

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

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 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.



Trisagion

Unison
Voices

Organ

Ped.

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

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mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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 Isaiah

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the / cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-/nasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to / help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.
- 4 O LORD God of / hosts, *
how long will you be angered,
despite the prayers of your / people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of / tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to / drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our / neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to / scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right / hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for your-/self.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from / you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your / Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.

Epistle

A Reading from First Corinthians

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Jesus came, adored by angels

Hymn #454

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 13:24-37

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(seated)

Sermon

The Reverend 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, 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, 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 Joseph, 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 Jan, Byron, Amber, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Rockford, Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine, 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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Jody Nerhood-Edwards (12/4), Linnea Liken-Aduddell (12/5), Noel Saenz (12/6), Kay Hatch (12/7), Ruth Wheaton-Cox (12/8), and Emmarie Wilson (12/9), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are presently serving in the military, especially Pierce, Hayden, Nate, Colin, Tyler, and Josh, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession

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

(you may kneel or be seated)

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: 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 and Announcements

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

I'm Gonna Rise

*I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down, when the saints go marching in!
I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down! Gonna sing with the heavenly crowd.
I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down, evermore to be with Him!
There'll be singing and shouting and praising the Lord! Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu!
There is coming a morning, afternoon or night, when the King of Kings will break through the sky!
Oh Praise the Lord, His coming is sure, could be any moment now.
So I will not fear the battles, I'll not fear the storms, 'cause He's building me a home.
So I'm waiting and watching, looking and working, until that glorious hour when I'm gonna rise...
We sing glory, and honor, power to the Lamb, Who is worthy to receive all the praise!
And He shall reign forevermore. He who Was and Is to come.
So I will stand and be counted, I'll fight to the end, 'cause with Jesus, I, yes I have won!
So I'm waiting and watching, looking and working, until that glorious hour when I'm gonna rise...*

(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 #76

vs. 5

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit ever more.*

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer B

(standing)

The Sursum Corda *(8:00am spoken)*

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 God thanks and praise.*

(10:30am sung)

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God 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.

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.*

(10:30am sung)



(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;



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 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.

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

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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

For those who prefer not to drink from the Chalice, make your way to the Baptistry where an individual portion is available.

An Alcohol free alternative is also available at the Baptistry.

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.

Communion Hymn

the angels sang

Hymn #426

Songs of praise

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 (†)

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Wachet Auf

J.G. Walther

Fall Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel– Children's Wing

9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum- Undercroft

9:30 a.m. Sunday School- Children's Wing

10:30 a.m. Sung Holy Eucharist

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour- Undercroft

Announcements

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

Next Sunday, December 10th there will be no coffee hour.

Stewardship 2024: letters and pledge cards have gone out in the mail. Please return your pledge card by December 17th.

Lessons and Carols is Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m. A reception follows in the Undercroft.

Book Club will meet via zoom December 12 at 7 p.m. December's book is "The War that Saved My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. An exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II.

The Book Club for the coming months: **January-** No meeting. **February-** Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. A reimagining of "David Copperfield" as a tale set in Southern Appalachia brings humanity and humor to a region and people who have long endured exploitation and condescension.

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Group is using N'T Wright's video series "Themes in the Gospel of John."

Building on the success of the Bears/Packers food collection: a basket is in the narthex for an ongoing food collection. Please drop off canned or dry food to benefit the Rock River Valley Pantry.

Once again, we are asking for donations to purchase gift cards for the Jubilee members. If you would like to donate, please label your donation "Jubilee Gift Cards." The cards will be given to members at their annual Christmas party.

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In this time of global conflict, we pray for our military. If you would like someone's name added to the Prayer List, please email the office by Thursday.

The Rockford University Choirs, under the direction of Timm Adams will present a one-of-a-kind holiday concert on Friday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Maddox Theater. "Starry Night Morning Light" will journey from the dark of night to the exquisite light of morning and celebrate the season in a contemplative yet joyous collection of holiday classics and other gems. There's an air of Appalachia in this unique program, accompanied by piano, fiddle, and oboe. Tickets will be available at the Box Office.

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Maryanne Theyerl, & Jean Frana

Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Lector: Valerie Sanders

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa
1st Reading: Mary Kaull
2nd Reading: Teddy Aribisala
Prayers of the People: Jody Nerhood Edwards
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