

# Emmanuel Church

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Christmas 2 – Year B

10:00 AM

## Morning Prayer Enriching Our Worship 1

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

While Shepherds Watched

M. Mauro-Cottone

### Opening Sentence

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### 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.

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.

## Psalm 63

*All: O God, you are my God; from break of day I seek you.*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

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## The Lessons

### The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:  
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."  
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.  
With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

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

### **The Second Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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**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.  
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.

## Suffrages

∇. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

∇. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

∇. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

∇. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

∇. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## The Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, you Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer For The Church of the Epiphany, Rumford.

*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*); Dave, Katie; Mike; 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 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, our dear Anne Sherman and her years of service as she retires, 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.*

### **Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries**

O God, our times are in your hand; look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## **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.*

## **Prayers and Thanksgivings**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Family Meeting**

**Postlude**

The Christmas Pipes of County Clare

H. Gaul

# Poinsettias are given

in memory of

The deceased family members of Valerie and Michael Martin

Heath Twichell by Mary Twichell

Our parents, Edith And Everett Sherman by Ellie & Annie Sherman

Mary & Fred Selley and Florence & Richard Monroe by David & Marcia Monroe

Patricia Bérard by Joan Soares

Janet Munson Lyons by Albert B Lyons

Our parents James & Paula Ottilige & Alfred & Helen Venancio  
by Perry & Debbie Venancio

James and Paula Ottilige & Frederick Chapman by Sandy & Ken Chapman

Our grandparents Arthur & Ann Peckham and Charles & Aimee Ottilige  
By Sandy Chapman and Debbie Venancio

Carter Metcalf Roberts & Isobel Henderson Roberts  
By Deb Roberts & Nilda Aponte

Those we hold so dear in our hearts by Fay & Ed Gosling

The deceased members of the Carr & Rodrigues family,  
John Sleeper & Jeffrey Lapiere by Tom & Shirley Rodrigues

Kerm Counts, Pam McAlister, Gary Stoos, & Stevo Barnes  
By Claudia Helt & Susan Barnes

In celebration of  
Della's leadership  
By Claudia Helt & Susan Barnes

Grateful thanksgiving by Deb Roberts & Nilda Aponte

In Gratitude for our partnerships with God  
By Jane Gilgun