

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 29, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(stand as you are able)

The Prelude

Christmas Day in the Morning and In dulci jubilo

arr. Thomas Keesecker

The Processional

On this day

Hymn #92

The Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: **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.**

Song of Praise *(8:00 am)*

From God is Love

from 1 John 4:7-12 (C. Selnick)

Celebrant: From God is love.

**People: Now everyone who loves is born of God,
Whoever does not love, they don't know God;**

Celebrant: For God is love.

**People: In this way, to us, God his love revealed,
God sent His only Son into the world.**

Celebrant: In this is love.

**People: Not that we loved God, but he loved us; Sent
Immanuel, atonement for all sin.**

Celebrant: Immense, God's love.

**People: We ought to love each other, be at peace;
Not one of us has seen the Holy face,**

Celebrant: In us God lives.

As we love, God's love shines, perfecting.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. Amen.

The Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: **A**lmighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13-21

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

A Reading from the Galatians

Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Angels, from the realms of glory

Hymn #93

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Conrad Selnick

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Father enliven the Church for all your people. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Breathe fresh life into all your people. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Lead us into the ways of justice and peace. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Teach us to love the world and all who live in it and for those celebrating birthdays, especially Janet *White* (12/30), Greg *Cox* (01/02), and Kyla *Chapman-Neal* (01/03) and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Scott *Neal* and Kyla *Chapman-Neal* (01/03). Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are presently serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Harry. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick, especially Nancy, Bob, Sydney, Barbara and family, Jim, Yolanda, Delbert, Schelley, those participating in Shelter Care Ministry programs, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who have died, especially Denis and Jean. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Concluding Collect

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Offertory Music

Comfort Ye My People

George Frideric Handel

Zach Hall, voice

Rachel Schmitt, piano

(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 #124

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*To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.*

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(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 him thanks and praise.

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

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

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

Sanctus *(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)

Sanctus and Benedictus

Moderato ♩ = 84

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

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

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

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

Therefore. According to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: **A**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (†) by the holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and Joseph and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem (8:00am spoken)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem (10:30am sung)

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

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

Communion Hymn:

The First Nowell

Hymn #109

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Etternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Hymn #107

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chorale Fantasia: In ducli júbilo BWV 729

J.S. Bach

Announcements

There will be an Epiphany pageant between services on Sunday, January 5th in the church proper. 930 am start time (or soon after). Full congregation welcome! Big deal for the kiddos!

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

Book Club: No Book Club in January. Join us on **Tuesday, February 14th at 1pm** in the Janet James Room. February's choice is "The Women" by Kristin Hannah. "Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path."

Overnight Cafe Update: The Vestry is pleased to announce that Emmanuel and the Jubilee Center are going to partner with Second First Church and assist with their Overnight Cafe program. We are lending the use of the Jubilee Center to house up to 12 women a night during January and February. The program would welcome volunteers in the following ways:

-Volunteer with the Check-In Process from 6:45pm - 8:30pm. A total of two volunteers are needed Monday - Thursday night and four are needed Friday - Sunday night. Volunteers would help register program participants, check bags for any materials restricted from being in the building, and other various tasks.

-Help provide a light dinner: Stews, Casseroles, etc.. Items very easy to cleanup would be welcomed.

Any interested parties should contact Sean Cramer via email at seancramer81@gmail.com or call/text 815-391-4010.

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Ginny Hatwich, Valerie Sanders, & Mark Baldwin

Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Server: Tyler Hillman
 Lector: Kyla Chapman- Neal

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/MC: Stacey LaRosa
 1st Reading: Mille Zimmerman
 2nd Reading: Tyler Hillman
 Prayers of the People: Susan Chambers
 Altar Guild: Maryanne Theyerl

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