

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Advent

**December 11, 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.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

Partita on Chesterfield  
*Trish Rooney, organist*

*Bouman*

### Processional Hymn

*Hark! the glad sound!*

Hymn #72

*(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.*

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## Old Testament

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
 the unclean shall not travel on it,  
 but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
 No lion shall be there,  
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
 but the redeemed shall walk there.  
 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
 and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*



**Psalm 146:4-9**

4 **H**appy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help! \*  
 whose hope is / in the LORD their God;  
 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that / is in them; \*  
 who / keeps his promise for ever;  
 6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed, \*  
 and / food to those who hunger.  
 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
 the LORD opens the eyes / of the blind; \*  
 the LORD lifts up / those who are bowed down;  
 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
 the LORD cares / for the stranger; \*  
 he sustains the orphan and widow,  
 but / frustrates the way of the wicked.  
 9 The LORD shall / reign for ever, \*  
 your God O Zion throughout all generations.  
 Halle-lu-jah!

## Epistle

### A Reading from James

*James 5:7-10*

**B**e patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### 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 Matthew

*Matthew 11:2-11*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**W**hen John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*Alleluia! Behold, I send my messenger before your face who shall prepare your way before you. Alleluia!*

*(choir)*

*(seated)*

### The Sermon

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

*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**

**W**ith 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 Nancy, Kylla, the people of Ukraine and Rockford, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or those celebrating birthdays especially, David *Hooks* (12/12), Tammy *Hooks* (12/12), and Rob *Manyer* (12/16), 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.*

*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

Go and Tell John

*Pfautsch*

*Go and tell John what you see and hear; that the blind recover their sight.  
Go and tell John what you see and hear; that the lame are able to walk.  
Go and tell John what you see and hear; that the deaf are able to hear.  
Go and tell John what you see and hear; that the sick regain their health.  
Go and tell John what you see and hear; that the dead are raised to life.  
Happy is the man who comes to me.  
Happy is the man who believes in me for he shall see God.*

*(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**

*On Jordan's bank*

Hymn #76

**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 (†)**

**Recessional Hymn**

*Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!*

Hymn #74

**Dismissal**

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude**

Partita on Chesterfield

*Bouman*

# Announcements

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

**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, December 13th at 7pm on Zoom.** December's book is "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Michelle Richardson. Inspired by the true and historical blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* showcases a first in traditionally published literary novels— a bold and unique story and tale of fierce strength and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere.

**Each Wednesday during Advent from 11:30 to 1:00** we will examine and reflect on a different piece of art for Advent. A short devotion and Eucharist will begin our time. Followed by lunch and a time of reflection. Sign up to bring soup, salad, or bread

**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!!

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## Assisting in the Liturgy

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

**10:30 a.m.**      **Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa**  
**Old Testament: Timothy Borden**  
**Epistle: Cheryl Rogers**  
**Prayers of the People: Stacey LaRosa**  
**Altar Guild: Tyler Hillman**  
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# Nine Lessons and Carols

2022

## Emmanuel Festival Choir

Wayne Hatwich, Director

Trish Rooney, Organist

following the tradition of  
the Christmas Eve service, broadcast annually  
from King's College in Cambridge, England  
featuring  
readers from the greater Rockford community  
guest choristers joining Emmanuel Choir  
a reception follows



A Festival

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## Worship Services at Emmanuel

Today at 4:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols

December 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 p.m. Blue Christmas

December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Family Service

December 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 p.m. Prelude

9:00 p.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day

January 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist