EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADVENT I
NOVEMBER 29, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST

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 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us H82 #61

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

[1] O that you would tear open the heavens and come
down, so that the mountains would quake at your
presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3] When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence.
[4] From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
[5] You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
[6] We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7] There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
[8] Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9] Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the
cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your

countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have
given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your
countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life,
that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; show the light of
your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5]for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6]just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN O day of God, draw nigh H82 #601

THE GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, [24]"In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25]and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

[26]Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27]Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

[28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

[32]"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 .

Intercessor 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: Church of Our Saviour, Arlington; St. John's Church, Arlington; Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington; The Standing Committee; and the Brotherhood of St. Gregory. 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 Robert, Logan, Bobbie, Joshua, Ed, Rick, Catherine, Carla, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Mary, Michael, Parker, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Kenneth, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Sophie, Edy and family, Nina, Darin, Victor, Esther and Dennis, 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 Let us come before our merciful God in silence and remember those things that mean we have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our strength.

Silence

Holy God, Maker of all,

have mercy upon us.

Jesus Christ, who walks our path,

have mercy upon us.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

have mercy upon us.

May the God of love and life forgive you and free you from all that divides you, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and restore you to wholeness in Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN Jesus came, adored by angels H82 #454

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.

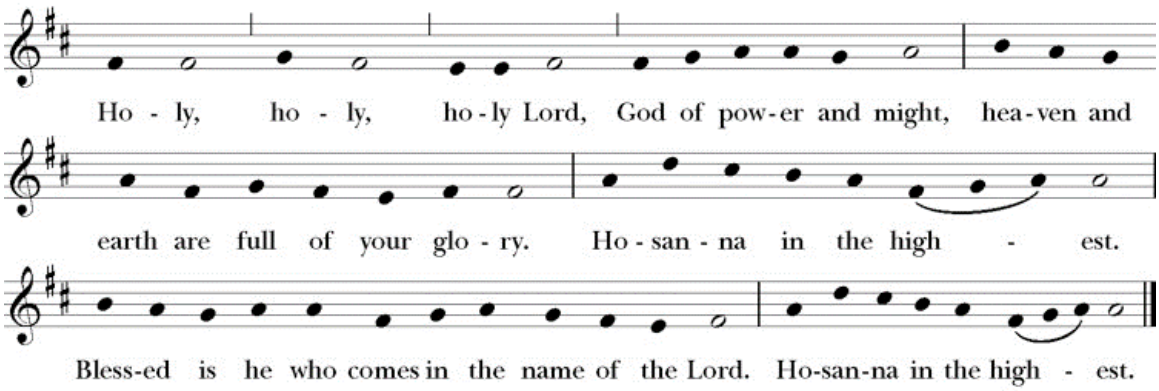
Have mercy, Dear God, for we are sinners in your sight.

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 H82 #S124



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.

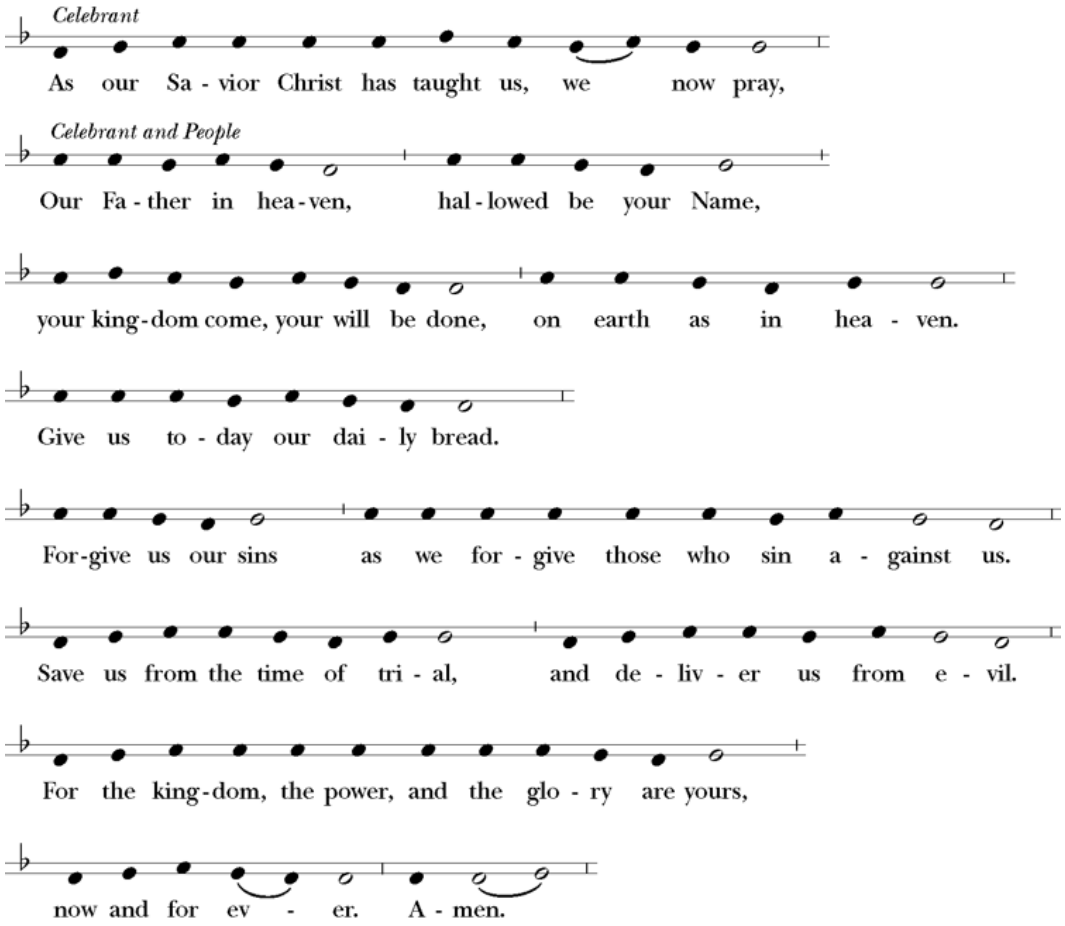
Lord God of our forebears; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Deborah, Hannah and Rebecca. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon 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

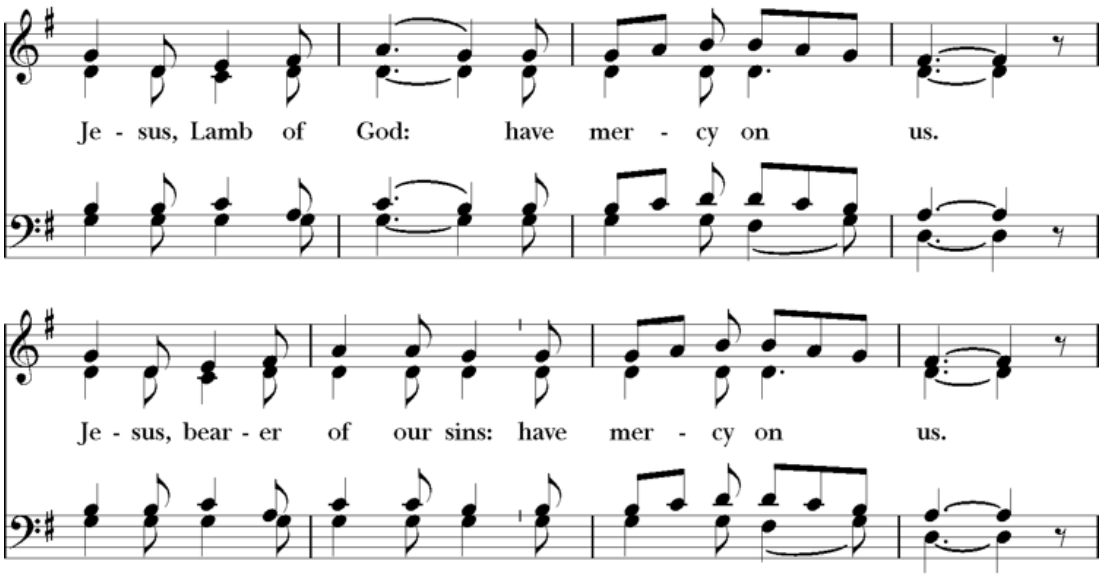


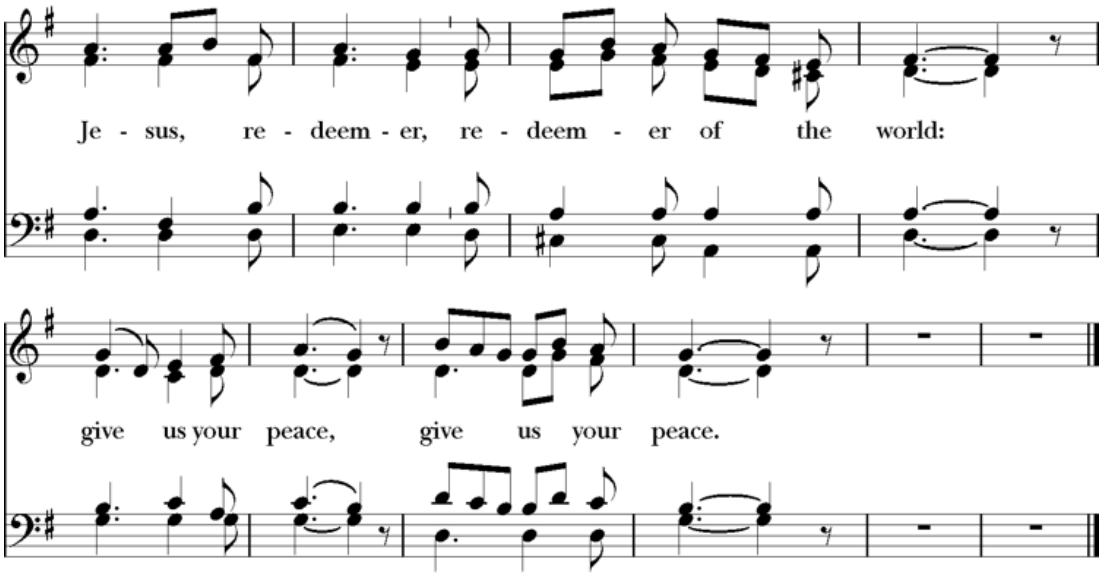
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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





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 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending H82 #57

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.

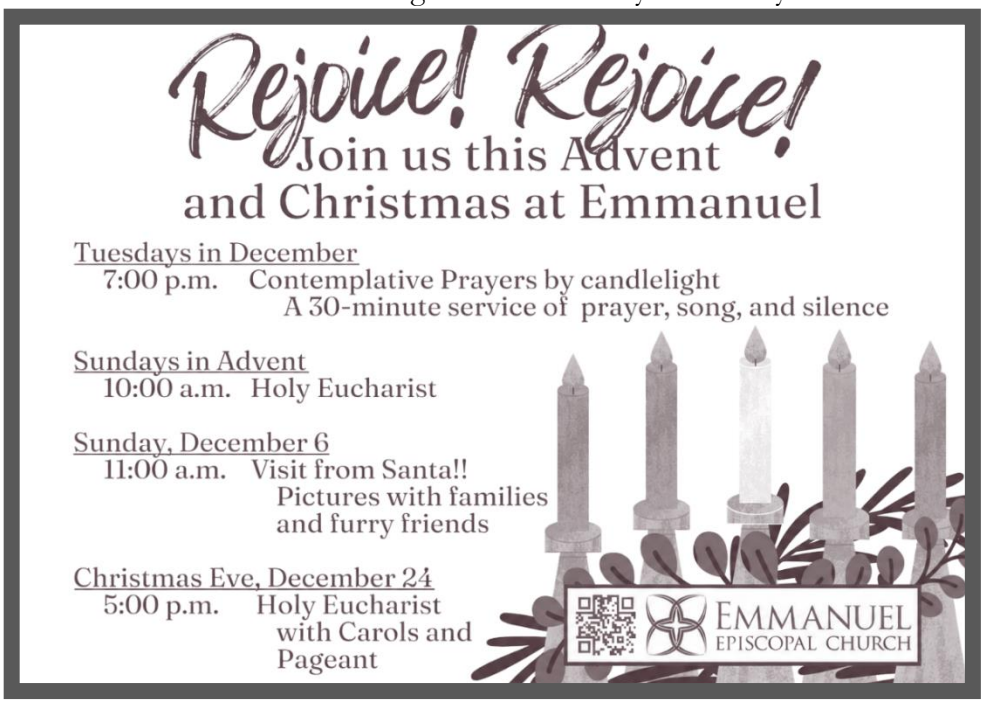
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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 Rector, the Rev. Jonathan Eden, at 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

SEASONAL CHOIR If you would like to be a part of the Christmas Eve Choir, please let Fr. Jon know ASAP.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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