

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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

O Come Divine Messiah

*Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier*

*Wayne Hatwich, organist*

*(1734-94)*

### Processional Hymn

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

**Hymn #67**

*(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

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Ho - ly

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

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

## Collect for The Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**M**erciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 40:1-11*

**C**omfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep

### **The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*



### **Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O / Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of / Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people \*  
and blotted out all their / sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is / saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people,  
and to those who turn their hearts to / him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear / him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our / land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met to-/ gether; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each / other.

(cont.)



11 Truth shall spring up from the / earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from / heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant pros-/ perity, \*  
and our land will yield its / increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before / him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his / feet.

## Epistle

### A Reading from Second Peter

*II Peter 3:8-15a*

**D**o not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

### The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### Gradual Hymn

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

**Hymn #75**

*(stand as you are able)*

## **The Gospel**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

*Mark 1:1-8*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**T**he beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

## **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."*

**F**or 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.*

**F**or 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.*

**F**or our President Joseph, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or 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.*

**F**or 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.*

**F**or the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Jan, Byron, Amber, Susan, the people of Rockford, Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine, and the victims of the shooting at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or 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.*

**F**or all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or those celebrating birthdays, especially David *Hooks* (12/12), Tammy *Hooks* (12/12), Rob *Manyer* (12/16), and Scott *Miles* (12/16), let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or 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: **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**

Prepare Thyself, Zion BWV 248

*J. S. Bach*

*Aria from Christmas Oratorio, part I (4)*

Soloist: Cassie Sturtevant, Mezzo Soprano

*Prepare thyself, Zion with tender affection,  
The purest, the fairest this day to receive.  
Thou must meet Him, with a heart, with love overflowing!  
Haste then, with ardor the Bridegroom to welcome.*



## 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:** We 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.*

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

*Savior of the nations, come!*

Hymn #54

## 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**

*Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!*

**Hymn #65**

**Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude**

Savior of the Nations, Come!

*Paul Manz*

## 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

**Due to setup for Lessons and Carols, there will be no coffee hour today.**

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

**Lessons and Carols is today 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.** Advent Bible Study continues using NT Wright's video series on Advent.

**We continue to collect food for the Rock River Valley Pantry.** Collection baskets are in the Narthex.

**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.

**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.

**Dining Out Group:** Just after Christmas, Thursday, December 28th at 11:30 the Dining Out Group will enjoy lunch at The Norwegian Restaurant on N. Main Street. The hot topic will probably be reminiscing about December 25. Call Mary Nielsen to make your reservation at 815-654-8995. Come, relax with us!

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## Assisting in the Liturgy

**8:00 a.m.      Lector: Mary Kowing**

**10:30 a.m.      Crucifer/Server: Tyler Hillman  
1st Reading: Tyler Hillman  
2nd Reading: Tamara Ross  
Prayers of the People: Tyler Hillman  
Altar Guild: Tyler Hillman  
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