

The First Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



Sunday, November 30, 2025

10:00 am



Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!

*Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is **printed in bold**. This symbol ✠ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.*

Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

“Advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming.” It is the first season of the new church year and is a time for us to get ready both for the great Christmas feast as well as the final coming of Christ.

Major themes of the season are waiting, expectation, and preparation. Major symbols revolve around light and dark, to include the popular Advent wreath. Emmanuel actually utilizes two: one containing oil candles which is lit at the beginning of the service, and another with battery-powered candles in the antique holder suspended from the ceiling.

Advent is rather unusual as a church season in that there are actually two different colors which can be used: purple or blue. Purple is perhaps the more common choice, and represents penitence and sacrifice, as well as being the color of royalty. Blue, however, goes back at least to the medieval church in England and symbolizes hope. It is also the color long associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who of course features so prominently in the Christmas story. On the third Sunday of Advent, we switch our color to rose to symbolize joy. That day is often called “Gaudete Sunday,” after the first word in the traditional Latin chant which means “rejoice.”



*Please note that this 10am service is livestreamed and recorded.
Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.*

Prelude

Pastorale on Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
Wayne L. Wold (b.1954)

Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 #53

All are invited to stand and sing.

Once he came in blessing



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

Celebrant

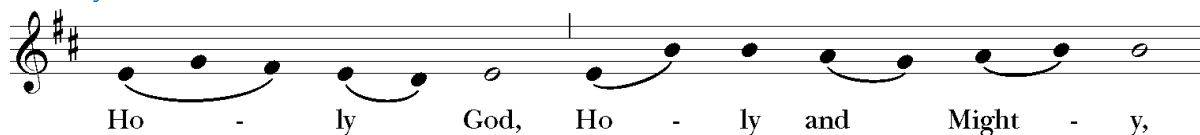
✠Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People

You come to your people and set them free.

Almighty 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 • Hymnal '82 #S-99



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



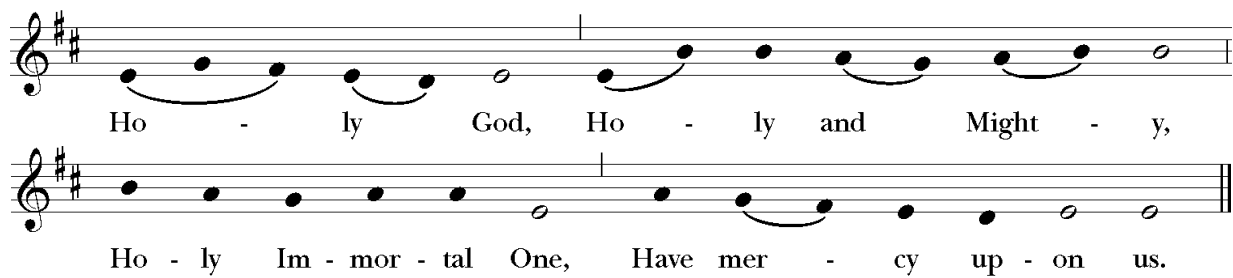
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.



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



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



The Collect of the Day

BCP p.211

Celebrant The Lord 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.**

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson • *A reading from Isaiah*

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

The Psalm *The choir will chant the Psalm*

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

The Second Lesson • *A reading from the letter to the Romans*

Romans 13:11-14

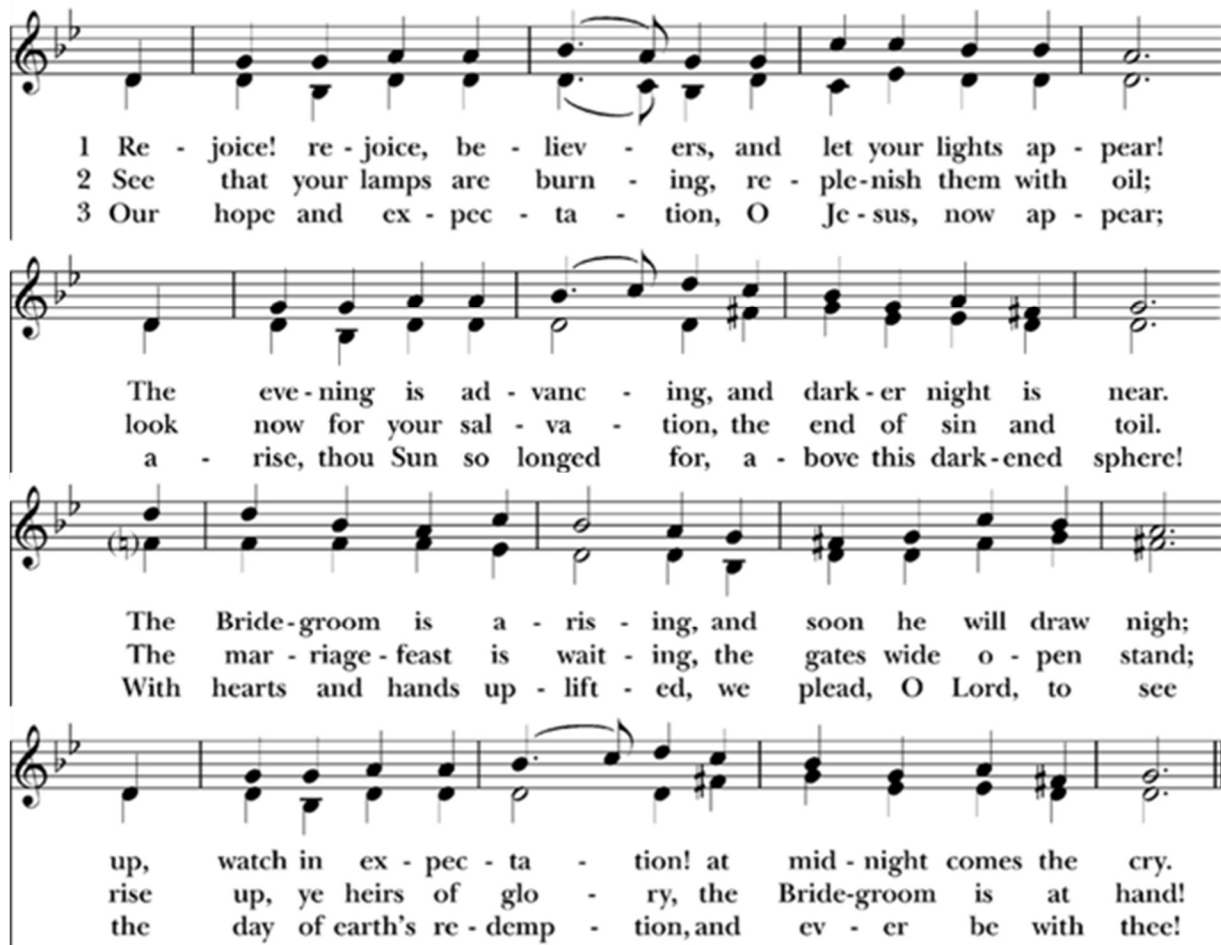
You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Sequence Hymn • Hymnal '82 #68

All are invited to stand and sing.

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Gospel

All are invited to stand.

Matthew 24:36-44

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection.

The Rev. David Jackson

The Nicene Creed

All are invited to stand and recite together.

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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.

Prayers of the People

from *Planning for Rites and Rituals*

Intercessor People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Teach us your ways, O God, that we may walk in your paths.”

Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Teach us your ways, O God,

People That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more.

Teach us your ways, O God,

People That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise.

Teach us your ways, O God,

People That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light.

Teach us your ways, O God,

People That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near.

Teach us your ways, O God,

People That we may walk in your paths.

Wake all your people from sleep, O God. ✠Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever.

Teach us your ways, O God,

People That we may walk in your paths.

Here, additional intercessions are offered, and then the Deacon adds a concluding Collect:

Deacon Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed on us your light, Christ Jesus, who is Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn • *Hymnal '82 #56 Vs. 1 and 2*

O Come O Come Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The Doxology • *Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)*

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It 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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 & Benedictus • *Hymnal '82 #S-122*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,

to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.



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

The Lord's Prayer

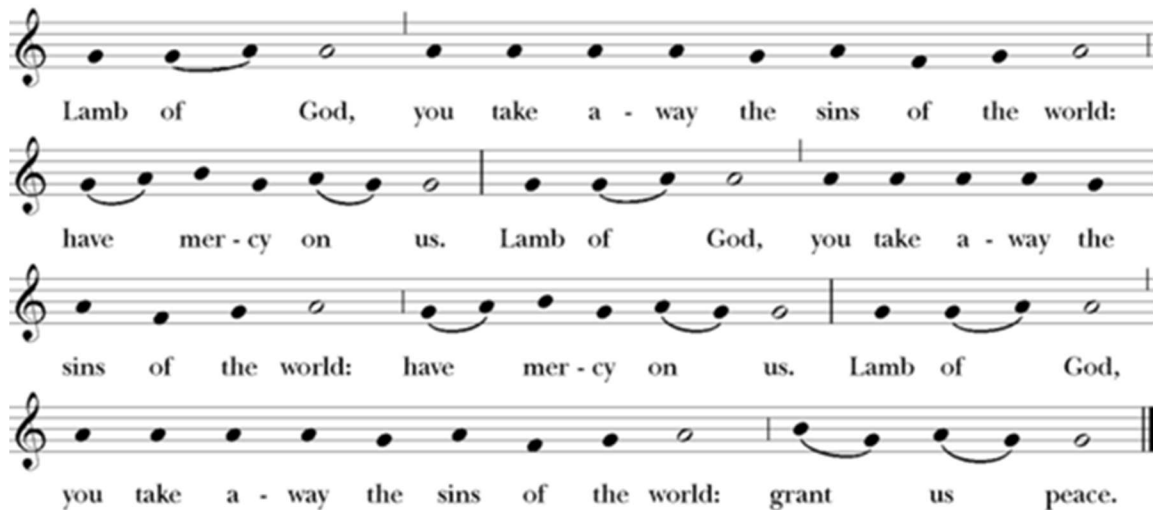
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Celebrant and People

**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. Then is sung

Agnus Dei • Hymnal '82 #S-160



The Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.

Communion Anthem

*“Sleepers Wake!” A voice astounds us
From '82 Hymnal #61*

Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing ✠

Closing Hymn • Hymnal '82 #57

Lo! He comes with clouds descending

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Dismissal

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Deacon
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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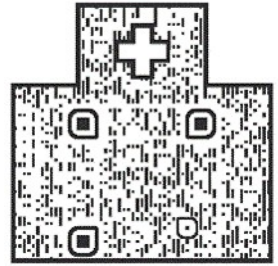
THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, Sunday November 30th The First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:15am, Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 7th The Second Sunday of Advent with Seek & Find

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) **with Children's Church**
- 11:15am, Coffee Hour



Birthdays: Kim DiGangi, Karen Chapin, Rebecca O'Brien, Elizabeth Cummings, Chris Raftery, Randy Valenta, John Anderson.

In our prayers: Jane, Linda, Steven, Theresa, Bernadette, Gene, Christina, Leslie, Mick, Sandy, Judy, Marie, Janelle, Robert, Erin, Michael, Claire, Jeanine, Jimmy, Natalie, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tell Out My Soul: Stewardship Drive: Today we will bless our pledge cards! Please place your pledge cards in the offering plate today. Extra cards can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Lawrence Hall Christmas Gifts: It's that time of year for Emmanuel to collect gifts for Lawrence Hall Youth Services students ages 13 to 21. Trees are up in the church with tags including gift ideas. If you can't pick up a tag, you can still drop off a gift at the church any time, or I will be glad to pick up your donation from your home. UNWRAPPED gifts are due by Sunday, December 7th, and you can include wrapping supplies if you like. Your gifts are very much appreciated. Thank you so much to everyone for your continued support of this worthwhile Episcopal charity. Please call with any questions, Ellen Busch 708/354-5847.

Christmas Memorials and Dedication: We invite donations toward Christmas flowers and/or music in memory or thanksgiving of someone or something. The dedications will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. To participate, please fill out the form found on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and put it in the offering plate, send to the office, or bring next week with your donation. Thank you!

Sing-Along Messiah Posters: Please take some posters to your favorite local businesses - cafes, restaurants, shops, professional offices, etc. - and ask them to please display it. Posters in varying sizes are available on the round table near the office.





Weekly Worship Schedule

Wednesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Fridays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)
Sundays	at 8:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I during Advent (without music)
Sundays	at 10:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

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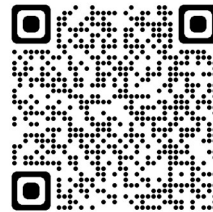
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