

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



412 N. Church St.
Rockford, IL 61103

*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.
Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Wachet Auf!
Trish Rooney, organist

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn

Sleepers, wake!

Hymn #61

(stand as you are able)

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. (†)

People: *His mercy endures for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: **A**lmighty 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.

Kyrie

(Organ)

Lord,

have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Collect for The First Sunday of Advent

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.*

The Lessons

Old Testament

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you O Lord I lift up my soul;
my God I put my / trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies / triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be / put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disa-/ppointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your / ways O Lord, *
and / **teach** me your paths.

4 Lead me in your / truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I / trusted all the day long.

+5 Remember O Lord, your com-/passion and love, *
for they / are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and / my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love,
and for the sake / of your goodness O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright / is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches / sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in / doing right *
and teaches his / **way** to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are / love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his / cove-nant and his testimonies.

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(stand as you are able)

Gradual Hymn

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Hymn #66

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

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

John 18:33-37

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will

see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Diane Tomlinson

A moment of silence is observed after the sermon

Nicene Creed

*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.*

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, for the Episcopal Anglicana of Brazil, for the Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Paula our Bishop-elect, and Chilton our Assisting Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Rockford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Maryanne, Nick, Rich, Sam, Sean, Lauren, the Degner & Jury families, Margaret, Barbara, Brody, Jack, and Michelle, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays especially, Zak DeRango (12/01) and Jody Nerhood Edwards (12/04), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Margy and Andrew, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

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

People: 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: **A**lmighty 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.

Offertory Anthem

“Prepare Thyself, Zion”

J.S. Bach

Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection, the purest, the fairest this day to receive.

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.

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 (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.**

(10:30 sung) **Sanctus**

(Organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

(kneeling or seated)

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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 2/2 time, G major. The first staff is labeled "(Organ)" and contains the melody for "We re - mem - ber his". The second staff contains the melody for "death, We pro - claim his res - ur - rec - tion,". The third staff contains the melody for "We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.".

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 [_____ 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.
A period of silence is kept.*

Agnus Dei (8:00am spoken)

Celebrant and People:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.**

(10:30 sung) **Agnus Dei**

(Organ)

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.

Celebrant: **T**he Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will invite people forward by pew. Place your palms face up to receive bread. You may dip the bread in the chalice or drink directly from the chalice. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms. Please indicate to the priest if you need a gluten-free wafer or grape juice.

If you wish to light a prayer candle, they are located on the right side as you enter the Sanctuary.

Communion Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion
Jennifer Smith, flute

Hymn #65

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

***E**ternal 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

Hark! the glad sound!

Hymn #72

Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

“Hark! The Glad Sound! on moto maestoso”

Bouman

Announcements

We're collecting funds for the Jubilee members Christmas gift cards. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel and put Jubilee gift card in the memo.

What word comes to your mind during Advent? The true meaning of Christmas can often get lost during the rush of the season; the parties, baking, shopping and wrapping of presents. The Aspire committee is offering an opportunity to share a short reflection about words of faith during the upcoming Advent Season. In the Narthex you'll find a list of twenty-four words to choose from; just add your name next to the word you would like to write about. Join us in sharing how your "chosen" word's purpose or meaning are part of your look ahead to the coming.

Christmas at the Soup Kitchen: This year the special holiday meal for our soup kitchen guests at the Jubilee Center falls right on Christmas day. We realize this might be a conflict for some of the volunteers who have participated in this annual tradition in the past. So, we are putting out a request to everyone to see who will be able to help on Saturday, Dec. 25. New volunteers are welcome! There will be different volunteer shifts: food prep & set-up from 9:30-11:30 am, serving meals from 11:30 am-1:30 pm, and clean-up from 12:30-2 pm. Please contact Tammy Lewis or John Birnbaum if you can help (Tammy at 815 601-8612 / mstam7@aol.com; John at 815 209-6822 / jrbirnbaum@aol.com). Thank you!

Book Club: The Book club meets on December 7th at Diane's. December's book is "Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream" by Joshua Davis. Four undocumented Mexican-American students, two great teachers, one robot-building contest... and a major motion picture. In 2004, four Latino teenagers arrived at the Marine Advanced Technology Education Robotics Competition at the University of California, Santa Barbara. They were born in Mexico but raised in Phoenix, Arizona, where they attended an underfunded public high school. No one had ever suggested to Oscar, Cristian, Luis, or Lorenzo that they might amount to much - but two inspiring science teachers had convinced these impoverished, undocumented kids from the desert who had never even seen the ocean that they should try to build an underwater robot. And build a robot they did.

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8:00 a.m.

Server:

10:30 a.m.

Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa

Old Testament: Andrea Werner

Epistle: Stacey LaRosa

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