

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 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.

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

Savior of the Nations, Come BWV 659
Wayne Hatwich, organist

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Hymn #57

(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: Merciful 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.

Kyrie

(Organ)

Lord,

have mercy. Christ, have

mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for The Second 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 Book of Malachi.

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus* *Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of / Israel; *
he has come to his / people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a / mighty savior, *
born of the house / of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our / enemies, *
from the / hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy / to our fathers *
and to remember his / holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father / Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands / of our enemies.
Free to worship him / without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight / all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet / of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord / to prepare his way.
To give his people knowledge / of salvation *
by the for-/ giveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion / of our God *
the dawn from on high / shall break upon us.
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the / shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet in-/ to the way of peace.

The Second Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(stand as you are able)

Gradual Hymn

What is the crying at Jordan?

Hymn #69

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

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

Luke 3:1-6

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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 Anglican Church of Burundi, for the Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services, for the organizations of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk, 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, Tyler, Charlie, and Melinda let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays especially, Linnea *Liken-Aduddell* (12/05), Noel *Saenz* (12/06), Sybil *White* (12/06), Kay *Hatch* (12/07), and Ruth *Wheaton-Cox* (12/08), 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, Margaret, 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.

Blessing of the Jubilee Scarves

*Celebrant: M*ay God's grace be upon these scarves that they may be warming, comforting, and embracing. May they wrap each recipient in security and well-being, Sustaining them in good times as well as difficult ones. May each one who receives a scarf be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. We ask this in the name of Jesus who came to us in great humility. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem

Carol of the Advent: 'People, look East'
Chanton, bargiès, Nous' Translation: Eleanor Farjeon

Besaçon carol

1. People, look East, the time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth, and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish that in course the flow'r may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.
3. Birds though ye long have ceased to build Guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen He for fledgling-time has chosen. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Bird is on the way.
4. Stars keep the watch when night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim. Shining beyond the frosty weather Bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.
5. Angels announce to man and beast Him who comets from the East. Set every peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

(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.*

(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.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus. It consists of six staves of music in a 3/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-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.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

(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 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.

Communion Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymn #67

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal 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! a thrilling voice is sounding

Hymn #59

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Josef Abrens

Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Server: Fred Pelley

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Dennis Horton
Old Testament: Mary Kaull
Epistle: Nancy Sauer
Prayers of the People: Stacey LaRosa
Altar Guild: Julie Beck & Tyler Hillman
Ushers: Kevin Gayden & John Birnbaum

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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.

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.

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!

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.