Emmanuel Episcopal Church

TThe Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 4, 2024

8:00am & 10:30am



As we gather before the service begins, we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.

Please silence your cell phones.

Prelude Pastorale on 'Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense'

Cruger/arr. Engel

Barbara Simon and Jennifer Smith, flutes Trish Rooney, Organ

Processional Hymn O

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymn #493

The Opening Acclamation

BCP pg. 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP pg. 355

The Gloria (S numbers are located at the front of The Hymnal 1982)

S280

The Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

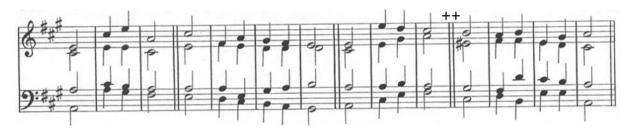
Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Old Testament Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises / to our God! * how pleasant it is to / honor him with praise!

- 2 The LORD re-/builds Jerusalem; * he / gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the / brokenhearted * and / **binds** up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number / of the stars * and / calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and / mighty in power; * there is no / limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts / up the lowly, * but casts the / wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD / with thanksgiving; * make music to our / God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the/ <u>heavens</u> with clouds * and prepares / **rain** for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow u-/pon the mountains * and green / plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for / flocks and herds * and for the young / ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might / of a horse; * he has no pleasure in the / **strength** of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in / those who fear him, * in those who a-/wait his gracious favor.
- ++21 -/Halle-lu-jah!

New Testament I Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks he to God

Gradual Hymn

In Christ, there is no East or West

Hymn #529

The Gospel (stand)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark. 1:29-39

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Message

Steven KinCannon, Seminarian

Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

The Prayers of the People BCP pg. 387

Confession BCP pg. 360

The Peace & Announcements

Offertory Anthem

O Sing with Joy to the Lord Forever

Handel/arr. Liebergen

O sing with joy to the Lord forever, glory and praise we give to the Lord!

Sing alleluia to God adored!

Glory and praise we give to the Lord with a joyful song!

Offertory Response

Hymn #11, vs. 4

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP pg. 367

Sanctus (S numbers are located at the front of The Hymnal 1982)

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The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 364

Agnus Dei (S numbers are located at the front of The Hymnal 1982)

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Communion Duet:

Sonatina from Cantata #106

Bach/arr. Hyslop

Communion Hymn

From thee all skill and science flow

Hymn #566

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP pg. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Hymn #423

Dismissal

<u>Birthdays</u> Eliot Hardesty 02/06, Kathy Torrence (02/06), Rick DeRango (02/07), and David Hatch (02/08)

<u>Prayer list</u> Byron, Amber, Patrick, Larry, Roger the victims of gun violence, the people of Rockford, and Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Iran

Those serving in the military: Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Josh

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Chuck & Ruth Eck from John & Jean Frana.

Adult forum each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Announcements

Thank you to our guest musicians today, Barbara Simon & Jennifer Smith.

The food collection continues. Dry or canned. We're also collecting pet food.

Mardi Gras: Tuesday, February 13 from 530p to 730p. Bring an appetizer or dessert.

Ash Wednesday: February 14th Noon and 6:00pm Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist.

Book Club: will meet on March 12, due to Shrove Tuesday on February 13.

Lent Weekly Study: begins February 21st at 11 in the Sanctuary. Sign up for soup, bread or salad.

<u>Dining out Group:</u> Sitting adjacent to a cozy fire in the toasty, rustic Thunder Bay Grill, nine Emmanuelites enjoyed lunch and fellowship while urging January to be on its way.

February will find the group at "The Machine Shed" on East State Street on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 11:30. All are welcome to call Mary Nielsen for reservations at 815-654-8995. Hope you can join us.

Grief Group: meets next on February 5th at 7 p.m. Entry at parking lot entrance. All are invited to come.

<u>Online Giving:</u> If your pledge payment was rejected by Giving Tools, please update your information and resubmit your payment.

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Jean Frana, Ginny Hatwich, & Valerie Sanders

Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Kyla Chapman-Neal

10:30 a.m.

Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman
1st Reading: Jody Nerhood Edwards
2nd Reading: Jody Nerhood Edwards
Prayers of the People: Jody Nerhood Edwards
Altar Guild: Tyler Hillman
Ushers: John & Rosa Birnbaum

Musicians: Barbara Simon and Jennifer Smith

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