

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

8:00am & 10:30am



*As we gather before the service begins,  
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

*We also ask you to silence your phones.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
*Rachel Schmitt, Organist*

*Thomas Keesecker*

### Processional Hymn

*God himself*

**Hymn #475**

*(stand as you are able)*

### The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. (†)

People: **His mercy endures 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.**



# Trisagion

Unison Voices

Organ

Ped.

5

10

Ho - ly

God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Trisagion. It is written for Unison Voices and Organ. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/2. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) shows the vocal line starting with a rest, followed by the lyrics 'Ho - ly'. The organ accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is present under the organ part. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the vocal line with 'God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -'. The organ accompaniment continues with similar textures. The third system (measures 9-12) concludes the vocal line with 'mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The organ accompaniment provides a final harmonic setting.

## Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**P**urify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Lessons

## Old Testament

### A Reading from Micah

*Micah 5:2-5a*

**Y**ou, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## Canticle 15

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my / Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly / servant.  
From this day all generations will call me / bless-ed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his / Name.  
He has mercy on those who / fear him \*  
in every gener- / ation.  
He has shown the strength of his / arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their con- / ceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their / thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the / lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good / things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away / empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant / Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of / mercy,  
The promise he made to our / fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for / ever.

+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. *A- / men.*

## Epistle

### A Reading from Hebrews

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn

*Tell out my soul*

**Hymn #438**

*(stand as you are able)*

## The Gospel

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*Luke 1:39-55*

#### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
    he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
    and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
    and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
    in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
    to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*(seated)*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Conrad Selnick

*A moment of silence is observed after the sermon*

**Nicene Creed**

**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**

*With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord saying, "Lord, have mercy."*

**F**or the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishop Paula, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or our President Joseph, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or this city of Rockford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Nancy, Bob, Sydney, Barbara and family, Jim, Yolanda, Delbert, Schelley, Jean, those participating in Shelter Care Ministry programs, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**



**F**or all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Denis, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or those celebrating birthdays, especially Marilyn *Freedlund* (12/23), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**F**or those who are presently serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Harry, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession**

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

*(you may kneel or be seated)*

**People:** **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 and Announcements**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

### **Offertory Anthem**

Little Lamb

*David Chernien*

*Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave the life and bid thee feed by the the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright;  
Gave the such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?  
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?  
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, and he is mild; He became a little child.  
I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!*

*(8:00am spoken)*

## **Offertory Response**

**Celebrant:** All things come of thee O Lord.

**People:** And of thine own have we given thee.

*(10:30am sung)*

## **Offertory Response**

**Hymn #76**

vs. 5

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.*

# **LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

*(standing)*

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

**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 God thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **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)

(Organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

The musical score is written on six staves in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n 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." The word "Organ" is written below the first staff.

(kneeling or seated)

*Celebrant:* **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: **A**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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)

(Organ)

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: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymn #56

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### Celebrant and People:

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Blessing (†)

### Recessional Hymn

*Blest be the king*

Hymn #74

### Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Postlude

Trio on Valet will ich dir geben

*Richard Hudson*

*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 - TBA

December 29 - No forum

# Announcements

**Lend a helping hand!** Anyone interested in learning more about becoming an acolyte (8 a.m, 10:30 a.m., or both) and/or lecture, please email Stacy LaRossa (stacey.sauer@gmail.com) OR Ty Hillman (tylerhillman@comcast.net). We will be coordinating a date for discussion and training for those interested in the near future. A Saturday will be identified soon.

**Grief Group:** meets next on **January 6th 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."

**Overnight Cafe Update:** The Vestry is pleased to announce that Emmanuel and the Jubilee Center are going to partner with Second First Church and assist with their Overnight Cafe program. We are lending the use of the Jubilee Center to house up to 12 women a night during January and February. The program would welcome volunteers in the following ways:

-Volunteer with the Check-In Process from 6:45pm - 8:30pm. A total of two volunteers are needed Monday - Thursday night and four are needed Friday - Sunday night. Volunteers would help register program participants, check bags for any materials restricted from being in the building, and other various tasks.

-Help provide a light dinner: Stews, Casseroles, etc.. Items very easy to cleanup would be welcomed.

Any interested parties should contact Sean Cramer via email at seancramer81@gmail.com or call/text 815-391-4010.

## **Christmas Services:**

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
4pm Children's service	10am
&	Morning Prayer
9:30pm Prelude	
10:00pm Festal Choral Holy Eucharist	

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Mary G. Johnson- Clerk, Mickey Swart,  
Travis Castrey, Maryanne Theyerl, Jean Frana,  
Ginny Hatwich, Valerie Sanders, & Mark Baldwin

## Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m.      Server: Tyler Hillman  
                    Lector: Valerie Sanders

10:30 a.m.    Crucifer/MC: Stacey LaRosa  
                    1st Reading: Stacey LaRosa  
                    2nd Reading: Timothy Borden  
                    Prayers of the People: Cheryl Rogers  
                    Altar Guild: All members  
                    Ushers: John & Rosa Birnbaum

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