

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

**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.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

H82 #76

**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**

Malachi 3:1-4

*A Reading from the Prophet Malachi.*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

**CANTICLE 16**

*Luke 1:68-79*

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from  
on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the  
way of peace.**

**THE SECOND READING**

Philippians 1:3-11

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

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Comfort, comfort ye my people

H82 #67

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 3:1-6

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

*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 IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

*Intervessor* 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 Diocesan 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 Alexis, Marilyn, Marcia, Ken, Emerson, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Bob 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.**

## CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

*Please stand or kneel as you are able*

*Celebrant* And, as we know that without you we cannot please you, hear our prayer of confession that we make before you (*pause*).

*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

People, look East

*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.**

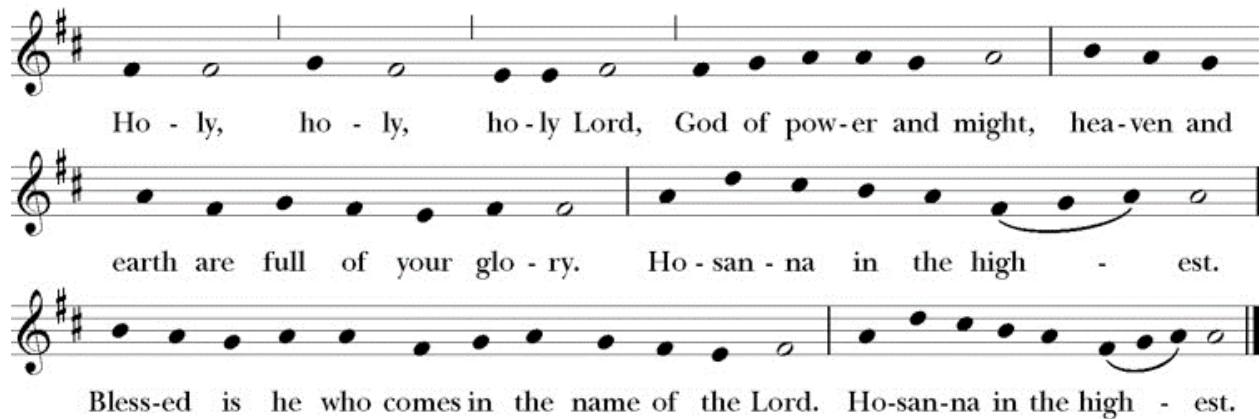
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of Mary his mother, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**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,

**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.

### 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*

*mp*  
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.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Prepare the way, O Zion

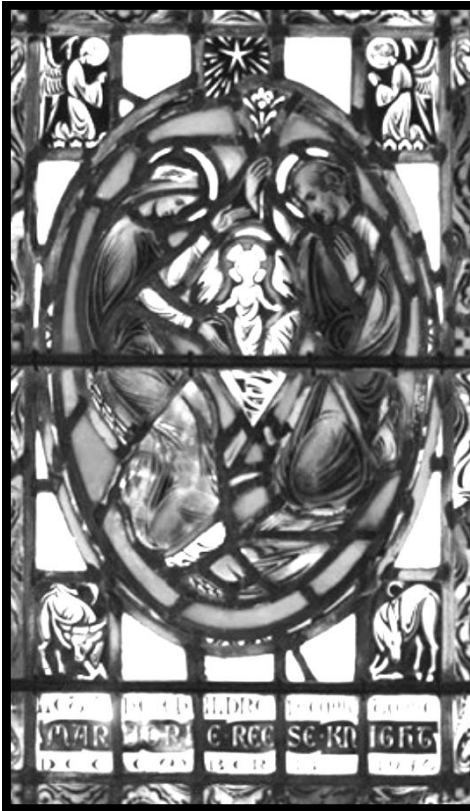
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**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant* Prepare the way, O Zion,  
*People* **and God will raise up a redeemer for us all.**  
*Celebrant* Let us go forth in Peace.  
*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL

ADVENT I	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7:00 PM
ADVENT II	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 10:00 AM
VISIT FROM SANTA WITH FURRY FRIENDS!	11:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7:00 PM
ADVENT III	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 7:00 PM
ADVENT IV	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 PM

# 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

We are accepting financial donations to **Rose's Bounty Food Patry until December 15**. Please write "food pantry" in the memo if you would like to donate.

**Advent Contemplative Prayers**

Tuesdays in Advent (December 3, 10, 17), 7:00 p.m.

**Santa and Furry Friends!**

Sunday, December 8, 11:00 a.m.

**Christmas "Pageant" Rehearsal**

Sunday, December 22, 11:30 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist**

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.

**Epiphany Party and Service**

Monday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

To learn more about 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.