

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 5, 2025

10:30 AM



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. John Carter

(stand as you are able)

The Processional

In the bleak midwinter

Hymn #112

The Opening Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, 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.**



Gloria

Gloria

Con moto ♩ = 128

f
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
6
earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we
11
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - - - ry.
16
mf
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
21
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
26
mp
right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer.
31
f
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
36
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
41
ff
glo - ry of God the Fath - er. A - men, A - - - men.

The Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: **O** God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of / hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young; *
by the side of your altars O LORD of hosts,
my King and my / God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in / your house! *
they will always be praising / you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in / you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from height to / height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in / Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my / prayer; *
hearken, O God of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender O / God; *
and look upon the face of your A- / noointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own / room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the / wick-ed.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and / shield; *
he will give grace and / glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD with- / hold *
from those who walk with in- / tegritly.
- 12 O LORD of / hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in / you!

The Second Reading

A Reading from Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

When Jesus left his father's throne

Hymn #408

The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The 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: 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 Tim Borden (01/05) and Tyler Hillman (01/07).

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who are sick, especially Nancy, Bob, Sydney, Barbara, 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.

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius

Mickey Swart, solo

*Three kings from Persian lands afar, to Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers three, where the newborn King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.
The star shines out with a steadfast ray; The kings to Bethlehem make their way.
And there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King; Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.
Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem the kings are traveling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace, shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; Offer thy heart to the infant King!*

Offertory Response

Hymn #124

vs. 5

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Sanctus

Sanctus and Benedictus

Moderato ♩ = 84

mp Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

5 *mf* God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

9 *mp* san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the

14 *f* Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. *rall.*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G minor (two flats) and 4/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Moderato' and a metronome marking of ♩ = 84. The score is divided into four systems. The first system starts with a whole rest for four measures, followed by a half note 'Ho' and a quarter note 'ly'. The second system starts with a quarter note 'God' and continues with 'of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -'. The third system starts with a quarter note 'san - na' and continues with 'in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the'. The fourth system starts with a quarter note 'Lord.' and continues with 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score ends with a fermata over the final note.

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,

**Celebrant and People: 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 Mary and Joseph and 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.

Fraction Anthem

S-154

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn:

What Child is this

Hymn #115

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal 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 (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

Christians Awake

Hymn #106

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chorale No. 1 in E Major

Cesár Franck

Abe Hall, organ

***Today's altar flowers are in honor of
Scott Neal & Kyla Chapman-Neal's 27th Wedding Anniversary.***

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.*

Announcements

Grief Group: meets next on **January 6th at 7 p.m.** Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

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.

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.

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