



# Emmanuel Church†

Sunday, December 20, 2020

The Fourth Sunday in Advent - Year B  
Morning Prayer from Enriching Our Worship 1  
10:00 AM



## THE WORD OF GOD

**PRELUDE**

Les bons bourgeois de Chartres

C. Daquin

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

### OPENING SENTENCE

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

R: **And your glory all the day long.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia

†Emmanuel Church was added to the national register of historic places in 1996.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE RESPONSE: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26** *Misericordias Domini*

*Said by all*

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast \*  
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him \*  
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

## **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE**

**LUKE 1:26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SERMON**

**THE REV. DELLA WAGER WELLS**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant* Hear our cry, O God.  
*People* **And listen to our prayer.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## SUFFRAGES A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A PRAYER FOR MISSION**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Bishop, Nicholas; our Presiding Bishop, Michael; Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; and all bishops, priests, and deacons. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Thomas, Alton; St. Thomas, Greenville; and S. Stephen's, Providence.  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for our President, Donald, our President-Elect, Joseph; our Governor, Gina; our Mayor, Jeanne-Marie; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering especially remembering especially Diane (*pronounced Dee-On*); Charlie; Lou; Katie; Mike; Rob; Liz; Dena; Deb; Nora; Roger; Judy; Barbara; CJ; Norman; Donald; Mike; Thomas; Walker; Heidi; Mandy; and Evelyn  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to Ed Booth, who died on December 11, 2020, and to all the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Bless our Emmanuel community, especially our sexton and members of the Property Committee, and for all whose lives are closely linked with ours. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **THE AGAPE MEAL**

*Please have a small piece of bread and a sip of a beverage we will consume together following the prayers.*

### **A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BREAD**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; you have fed us with the bread of life in the Body of your Son. Feed us now with your presence among us and your presence in your Word. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR WINE**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of Jesus Christ, crucified yet risen. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please eat and drink together in silence for a few moments.*

### **A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

*We thank you Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **FAMILY MEETING**

**POSTLUDE**

Noel Suisse

C. Daquin

**MANY THANKS THIS MORNING** go to Acolyte: Bobby Gaines; Altar Guild: Sandy Chapman; Readers: Nancy Allan and Maris Humphreys; and our Intercessor Al Lyons.

**Please email the office** at [admin@emmanuelnewport.org](mailto:admin@emmanuelnewport.org) or call us at 401-847-0675 by Mondays with any prayer requests or announcements you would like to share.

**Please email poinsettia information** to [admin@emmanuelnewport.org](mailto:admin@emmanuelnewport.org) as soon as possible. Checks may be payable (minimum of \$15) to Emmanuel Church, with "Flower Fund" on the memo line, or you through VANCO (please go to our website: [www.emmanuelnewport.org](http://www.emmanuelnewport.org) for a donation link) or use on-line giving through Emmanuel's Venmo account (Emmanuel-Church-Newport-RI). Poinsettias will be delivered to the church. If you wish to bring your own poinsettias, please bring them to the office during our regular hours of Tuesday through Friday from 8:30am-12noon. Emmanuel Office 401-847-0675 / Pam Fleming - contact 401-619-5067

**Don't forget to send us your ideas for naming our monthly food collection.** Some ideas we have received from all of you are Emmanuel Eats, Bertha Butts Food Basket, Emmanuel Cares, Soup's On Version 20.20, the Jack Allan Food Drive, Food's On Anyway ... **Here's what the Food Pantry needs:** *pantry staples (flour, sugar, condiments, baking mixes, salad dressing), Gluten Free Foods, jelly, canned protein (other than tuna), side items (rice pilaf, instant potatoes, noodles and sauce, quinoa, couscous), breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix), canned veggies, canned and dry fruit, tomato items, household cleaners and toiletries, beverages and large, hearty soups.* The food basket is in the office. You can bring your donation during office hours.