



EMMANUEL CHURCH



NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 10, 2023

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

PRELUDE

Piano Solo

ADVENT WREATH, *The second candle is for Peace.*

Come, O Holy One, as the water of life and refiner's fire! Strengthen us with courage for your work of justice that in all the creation and among every people your peace may be established and your joy abound, through Jesus our Deliverer. Amen.

the people stand to sing

HYMN 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

THE WORD OF GOD

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY, *prayed aloud by all*

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.

GLORY TO GOD, Hymn S278, *sung aloud by all*

William Mathias

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY, *prayed aloud by all*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

-Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector The Word of the Lord *People* **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13, *please remain seated and sing with the choir*



You have been gracious to your land, O **Lord**, *
you have restored the good fortune of **Jacob**.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your **people** *
and blotted out all their **sins**.

I will listen to what the Lord God is **saying**, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to **him**.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who **fear him**, *
that his glory may dwell in our **land**.

Mercy and truth have met **together**; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each **other**.

Truth shall spring up from the **earth**, *
and righteousness shall look down from **heaven**.

The Lord will indeed grant **prosperity**, *
and our land will yield its **increase**.

Righteousness shall go **before him**, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his **feet**.

THE SECOND READING

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. -2 Peter 3:8-15a

Lector The Word of the Lord *People* **Thanks be to God**

the people stand and sing

FOR THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 65 *Prepare the way, O Zion*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." -Mark 1:1-8

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Professor Maggi Dawn

I will wait for your peace to come to me. And I'll sing in the darkness, and I'll wait without fear.

THE NICENE CREED, *recited together, standing*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, *Form VI*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*silence, then...*) For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

We pray for Xay, our mayor, Dan our governor, Joe our president and for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians, for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children, for to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Della+, our rector, +Nicholas, our bishop, +Michael, our presiding bishop, ++Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for
In the cycle of prayer of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island we pray for... .
In the Emmanuel Church Cycle of Prayer, we pray for

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation we ask your prayers for ... hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*the people may add their thanksgivings*)
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

NOTICES

Prayer for a Birthday **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 his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY

Piano Solo

for the presentation of gifts the people stand and sing

Hymn 380, stanza 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer B* (BCP page 367)

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HYMN S128

William Mathias

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, hosanna in the highest.

Then the Priest continues We give thanks to you, O God, ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Priest and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Priest continues And we offer our sacrifice of praise ... *concluding...*we are bold to say:

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.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

HYMN S165

William Mathias

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 56

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *prayed aloud together, standing, kneeling or sitting as you prefer*

Eternal 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.

HYMN 345

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

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Coffee Hour follows the service in the Library

Christmas flower donation forms are available in the narthex (lobby).

December 24: 8:00 a.m. No Service, 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 2, for the *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 2, for *Christmas Eve*

December 25: 10:00 a.m. Community Service at Trinity Church, Newport, The Rev. Della Wager Wells, preacher

December 31 8:00 a.m. No Service, 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 2, for the *First Sunday after Christmas*

January 14 Annual Meeting following 10:00 a.m. service.