

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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 Christ, Thou Lamb of God
Rachel Schmitt, Organist

Don Freudenburg

Processional Hymn

O day of God, draw nigh

Hymn #601

(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

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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 consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) features Unison Voices and Organ accompaniment. The organ part includes a pedal point. The second system (measures 5-9) continues the organ accompaniment and includes the vocal line starting with 'God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -'. The third system (measures 10-14) continues the organ accompaniment and includes the vocal line 'mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The organ part is written in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The vocal line is in a soprano or alto clef. The organ part is in a grand staff with a pedal line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings.

Collect for The Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Lord 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 Lessons

Old Testament

A Reading from Baruch

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Luke 1: 68-79

Bless-ed be the Lord, the God of / Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them / free.
He has raised up for us a mighty / savior, *
born of the house of his servant / David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our / enemies, *
from the hands of all who / hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our / fathers *
and to remember his holy / covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father / Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our / enemies,
Free to worship him without / fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our / life.
You my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most / High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his / way,
To give his people knowledge of sal- / vation *
by the forgiveness of their / sins.
In the tender compassion of our / God *
the dawn from on high shall break u- / pon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of / peace.
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 Philippians

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Hark! a thrilling voice

Hymn #59

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 3:1-6

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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."

For 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.

For 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.

For our President Joseph, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For 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.

For 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.

For 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, Mackenzie, 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.

For 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.

For 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.

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Emmarie *Wilson (12/09)*, David *Hooks (12/12)*, and Tammy *Hooks (12/12)*, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For 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: Almighty 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

Advent Carol

Alfred V. Fedak

Desert, blossom as a rose, rising, radiant as it grows, all arrayed in crimson show;

Come to us, O God of Hope.

Thirsty land, become a stream, flowing fountain, calm serene, clear cascade from heav'n above;

Come to us, O God of Love. Alleluia!

Weakened hands, be now made strong; Silent tongues, break forth in song; Blinded eyes, your sight employ;

Come to us, O God of Joy.

Soon a pathway shall be found; for the faithful, holy ground, safe from angry warring beast;

Come to us, O God of Peace. Alleluia!

Sing God's praise, Jerusalem! Hope, joy, love and peace shall come; Sorrow, sighing now dispel; Come to us Emmanuel.

King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing and thus to love! Alleluia!

(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 printed below the notes. The first staff is labeled '(Organ)'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases spanning across multiple staves.

(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 heavenly Word

Hymn #64

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 (†)

Recessional Hymn

Love divine

Hymn #657

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Little Trumpet Tune

Michael E. Lawrence

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.

*****There will be no coffee hour today due to the need to set up the Undercroft for the Lessons and Carols reception.**

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.

*****December's meeting will be held at Kathy Torrence's house.**

Adult Forum Schedule

Today - Father Selnick - TBA

December 15 - Multigenerational Advent Activity

December 22 - To be announced

December 29 - No forum

Announcements

Thank you for your continued support of the Jubilee Scarf Project. I am pleased to report that we have collected 356 scarves this year, along with dozens of hats and other items for distribution to those in need. We very much appreciate the heartfelt donation of your handmade items. -Greg Cox

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is today at 4 p.m.

Jubilee is asking that we donate for members' Christmas gift cards. Please turn in your contribution to the church office by December 15th. If paying by check, please write Jubilee gift cards in the memo line.

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.

Our Church's Anniversary: In honor of Emmanuel's 175th Anniversary, here's what we are doing for the rest of the year to keep celebrating our Anniversary through acts of Service!

December - 175 cards to those in need. We will ask parishioners to write heartfelt cards for us to give/send out to those who may need a warm thought. More details on the way.

Book Club: Join us on **Tuesday, December 10th at 1pm** in the Janet James Room. December's choice is "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett. "In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew."

January's book is: "The Women" by Kristin Hannah

Advent Season: Mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 15th. There will be a multigenerational Advent event.

HOLIDAY HELPERS NEEDED: Church volunteers will be preparing and serving a Christmas meal of turkey, ham, and all the trimmings at the Soup Kitchen in the Jubilee Center on Saturday, December 21st. This annual holiday outreach to our neighborhood guests requires the assistance of many volunteers for a variety of duties. Shifts can be anytime between 9 am-2 pm, or maybe you would prefer to make a dessert or donate some warm items for our clothing giveaway. If you are interested in helping in some way, please contact Tammy Lewis at (815) 601-8612 or mstam7@aol.com. We are also in need of turkey carvers. If you are willing and able to help carve, please contact John Birnbaum at 815-209-6822 or by email at jrbirnbaum@aol.com.

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

Christmas Eve
4pm Children's service
&

Christmas Services:

Christmas Day
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: Maria Mendia

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/MC: Tyler Hillman
 1st Reading: Tamara Ross
 2nd Reading: Tamara Ross
 Prayers of the People: Tyler Hillman
 Altar Guild: Tamara Ross
 Ushers: John & Rosa Birnbaum

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