



**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**

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

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**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 11:1-10

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the  
wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion  
shall eat straw like the  
ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the  
adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to  
the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his  
dwelling shall be glorious.

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

**PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19**

*Deus, iudicum*

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
 and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
 and the poor with justice;  
 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
 people, \*  
 and the little hills bring righteousness.  
 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
 from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
 like showers that water the earth.  
 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon  
 shall be no more.  
 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
 who alone does wondrous deeds!  
 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
 Amen. Amen.

**THE SECOND READING**

Romans 15:4-13

*A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
 and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
 and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
 the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
 in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*  
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**SEQUENCE HYMN**

Comfort, comfort ye my people

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*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

*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; and the Officers of the Diocese 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 Rick, Jim, Catherine P., Carla, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Kenneth, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, 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.**

## CONFESSION 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

## 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*

Come, Ho - ly Child of light and be known: be  
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  
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

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor

H82 #307

## 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

# Rejoice! Rejoice!

Join us this Advent  
and Christmas at Emmanuel

### Tuesdays in December

7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayers by candlelight  
A 30-minute service of prayer, song, and silence

### Sundays in Advent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, December 7

11:00 a.m. Visit from Santa!!  
Pictures with families  
and furry friends

### Christmas Eve, December 24

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
with Carols and  
Pageant



EMMANUEL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# 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 QR Code or going to the web address below, you can find out more about who we are and what we're doing, follow us on social media, and check our e-news. You will also find ways to donate easily and quickly to Emmanuel. Your presence and support are very important to us, and crucial to making sure we are always here for you.



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## CALENDAR

**Advent Contemplative Prayers**

Tuesdays in Advent (December 9, 16, 23), 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas "Pageant" Rehearsal**

Sunday, December 21, 11:30 a.m.

**"Cleaning and Greening" the Church for Christmas – volunteers needed!**

Sunday, December 21

**Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist**

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

**Epiphany Party and Service**

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

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

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