



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023
10:00 A.M.

EMMANUEL CHURCH
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PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

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

HYMN

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

H82 #71

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

THE 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 40:1-11

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she
has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that
she has received from the LORD's hand double
for all her sins.
A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the
way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a
highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain
and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall
become level, and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all
people shall see it together, for the mouth of
the LORD has spoken."
A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower

of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath
of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are
grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of
our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of
good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O
Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do
not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"
See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm
rules for him; his reward is with him, and his
recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather
the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his
bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
 and blotted out all their sins.
 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who
 fear him,
 that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each
 other.
 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
 and righteousness shall look down from
 heaven.
 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
 and our land will yield its increase.
 13 Righteousness shall go before him,
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people

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THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;
 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,

and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Greg Perez
Canon for the Central Region of the Diocese of Massachusetts

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.
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THE 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, The 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 and those who have requested our prayers, especially Christina, Donald, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, and those we now name silently or aloud (*pause*). Enfold them with your healing hands, 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.

CONFESSIO 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

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Please stand as you are able.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

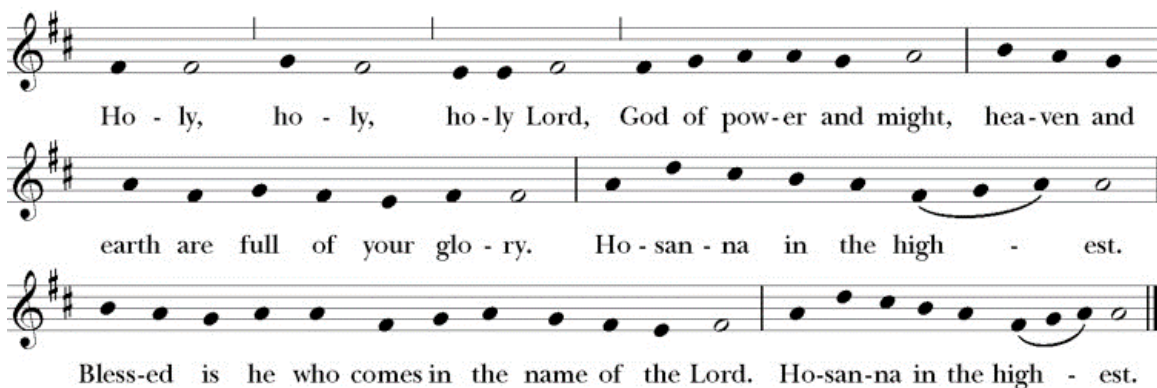
By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our forebears; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Robinson & Forster

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Come, Ho - ly Child of light and be known: be
cresc.
known in bro - ken bread and of - fered lives; be known in this
house as Lord and King; be known in our hearts to - day
dim. *p*
and for ev - er. A - - - men.

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE



**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
AT EMMANUEL**

CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7:00 PM
ADVENT I	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:00 AM
HYMN SING	11:30 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:

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SERVING TODAY

Celebrant
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The Rev. Jonathan Eden
The Rev. Canon Gregory G. Perez
*Canon for the Central Region of the
Diocese of Massachusetts*

Altar Server
Altar Guild
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Gift Bearers
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Terri Halliday
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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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation as "Christmas flowers" and provide the name(s) in whose memory or honor you are giving. You can use the forms found at the back of the Church. Please see Gail Halpin-Evans with questions. The deadline is December 17th.

CHRISTMAS EVE

If you are coming to the Christmas Eve 5:00 pm service, and would like to have a reading role, please contact Fr. Jon at therev.jonteden@gmail.com. We will have one brief rehearsal after the service on Sunday, December 17.