

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

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

Love

*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.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Variations on "Lo, how a rose e'er blooming"
Wayne Hatwich, organist

Josef Abrens

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: 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.

Kyrie

(Organ)

Lord,

have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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 Micah.

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #438

Tell out my soul

The Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(stand as you are able)

Gradual Hymn

The angel Gabriel

Hymn #265

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

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

Luke 3:7-18

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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 Church of the Province of Central Africa, for the youth in our cities and communities affected by violence, and the perpetrators of violence, 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, the Degner & Jury families, Smith family, and for the victims of the tornadoes, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays especially, Thailer *Castrey* (12/20), Elizabeth *Castrey* (12/21), Carol *Jambor-Smith* (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, especially Margaret and Jeff, 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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
(see #81 for the text)

Adelmann

(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 #59

*Honor, glory, might and blessing to the Father and the Son;
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.*

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.

(10:30 sung)

The musical notation is presented in four systems, each starting with a treble clef and a flat key signature (B-flat). The first system is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." and "And al-so with you." The second system is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third system is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth system is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The notation uses various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines.

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**

The musical score is written on six staves in 3/2 time with a key signature of one flat. The first staff is labeled '(Organ)'. The lyrics are: 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;**

(Organ) We re - mem - ber his
death, We pro - claim his res - ur - rec - tion,
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 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

world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: grant us peace.

The musical score is written on seven staves. The first staff is an organ introduction in 3/2 time, marked '(Organ)'. The subsequent six staves are for a vocal line. The lyrics are: '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 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The music is in a minor key and features various melodic lines with slurs and ties.

Communion Hymn*Creator is 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 (†)

(standing)

Recessional Hymn*The King shall come when morning dawns***Hymn #73****Dismissal**

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

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

Postlude*Noël 'A la venue de Noël'**Louis-Claude Daquin*

Announcements

With the rise of the Omicron variant, we are reminding everyone to wear a mask in church, take advantage of the hand sanitizer in the back of the church, and keep social distance when possible.

Each day check out our Facebook page for a short meditation of the Advent word of the day.

Book Club January Selection "Dinner with Edward" by Isabel Vincent. In January the book club will meet via Zoom the date is January 11th at 7pm. When Isabel meets Edward, both are at a crossroads: he wants to follow his late wife to the grave, and she is ready to give up on love.

Thinking she is merely helping Edward's daughter--who lives far away and has asked her to check in on her nonagenarian dad in New York--Isabel has no idea that the man in the kitchen baking the sublime roast chicken and light-as-air apricot soufflé will end up changing her life. As Edward and Isabel meet weekly for the glorious dinners that Edward prepares, he shares so much more than his recipes for apple galette or the perfect martini, or even his tips for deboning poultry. Edward is teaching Isabel the luxury of slowing down and taking the time to think through everything she does, to deconstruct her own life, cutting it back to the bone and examining the guts, no matter how messy that proves to be.

Soup Kitchen Update- We are planning to serve a turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas day at noon. We are in need of financial donations to help with covering the cost of this Christmas meal. Please bring or send checks payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church with soup kitchen donation written on the memo line or give your donation directly to Tammy Lewis or John Birnbaum, Soup Kitchen Coordinators.

As part of our community outreach, we would also like to provide our soup kitchen guests with some items they need during the holidays. If you can help with this, please contact Tammy (815 601-8612) who has a list of specific items. These include men's boots sizes 8.5 or 9 and 9.5 or 10, ladies boots size 9.5, men's winter coats sizes 2X and 3X, men's boxer shorts in dark colors sizes L, XL, 2X, warm hat with ear flaps, men's L and XL gloves, and personal hygiene items. All your donations are greatly appreciated!

We will be blessing Creche Jesus at the 4 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. If you would like to have your infant Jesus blessed at the same time, please bring yours.

The office will be closed December 27th through January 1st.

Diane will be on vacation until January 4th.

Please contact Douglas Rogers with any pastoral needs.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

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

10:30 a.m. **Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa**
 Old Testament: Phil James
 Epistle: Mark Baldwin
 Prayers of the People: Timothy Borden
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