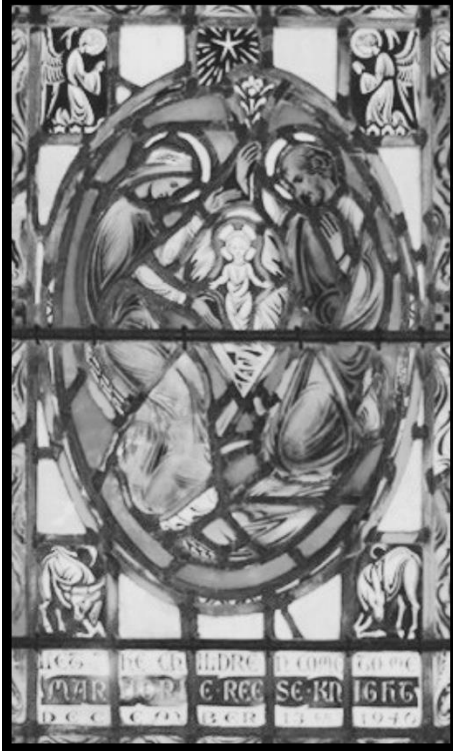
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

PARISH CALENDAR



**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
AT EMMANUEL**

CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7:00 PM
ADVENT I	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7:00 PM
ADVENT II	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:00 AM
VISIT FROM SANTA WITH FURRY FRIENDS!	11:30 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7:00 PM
ADVENT III	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM
ADVENT IV	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 PM

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

We are glad that you joined us today and pray that you will know God's presence through our worship and in this community. Wherever you are in your journey with God or toward God you are welcome here. Indeed, you are invited and welcome here in our pews and in all the things we do together as a community each week. We would also love to be in better touch throughout the year. Please reach out to our Bridge Priest, the Rev. Jonathan Eden at therev.jonteden@gmail.com or [617.798.0700](tel:617.798.0700) for more information.

We meet every Sunday for worship at 10:00 A.M. and you can also learn more about who we are and what we do together through our Web and Social Media pages:

Facebook



Instagram



YouTube



Web



SERVING TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher
Altar Server
Altar Guild
Lector
Gift Bearers
Organist

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Seraiah Belfon
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden.