



EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

We share our home, building a vibrant, loving community.

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Vom Himmel hoch (From heaven above to earth I come)* Johann Pachelbel

HYMN 74 *Blest be the King whose coming*

ADVENT WREATH

Prayer (said by all): Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES, *Book of Common Prayer (red) page 355*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

GLORIA: Hymn S278

William Mathias

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 FIRST READING

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. - *Isaiah 35:1-10*

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

THE RESPONSE: Magnificat, sung by all



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my **Savior**; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly **servant**.
From this day all generations will call me **blessed**: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his **Name**.

He has mercy on those who **fear him** *
in every **generation**.
He has shown the strength of his **arm**, *
he has scattered the proud in their **conceit**.

He has cast down the mighty from their **thrones**, *
and has lifted up the **lowly**.
He has filled the hungry with good **things**, *
and the rich he has sent away **empty**.

He has come to the help of his servant **Israel**, *
for he has remembered his promise of **mercy**,
The promise he made to our **fathers**, *
to Abraham and his children for **ever**.

✠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**.

THE SECOND READING

Be 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. *-James 5:7-10*

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE: Hymn 583

O holy city, seen of John

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When 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." *-Matthew 11:2-11*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE RESPONSE: Hymn WLP 783

Halleluyan

Muscogee (Creek) Tribe

THE SERMON

Olga Hartwell

THE NICENE CREED, *Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI, *Book of Common Prayer, page 392*

CONFESSION, *Book of Common Prayer, page 360*

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem *Magnificat* Jean-François Dandrieu
Randy Elkins, organ

Presentation of Gifts: Hymn 209, Stanzas 1 and 3

We walk by faith, and not by sight, no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B, *Book of Common Prayer*, page 367

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: Hymn S128 William Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *Book of Common Prayer*, page 364

FRACTION ANTHEM: S158 *O Lamb of God* Healey Willan

COMMUNION HYMN: 56 *O come, O come Emmanuel*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *Book of Common Prayer*, page 365

HYMN 61 *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us*

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme*

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The flowers on the altar have been placed in memory of their parents,
James and Paula Otilige, by Debbie Venancio and Sandy Chapman.

Volunteers assisting this week...

Readers: Ed Gosling, Rena Lee Intercessor: Debbie Venancio Ushers: Andy Ross, Jackie Breen

Coffee Hour: Glenna Randall Counters: Debbie Venancio, Jackie Breen

Altar Guild: Bobby Gaines, Sandy Chapman, Brian Ladley

Decorating: Bobby Gaines, Brian Ladley, Andy Ross, Jere Wells, Kevin Venancio, Fay and Ed Gosling,
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The Advent wreath is a treasured way in our Episcopal tradition to mark our progress during Advent as we wait for God's light to break through the darkness with Jesus' birth. While the Advent wreath is a tradition that originated in families, and is not part of our worship liturgies, it is a lovely tradition to remember at the start of worship as we light candles for hope, peace, joy, and love. The four candles do not have any specific meaning within The Episcopal Church, but the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love are perfect for Advent, with joy on the third Sunday — *Gaudete Sunday* — represented by the pink candle.

For churches that observe Advent with the liturgical color purple, the pink represents a lift in the observance of Advent as a semi-penitential season, or mini-Lent. In contrast, many churches use Sarum blue vestments and altar hangings during Advent, which distinguishes the unique features of *hopeful waiting* in Advent from the *penitence* of Lent, as we wait for God to come in human flesh. The prayers we use in our Advent wreath lighting are adapted from the text of The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski written for Virginia Theological Seminary.

The Gift of Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas This is the last week to send in your gift toward the purchase of Poinsettias. You may fill in a paper form at the church. The suggested minimum gift is \$15. Donations received in the office by December 18 will be recognized in the December 25 edition of our eNewsletter. Thanks for participating.

You Can Help Make an Advent Miracle At its last meeting the vestry discussed observing Advent's season of hopeful waiting by making a daily offering of nonperishable food to be delivered to the Dr. Martin Luther King Food Pantry. The attached list of foods is one idea for a daily Advent discipline, but feel free to make substitutions on your own Advent Calendar. Gathering food resources for those who are hungry is a great way to engage in a daily Advent discipline, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and deepening our relationship with our community.

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25 10:00 a.m.

hosted at St. John's Church 61 Poplar Street, Newport, RI

There will be no services at Emmanuel Church on Christmas Day 2022 as we join with our sister parishes Trinity and St. John for our annual shared Christmas Day service.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans