

# The Second Sunday of Advent

## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**10:00 am**

**EMMANUEL**

*Episcopal Church*

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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***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

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“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**

*Savior of the Nations Come*  
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

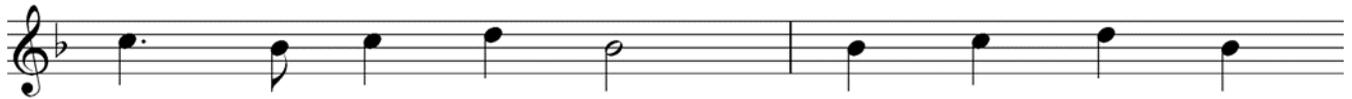
**Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 #54**

*Savior of the nations come!*

*All are invited to stand and sing.*



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

**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**



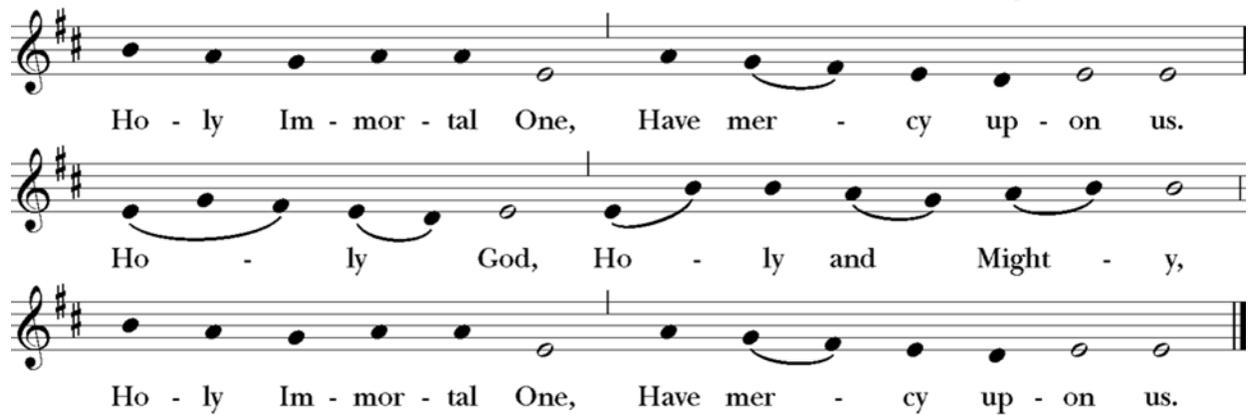
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,



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

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### The First Lesson • *A reading from the Prophet Malachi*

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle 16** *to be sung by the choir*

Blessed 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 salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## **The Second Lesson** • *A reading from the Letter to the 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.  
Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

All are invited to stand and sing.

Alleluia

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Choir verse

Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His paths;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Refrain by all*

## The Gospel

All are invited to stand.

Luke 3:1-6

Deacon

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

People

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.'"

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.

Rev. Kate Spelman

## 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* 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. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, "Fill the valleys, make low the hills; come, great Redeemer, come."

Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People* Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People* Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People* Come, great Redeemer, come.

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People*           **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People*           **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ. Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

*People*           **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

*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**

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## **Offertory Anthem**

*The King Shall Come*  
Joe Mattingley

## 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.

## The Great Thanksgiving

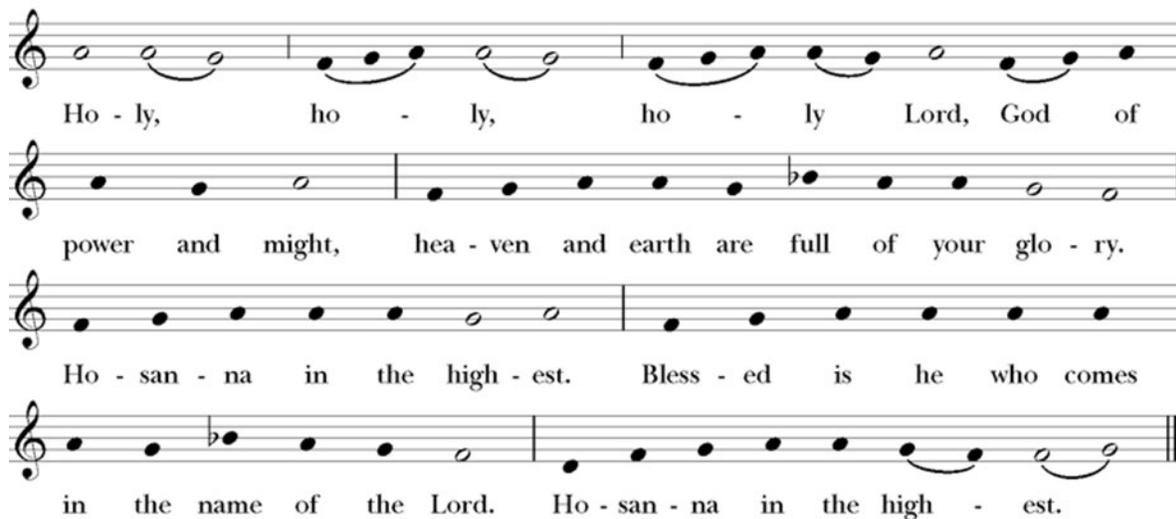
Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361

*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 our thanks and praise.**

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. Amen.

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

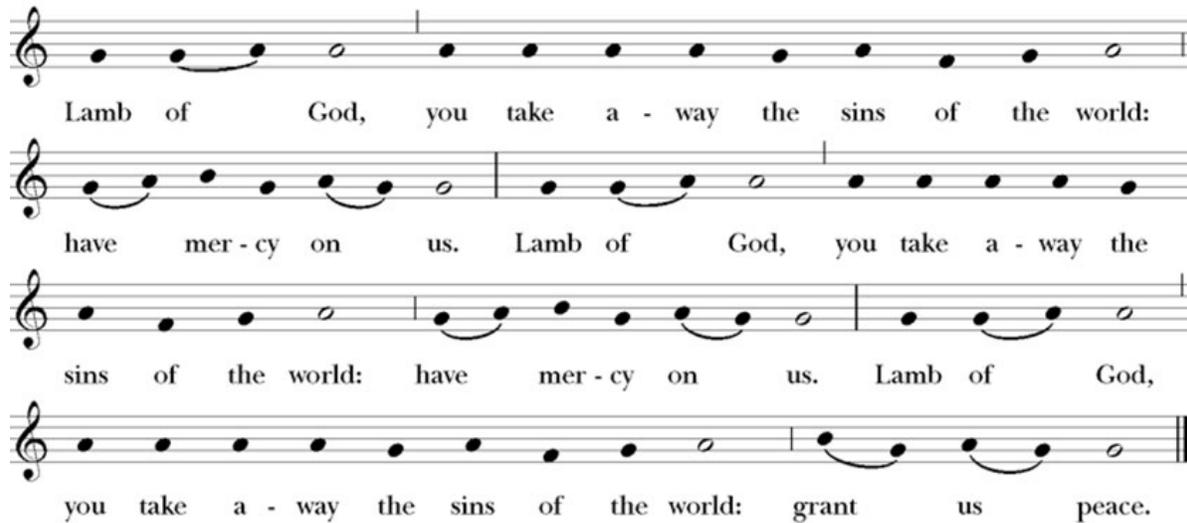
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*Celebrant and People*

**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



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.

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.

*This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. 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 Music

Goldberg/Variation 22  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Communion Hymn

Prepare the Way of the Lord  
Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



Pre-prepare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.

## 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 #75*

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*



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 Dismissal

BCP p.366

*Deacon*  
*People*

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

## Postlude

*Jesus priceless Treasure*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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*Greens on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of Kathleen & Randy Valenta's Birthdays.*

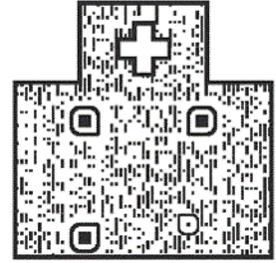
# THE SUNDAY TIMES

## Today, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> The Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music)
- 11:30am, Illuminating Advent

## Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> The Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite I (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) **with Children's Church**
- 11:30am, Special Coffee Hour for George



**Birthdays:** Frances Elkins, Mary Borge, Michael Cummings III, Kathleen Valenta, Andrew Galletti, Ardath Barr, Catherine Valeika

**In our prayers:** Charles, Glen, Pat, Mike, Micki, Drew, Rose, Anthony, Jeannine, Debi, Nikki and Bob, Debbie, Darnell, Sheila, Nicholas, Sandee, Mary, Loretta, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Molly & Jim.

**The Gifts of Giving!** Thank you for your gifts for Lawrence Hall. They will be collected tomorrow Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and distributed accordingly. 😊

### Formation: Illuminating Advent

Join us in formation to journey together through Advent! Every other Sunday in Advent (12/8 and 12/22), we'll gather around the Advent wreath for reflection and discussion on God's gifts to us this season. Each week, we'll also have a special reflection to read, which are available in the back of the church or linked in the E-news, from the Thoughtful Christian. Whether you attend formation or not, please enjoy these brief articles as a way to deepen your faith this Advent as we prepare to receive the greatest gift of all, the Christ child. Sessions on 12/8 and 12/22 will be offered live on Zoom and recorded if you wish to partake but cannot attend in person.

### We have much to celebrate at Emmanuel!

This December, Emmanuel Episcopal Church of LaGrange turns 150 years old! To mark this significant anniversary, we will have a celebration in the sanctuary on the evening of **Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6:00-9:00pm**. We will enjoy fellowship, heavy appetizers, sweets, and drinks. Fun facts about our rich history will be available to enjoy. Please save the date and join us to celebrate the legacy of Emmanuel!

Please also join us for a special coffee hour next **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** after the 10am service as we celebrate George's retirement and his time here at Emmanuel. There will be no adult formation that Sunday.

Our **search process** has begun to find a replacement Organist and Music Director, details can be found on our website [www.emmanuel-lagrange.org/pages/organist-search](http://www.emmanuel-lagrange.org/pages/organist-search), if you are interested and/or know of any suitable candidate. Thank you to the Search Committee for their discernment.

**LTHS Madrigal Christmas Concert** will be here again on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Help needed

A Sign-up Genius has been sent requesting parishioners to sign up and volunteer for The Messiah on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you are available and would like to help but didn't receive anything, please contact Judy in the church office, Tel. 708 352 1275 option 0



*Sing-Along*  
**Messiah**  
BY GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

sunday,  
december 22, 2024  
4:00pm

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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)

### Clergy & Staff

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### Wardens & Vestry

Terry O'Neill, *Senior Warden* Dan Mottl, *Junior Warden*  
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### Serving Today

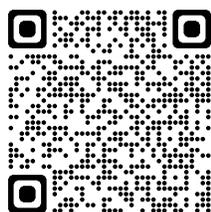
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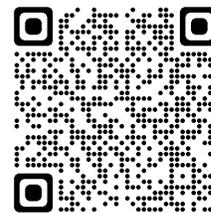
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