



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 29, 2024 | 10:00 A.M.  
MORNING PRAYER

**HYMNALS WE USE: H82 (Blue); LEVAS (Black and Red); WLP (Green)**

## PRELUDE

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant* May God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

*Luke 2:10,11*

## HYMN

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed**

**H82 #101**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Please sit or kneel.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **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. Alleluia.**

## VENITE

*Psalms 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**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.**

## PSALM 147:13-21

*Laudate Dominum*

<sup>13</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;  
<sup>14</sup>For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.  
<sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
<sup>16</sup>He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.  
<sup>17</sup>He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
<sup>18</sup>He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

<sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
<sup>20</sup>He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
<sup>21</sup>He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

**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 LESSONS

*Please be seated for the lessons,  
and stand as you are able for the canticles*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

### CANTICLE 9

The First Song of Isaiah

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One  
of Israel.

**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 LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

*A Reading from the Paul's Letter to the Galatians.*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive

adoption as children. <sup>6</sup> And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

### CANTICLE N

A Song of God's Love

*1 John 4:7-11*

Beloved, let us love one another, \*  
for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, \*  
for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, \*  
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we  
might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God  
loved us \* and sent his Son that sins might be  
forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, \*  
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, \*  
and God's love will be perfected in us.

**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 THIRD LESSON

*John 18:33-37*

*A Reading from the Gospel According to John.*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

### OFFERTORY HYMN

In the bleak midwinter

*Please stand as you are able*  
**H82 #112**

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated*

## THE PRAYERS

*Please stand as you are able*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### SUFFRAGES B

*all seated or kneeling*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton; St. Thomas' Church, Taunton; and Trinity Church, Wrentham. For our city and neighborhood, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray together.

For those dear to us who have sought our prayers this morning, Chris R., Alexis, Marilyn, Marcia, Ken, Emerson, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Bob, and for those we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*).

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Please stand as you are able*

*All*            **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*All*            **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN

**Good Christian friends, rejoice**

**H82 #107**

## CONCLUDING SENTENCE

*Officiant*    Let us bless the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*    Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

## POSTLUDE

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# WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

We are glad that you have 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 in our pews and in all the things we do as a community each week. We would also love to be in better touch throughout the year. Please reach out to our Priest in Charge, the Rev. Jonathan Eden, at [therev.jonteden@gmail.com](mailto:therev.jonteden@gmail.com) or at 617.798.0770 for more information.

We meet every Sunday at 10:00 AM for worship. By scanning the first QR Code below, you can follow us on the web, check our e-news, and find out more about who we are and what we're doing.

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## CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 5** – Second Sunday after Christmas  
10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist with Baptism

**Monday, January 6** – The Feast of the Epiphany  
7:00 p.m. Epiphany Party and Service

**Sunday, January 12** – The Baptism of our Lord  
10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist with renewal of Baptismal Vows

To learn about more our offerings and news, please see our latest Newsletter,  
on our website under "News & Events."

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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