

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

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

Noël on 'O Come Divine Messiah'

Charpentier

Wayne Hatwich, organist

Processional Hymn

O come, O come Emmanuel

Hymn #56

(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

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
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Collect for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Old Testament

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

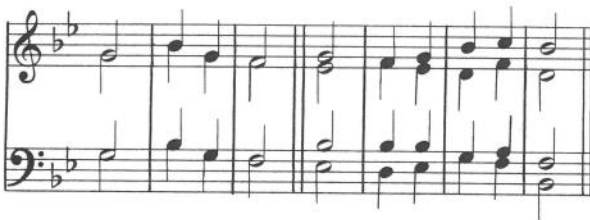
1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned up-/ on the cherubim.

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?

(cont.)



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 a-/ way 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 Paul's Letter to the Romans

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

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

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 Matthew

Matthew 1:18-25

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Alleluia! A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel. Alleluia!
(choir)

(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 Nancy, Kylla, the people of Ukraine and Rockford, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays especially, Thailer *Castrey* (12/20), Elizabeth *Castrey* (12/21), and Marilyn *Freedlund* (12/23), 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.

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: **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 and Announcements

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

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

Today the Virgin

John Tavener

1. Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Word eternal:

(Refrain): Rejoice, O World! with the Angels and the Shepherds
Give glory to the Child! Alleluia!

2. Mary, my wife, O Mary, my wife! What do I see? I took you blameless before the Lord From the priests
of the Temple. What do I see? *(Refrain)*

3. Joseph, the Bridegroom, O Joseph, the Bridegroom! Do not fear. God in His mercy has come down to
earth, He takes flesh in my womb For all the world to see. *(Refrain)*

4. Mary, my Bride, O Mary, my Bride! What do I see? You a Virgin giving birth. Strange mystery! *(Refrain)*

5. Joseph, the Bridegroom, O Joseph, the Bridegroom! Do not fear. God in His mercy has come down to
earth, He takes flesh in my womb For all the world to see.

6. Warned by the Angel we believe That Mary gives birth inexplicable To the infant , Christ our God.
(Refrain)

(8:00am spoken)

Offertory Response

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.

People: *And of thine own have we given thee.*

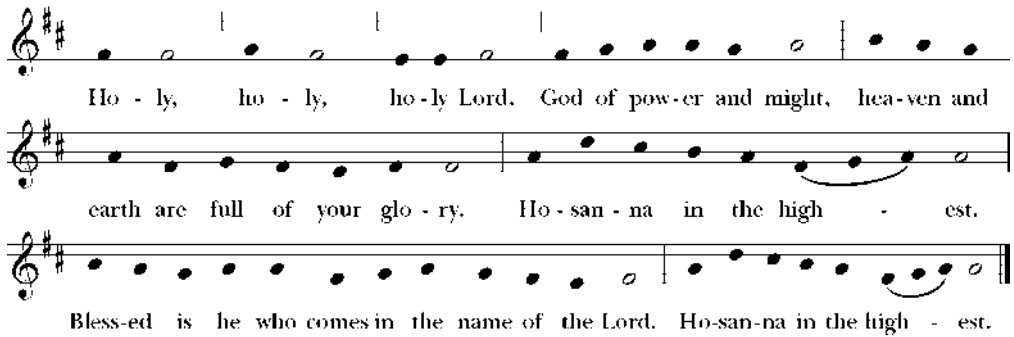
(10:30am sung)

Offertory Response

Hymn #68

vs. 3

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus now appear;
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er 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.

(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.

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.*

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: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn

Creator of the Stars of night

Hymn #60

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 (†)

Recessional Hymn

The angel Gabriel

Hymn #265

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Noël for 'The Coming of Christmas'

Charpentier

Announcements

If you have not turned in your pledge for 2023, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Please turn in your Christmas flower donations today.

Jubilee Christmas gift cards: We are collecting donations for McDonald's gift cards for Jubilee members to be distributed at their December Christmas party.

Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm on Zoom. January's book is "The Dickens Boy" by Thomas Keneally. Edward Dickens, the tenth child of England's most famous author Charles Dickens, has consistently let his parents down. Unable to apply himself at school and adrift in life, the teenaged boy is sent to Australia in the hopes that he can make something of himself—or at least fail out of the public eye.

He soon finds himself in the remote Outback, surrounded by Aboriginals, colonials, ex-convicts, ex-soldiers, and very few women. Determined to prove to his parents and more importantly, himself, that he can succeed in this vast and unfamiliar wilderness, Edward works hard at his new life amidst various livestock, bushrangers, shifty stock agents, and frontier battles.

Blue Christmas: For those who find the holiday season less than merry, join us December 21 at 6:00 pm for a Blue Christmas Service.

The Soup Kitchen is asking for cash donations to buy turkeys for the annual Christmas lunch. Please make a **separate check** payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church designating soup kitchen Christmas in the memo line.

Looking for something rewarding to do on Christmas Eve? Come join the merry little elves from Emmanuel on Saturday, December 24 at the Jubilee Center. We'll be serving the annual Christmas meal of turkey with all the trimmings to the soup kitchen guests at noon. We need shifts of volunteers for turkey carving, meal prep, and set up in the morning and serving, assisting, and clean up in the afternoon. If you can help, let us know what you would like to do and we'll get you scheduled. Contact Tammy Lewis at 815 601-8612 / mstam7@aol.com or John Birnbaum at 815 209-6822 / jrbirnbaum@aol.com.

Also, we need carolers to add to the festivities. If you love to sing holiday music, please enter at the back door of the Jubilee Center at 11.50 am. All music will be provided, and ugly Christmas sweaters are perfectly acceptable! No need to RSVP for singing, but please do contact Tammy or John (info above) for helping with the soup kitchen. THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

The Rockford Chapter of the AGO will present an organ concert and carol sing on Thursday, December 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Westminster Presbyterian Church (2821 N. Bell School Road). Henry Rye, one of the chapters 2022 scholarship recipients and a student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, will be the featured performer along with other Rockford organists. Admission is free. A freewill offering will benefit the Kay Hotchkiss Scholarship Fund.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

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

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Dennis Horton
Old Testament: Tyler Hillman
Epistle: Susan Chambers
Prayers of the People: Millie Zimmerman
Altar Guild: Mary Johnson
Ushers: John Birnbaum & Cheryl Rogers

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Worship Services at Emmanuel

December 21st 5:00 p.m. Blue Christmas

December 24th 4:00 p.m. Family Service

8:30 p.m. Prelude

9:00 p.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

December 25th 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day (spoken)

January 1st 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

