

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 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

Once He Came In Blessing
Trish Rooney, organist

Burkehardt

Processional Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymn #76

(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 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 Zephaniah

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
 at the time when I gather you;
 for I will make you renowned and praised
 among all the peoples of the earth,
 when I restore your fortunes
 before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9:

“The First Song of Isaiah”

Jack Noble White

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:

ISAIAH 12: 2-6*

JACK NOBLE WHITE

Slow

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the

Lord vng-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

1. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
 from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say,
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; **Refrain**
2. Make his deeds known among the peoples;
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
 and this is known in all the world. **Refrain**
3. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Refrain (*sung twice*)

The Second Reading
A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(stand as you are able)

Gradual Hymn

Once he came in blessing

Hymn #53

(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.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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 Canada, 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, and Smith family, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays especially, David *Hooks (12/12)*, Tammy *Hooks (12/12)*, Lauren *Thomas (12/14)*, Mendy *Thomas (12/16)*, and Steven *Wanninger (12/18)*, 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

Advent Carol

Fedak

1. Desert, blossom as a rose – Rising, radiant as it grows, All arrayed in crimson show; Come to us, O God of Hope. Thirsty land, become a stream – Flowing fountain, calm serene, Clear cascade from heaven above; Come to us, O God of Love.
Alleluia!
2. Weakened hands, be now made strong; Silent tongues, break forth in song; Blinded eyes, your sight employ; Come to us, O God of Joy. Soon a pathway shall be found; For the faithful, holy ground, Safe from angry, warring beast; Come to us, O God of Peace.
Alleluia!
3. Sing God's praise, Jerusalem! Hope, joy, love and peace shall come; Sorrow, sighing now dispel; Come to us, Emmanuel. King of glory, Soul of bliss, Everlasting life is this: Thee to know, Thy power to prove, Thus to sing, and thus to love. Alleluia!

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**

(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: **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;**

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 2/2 time, G major. The first staff is labeled "(Organ)" and contains the melody for "We re - mem - ber his". The second staff contains the melody for "death, We pro - claim his res - ur - rec - tion,". The third staff contains the melody for "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

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymn #75

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

Blest be the King whose coming

Hymn #74

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Once He Came In Blessing

J.S. Bach

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.

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 are pleased to announce that Jubilee Scarves collected 625 new, hand-made scarves this year as well as dozens of hats. Hundreds of people in Rockford and around the nation have contributed their talents to these creations which are small gestures of love and warmth. Many of these came from our congregation at Emmanuel and we wish to thank all of you that gave of yourself to make this possible. The scarves, each hand labeled, begin their journey at the Jubilee Center on St. Nicholas Day, but from there go on to Miss Carly's, Carpenter's place, the Veteran's Drop-in Center, and other shelters around the area to spread a little bit of joy this time of year as each recipient has the opportunity to select one that suits their taste. This program was started to honor the memory of Emma Cox, part of the Emmanuel Family, who lost her battle with mental health five years ago, but who was a strong advocate for mental health services in the community. Emma's family thanks each of you for your love and support.

Greening of the church will take place on Sunday, December 19th following the 10:30am service. We would like to have men to assist with the wreaths and swags.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. This year Emmanuel Guild is getting together to celebrate by having a Christmas Luncheon at the home of Kathy Torrence on December 16th from 11:30 - 1:30 @1307 National Avenue, Rockford. The luncheon will be fun filled with delicious home cooking, an optional small gift exchange, (\$15.00) and Christmas caroling lead by our own choir director Trish Rooney. Hope you'll be able to join us as a member or as our guest.

-Rosa Birnbaum. R.S.V.P. 815-988-3230 or kapt1@comcast.net.

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

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Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m. Server: Dawn DiVenti

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Server: Dale Thomas
Old Testament: Michael Smith
Epistle: Tamara Ross
Prayers of the People: Jennifer Smith
Altar Guild: Gale Degner
Ushers: Kevin Gayden & John Birnbaum

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