

The Second Sunday of Advent

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



Sunday, December 7, 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.

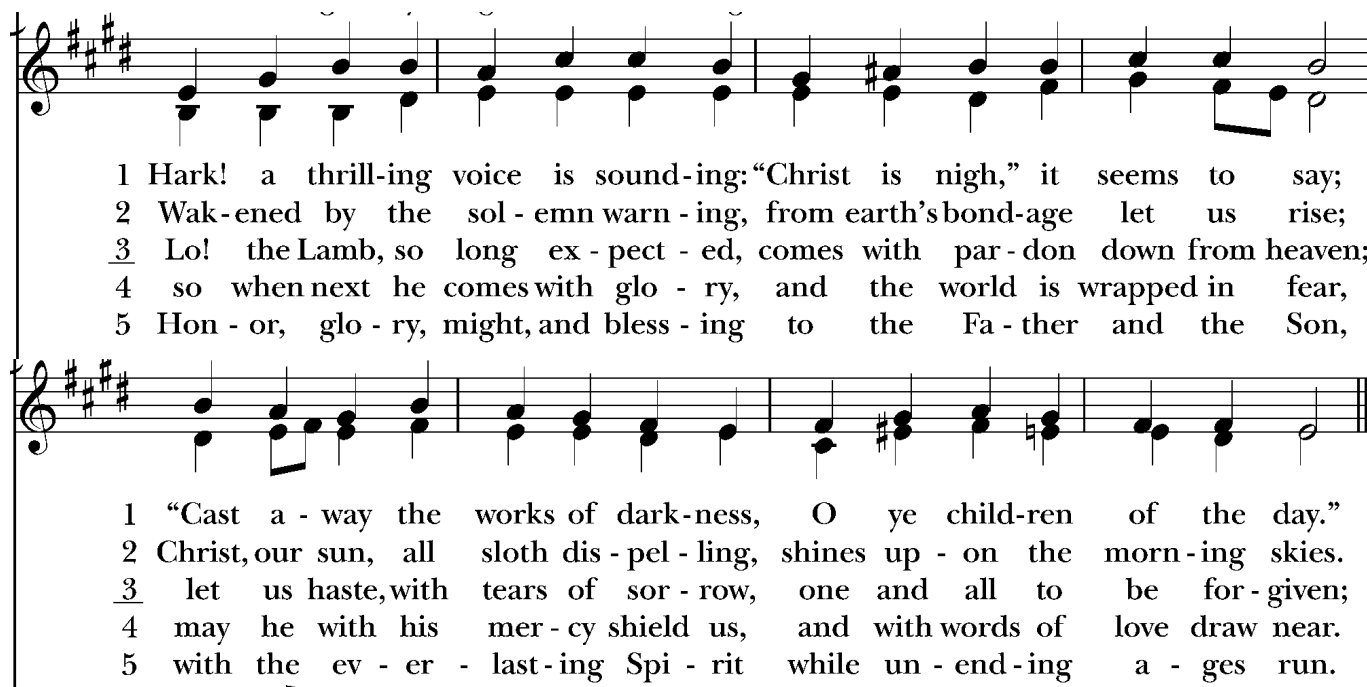
Prelude

Conditor Alme Siderum
Richard Warner

Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 #59

All are invited to stand and sing.

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.355

Celebrant

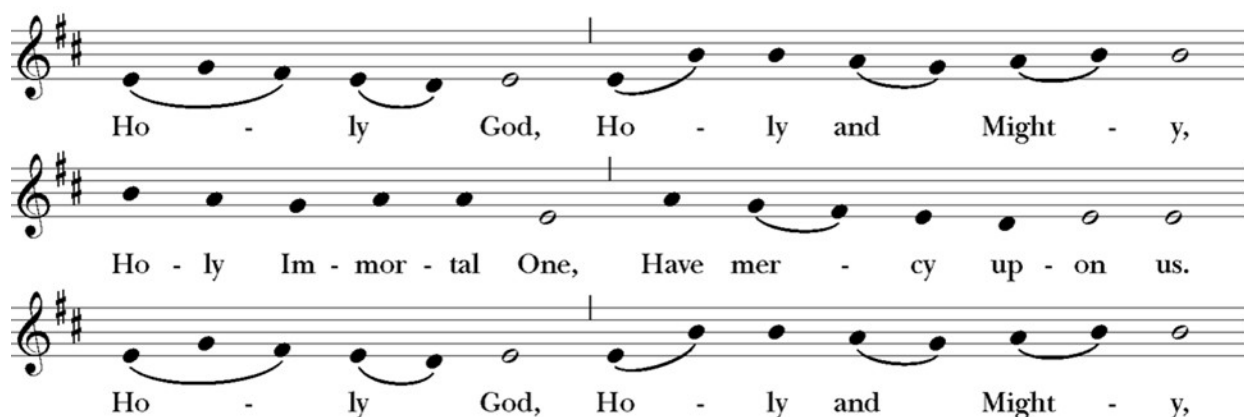
✠ Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People

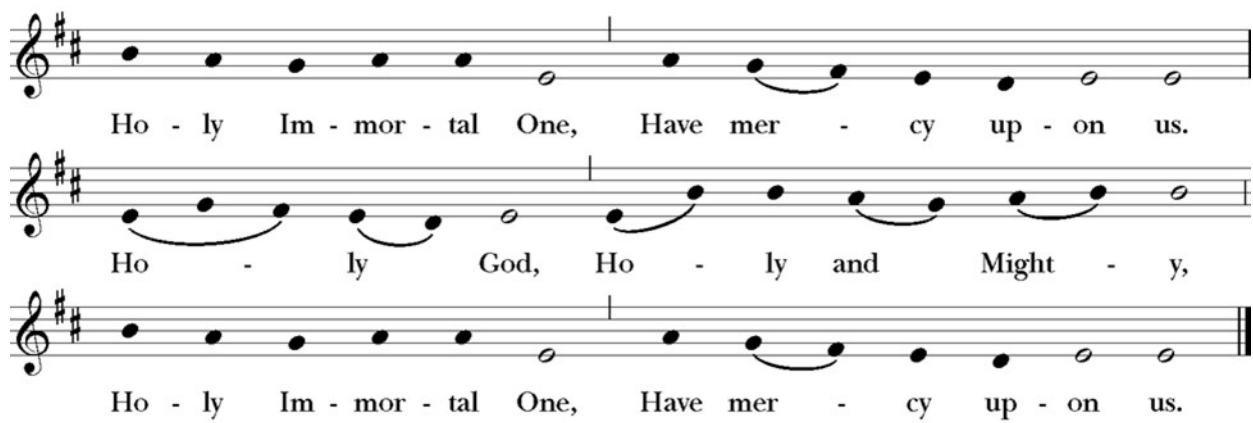
You come to your people and set them free.

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,



The Collect of the Day

BCP p.211

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.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson • *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
 or decide by what his ears hear;
 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
 and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
 he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
 and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
 the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
 and a little child shall lead them.
 The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *the choir will chant the Psalm*

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious Name forever, *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

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

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound
in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn • Hymnal '82 #75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

All are invited to stand and sing.

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —
2 O — Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God — en - du - reth, the —

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The —
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they — per - ish, like
feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!
na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;
lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

The Gospel

All are invited to stand.

Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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.

Deacon Bill Rimkus

The Nicene Creed

All are invited to stand and recite together.

BCP p.358

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 Friends, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
Let us come before the Lord praying, “Blessed are you, Lord God; *May the earth be filled with your glory.*”

Grant your Church, O God of encouragement, to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that we may glorify you with one voice. Make us a people of repentance and bless us with your Holy Spirit and fire.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People May the earth be filled with your glory.

Grant this nation, O God of justice, the will to defend the needy and the poor. May we sincerely hope for that day when hurt and destruction are no more.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People May the earth be filled with your glory.

Grant your creation, O God of faithfulness, the hope of renewal. May we who are stewards of this earth, also live at peace with all you have created.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People May the earth be filled with your glory.

Grant this city, O God of understanding, prosperity. May all the people know and do justice. We ask that you teach us and our leaders the best ways to meet the needs of all our neighbors.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Grant all the needy, O God of steadfast love, your mercy. Prove yourself to be a God of righteousness and faithfulness. To all their pain and suffering bring your healing and peace. And with your winnowing fork clear from their lives all the forces of oppression.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

✠Grant to those who have died, O God of hope, eternal life in you. Bring the departed into your glorious dwelling where all their hope will be fulfilled in your Christ.

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

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

O come, O come Emmanuel Vs. 2 & 3

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361

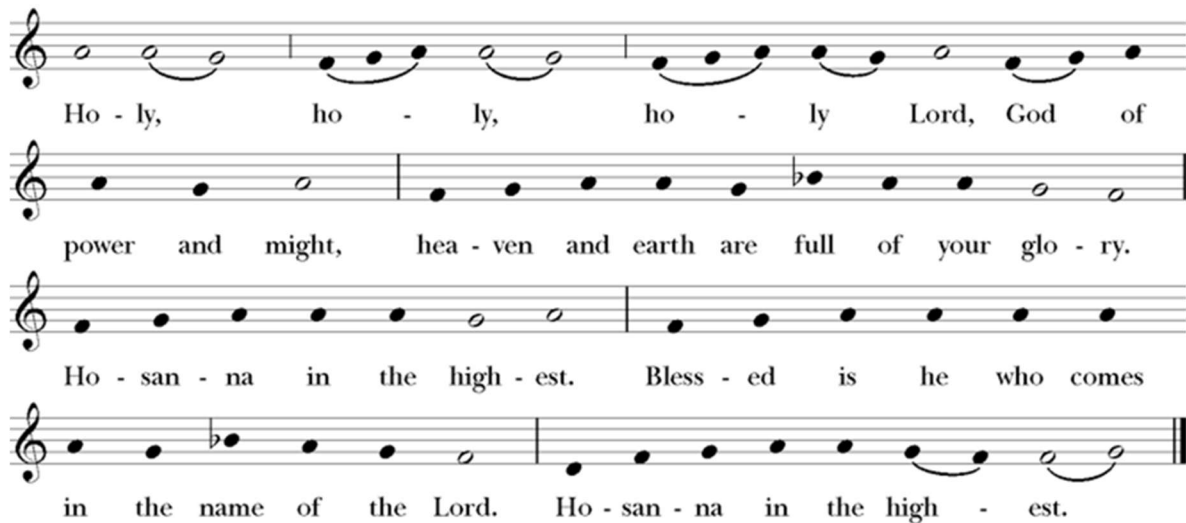
Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*



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

*People, Look East
Besançon Carol*

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p.366

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 ✠





1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



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The Dismissal

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Deacon
People

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

Postlude

Jesu meine Freude
 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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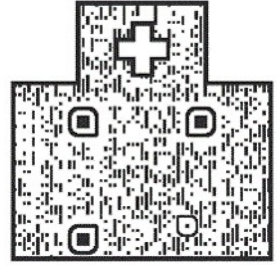


THE SUNDAY TIMES

Today, 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

*The open offering today will be given to the Rector's Discretionary Account, which is used to help members of the community.



Sunday December 14th The Third Sunday of Advent

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

Birthdays: Perry Runkel, Frances Elkins, Mary Borge, Michael Cummings III, Kathleen Valenta

In our prayers: Chris, 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.

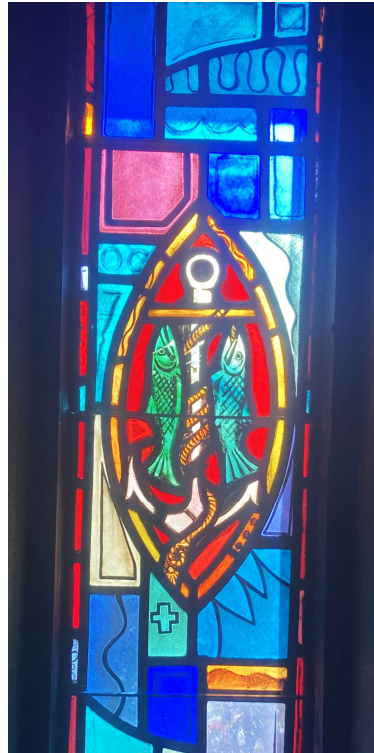
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 no later than Sunday, December 21st with your donation. Thank you!

The Gifts of Giving! Thank you for your gifts for Lawrence Hall. They will be collected tomorrow Dec 8th and distributed accordingly.

LTHS Madrigal Christmas Concert will be here again on **Thursday, December 11th at 7:30pm**. This is a lovely evening and an opportunity to represent our Parish. There is no entrance fee but freewill donations for the school program and our Organ are always welcome.





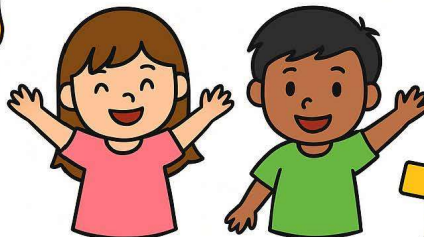
Children's Church



**Come Wonder,
Create, and Grow
with God!**



Using Montessori-based Godly Play, kids hear the Gospel story, wonder together, and respond through art, play, and prayer.



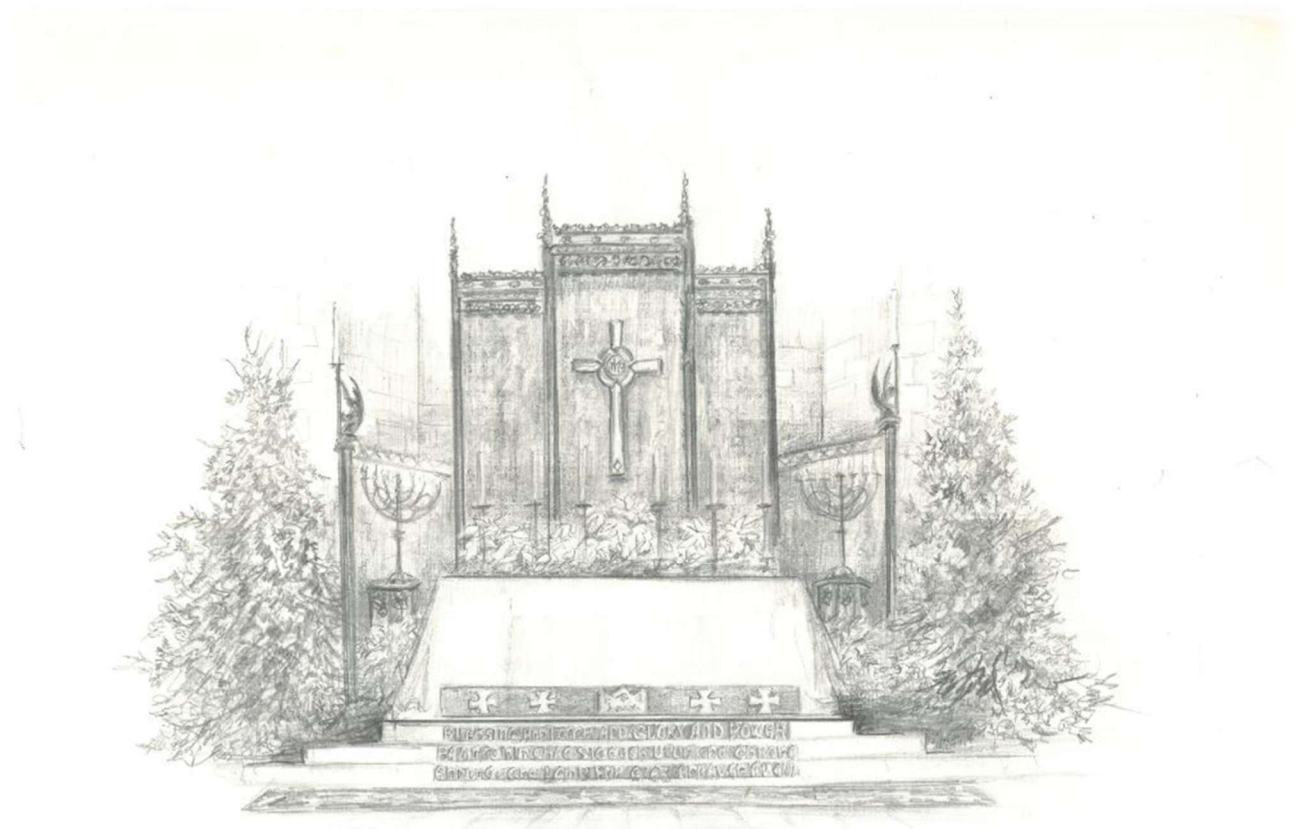
**1st & 3rd Sundays
during the 10:00 AM service**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church,
La Grange

Christmas Service Schedule

Blue Christmas	Sunday, December 21st, 7pm
Christmas Eve Family Service	Wednesday, December 24th, 2pm
Christmas Eve Carols	Wednesday, December 24th, 10:30pm
Candlelight Service	Wednesday, December 24th, 11pm
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25th, 9am

Plans are once again in place for our Christmas services. The season begins with Blue Christmas on Sunday evening, which is a contemplative service for us to remember and lament our losses. It is also special for those who are alone and/or grieving at the holidays. Then we have our Family Service at 2pm on Christmas Eve. For our later service, we will sing traditional carols starting at 10:30pm with guest string instruments, and our Candlelight Service will begin at 11:00pm. Christmas morning will be a quiet service at 9:00am.



Help needed

Keep an eye out for a Sign-up Genius email requesting parishioners to sign up and volunteer for The Messiah on **December 21st**.

If you are available and would like to help but don't receive anything, please contact AnnLaura in the church office: 708-352-1275 ext. 0.



Sing-Along
Messiah
BY GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

Sunday
December 21, 2025
3:00 pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church of La Grange
203 S. Kensington Ave., La Grange, Illinois

Mary Hopper Conductor

Featuring soloists, musicians,
and **YOU**, the audience, as the Chorus!
All listeners and singers welcome!

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Weekly Worship Schedule

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

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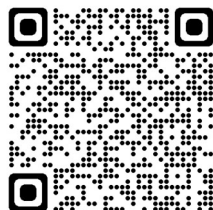
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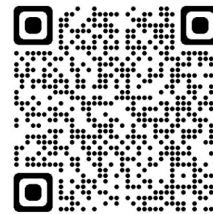
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