

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 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.*

*We also ask you to silence your phones.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Prelude

Hark the Glad Sound

*Paul Bouman*

*Trish Rooney, Organist*

### Processional Hymn

*On Jordan's bank*

**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: **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

Ped.

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

10

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

## 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 61:1-4, 8-11*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;

all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*



### **Psalm 126**

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of / Zion, \*  
then were we like those who / dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of / joy.

3 Then they said among the / nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for / them."

4 The LORD has done great things for / us, \*  
and we are glad in-/deed.

5 Restore our fortunes O / LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the / Negev.

6 Those who sowed with / tears \*  
will reap with songs of / joy.

+7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their / sheaves.

# Epistle

## A Reading from First Thessalonians

*I Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

### The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual Hymn

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

**Hymn #66**

*(stand as you are able)*

## The Gospel

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*John 1:6-8,19-28*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*(seated)*

## Sermon

The Reverend 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."*

**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 Byron, Amber, Susan, Donna, Tony, Patrick, the victims of gun violence, and the people of Rockford, Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine, 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, especially Jan, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or those celebrating birthdays, especially Steve *Wanninger* (12/18), Thailer *Castrey* (12/20), Elizabeth *Castrey* (12/21), and Marilyn *Freedlund* (12/23), 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:** 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

O Come, Divine Messiah

*O come, Divine Messiah. The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.*

*Dear Savior haste! Come, come to earth.*

*Dispel the night and show Thy face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.*

*O Thou whom nations sighed for, whom priest and prophet long foretold,  
Wilt break the captive fetters, redeem the long-lost fold.*

*(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 #76**

vs. 5

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit ever more.*

# 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.*

*(10:30am sung)*

*Celebrant*      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

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.*

(10:30am 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hosanna in the Highest'. It consists of six staves of music in 2/2 time, written in a single melodic line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with '(Organ)' and the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly,'. The second staff continues with 'ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The third staff has 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The fourth staff has 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The fifth staff has 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the' and the sixth staff concludes with '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 measures containing rests.

(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.

The image shows a musical score for an organ. It consists of three staves of music in 2/2 time. 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.*

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

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Hymn #59

## Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

*E*tternal 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 (†)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
 People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

Hark the Glad Sound

*Paul Bouman*

## Announcements

Please join us in the undercroft for coffee hour each Sunday  
 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Stewardship 2024:** Please return your pledge card today.

**December 21st the longest night** a Memorial Service for the Homeless 3pm at Beattie Park.

**December 22nd Blue Christmas service** Brooke Rd Methodist Church, Rockford Urban Ministries led by Diane Tomlinson.

**Book Club for the coming months:** **January-** No meeting. **February-** “Demon Copperhead” by Barbara Kingsolver. **March–** “The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois” by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers.

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

**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!

**The congregation is invited to join the choir as they carol for parish shut-ins today.** Please meet in the narthex after the 10:30 service if you would like to join the choir in spreading Christmas Cheer!

The office will be closed December 26th–January 2nd.

## Worship Services at Emmanuel

December 24th at 10:00 a.m. Advent IV Spoken

December 24th at 4:00 p.m. Family Service

December 24th at 8:30 p.m. Prelude

9:00 p.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

December 25th at 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Spoken Holy Eucharist

December 31st at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer



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## Assisting in the Liturgy

8:00 a.m.      Lector: Clare Kagan

10:30 a.m.      Crucifer/Server: Stacey LaRosa  
1st Reading: Dennis Horton  
2nd Reading: Mary Dammann  
Prayers of the People: Theresa Sinks  
Altar Guild: Mary Johnson  
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