

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



Valente, Liz

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
WITH
THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Prelude

Waterlife

David Christiansen

(stand as you are able)

The Processional

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymn #616

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (†)

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: **A**lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria in Excelsis

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

(sung at 10:30am)

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect for the Baptism of our Lord

Celebrant: **F**ather in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

Lector: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

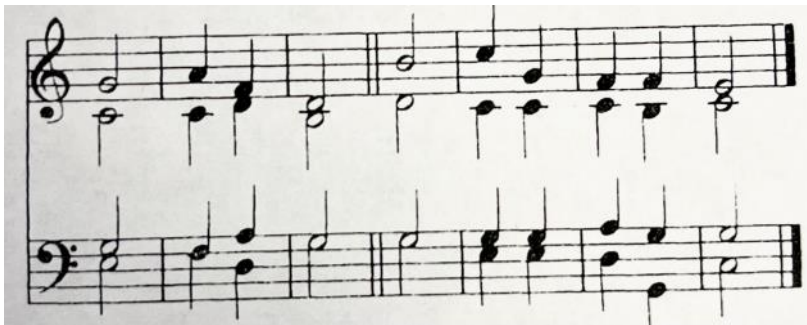
Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the / LORD you gods, *
ascribe to the / LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the / **beau**-ty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of / glory thunders; *
the LORD is u-/pon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a / power-ful voice; *
the voice of the LORD / is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the / **ce**-dars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip / like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon / like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the / wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the / oak trees writhe *
and / strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple / of the LORD *
/all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a-/bove the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as / King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength / to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the / **bles**-sing of peace.

The Second Reading

Lector: A Reading from Acts

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Baptized in water

WLP #767

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, dead in the
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, marked with the

blood of Christ our King: heirs of sal - va - tion,
tomb with Christ our King: one with his ris - ing,
sign of Christ our King: born of one Fa - ther,

trust - ing his prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
we are his child - ren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Conrad Selnick

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here have been cleansed from sin and born again may renew those Baptismal vows and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Asperges

The Prayers of the People: Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishop Paula; for Emmanuel; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those celebrating birthdays, especially Judy *Pike* (01/14), Olena *Saenz* (01/14), and Nancy *Dale* (01/16) and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Robert *Cranford* and Nancy *Smith* (01/16).

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are sick, especially Nancy, Bob, Sydney, Barbara, Nina and family, Jim, Sean and family, those participating in Shelter Care Ministry programs, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the ill, and those in harms way in the military, including: Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Harry.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant: **A**lmighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

I Wonder as I Wander *John Jacob Niles and Lewis Henry Horton*

Tim Borden, solo

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die,
for poor on'ry people like you and like I... I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.
When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall.
If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.*

(8:00 am spoken)

Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Offertory Response

Hymn #11

vs. 4

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer B

(standing)

Celebrant The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: **I**t is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say)

Sanctus *(8:00am spoken)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. (†) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(10:30am sung)

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. _____

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People: Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

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

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei (8:00 am spoken)

Celebrant and People:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

(10:30 sung)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

When Christ's appearing

Hymn #132

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn:

How firm a foundation

Hymn #637

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You Servants of God

David Cherwien

***Today's altar flowers are given in gratitude for
another trip around the sun with family and friends
from Tyler Hillman.***

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

*Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday after the 8:00am service
and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.*

*Emmanuel's Women's Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the
undercroft.*

followed by a brown bag lunch. Come join us, we'd love to have you.

Adult Forum Schedule

Today, Father Selnick on Episcopal Traditions
January 19, Bred Keyes from the Center for Learning in Retirement
January 26, *Annual meeting, No Forum*
February 2, Theresa Sinks - Balance and Stability (for seniors?)
February 9, Maryanne Theyerl - A Study on Saint Valentine
February 16, Mike Schultz - An introduction to NAMI
February 23, TBA - Five Wishes (End of Life Planning)

Announcements

Reminder: Sunday, January 26th, one service at 9am followed by the Annual meeting.

Vestry updates: We have four Vestry positions open for the 2025 year:

- One 1-year term that is filling a vacant position. The current candidate: Mark Baldwin.
- Three 3-year terms. Current candidates include: Kyla Chapman-Neal, Todd Burton, and Tamara Ross.

Please go to the church website at: www.emmanuelrockford.org for Vestry bio's.

Annual Reports: All committees, please submit your Annual reports to the church office by Sunday, **January 19th**. Thank you!!

The Dining Out Group will start the new year by enjoying the flavors of Mexico while dreaming of palm trees and soft, warm sea breezes. We will meet at 11:30 at 3929 Broadway at the Mexico Clasico Restaurant on **Thursday, January 23**. The Margaritas are calling! Let Mary Nielsen know if you can come...all are invited. 815-654-8995.

Soup Kitchen volunteers needed: Emmanuel Episcopal will be serving a meal at the Soup Kitchen at the Jubilee Center on **Saturday, January 25th**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tammy Lewis at 815 601-8612 or mstam7@aol.com. We'll need helpers for food prep, set up, serving, and clean up with shifts available between 10am and 1:30pm. New volunteers are welcome!

Grief Group: meets next on **February 3rd at 7 p.m.** Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

Book Club: No Book Club in January. Join us on **Tuesday, February 14th at 1pm** in the Janet James Room. February's choice is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. "Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path."

Save the Date! Emmanuel Guild invites you to mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22nd when Musicale returns.

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Ginny Hatwich, Valerie Sanders, & Mark Baldwin

Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Server: Tyler Hillman
Lector: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa
1st Reading: Elizabeth Castrey
2nd Reading: Thailer Castrey
Prayers of the People: Travis Castrey
Altar Guild: Mary Johnson
Ushers: David & Kay Hatch

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