



EMMANUEL CHURCH



NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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The Third Sunday of Advent

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 17, 2023

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

PRELUDE

Quelle est cette odeur agréable?

Paul Manz

INTROIT

Laudamus te

Antonio Vivaldi

ADVENT WREATH, *The third candle is for Joy.*

Come, O Holy One, breaker of chains and renewer of life! Open our eyes to your presence in all the earth. Stir us to proclaim gladly the signs of your love: the liberation of those oppressed, the healing of those frail and broken, springs of water in all the parched places, and Jesus Christ risen and alive, through whom we pray. Amen.

the people stand to sing

HYMN 60 (omit vs 6)

Creator of the stars of night

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*

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 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

-Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

PSALM 126, *please remain seated and sing with the choir*



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*
then were we like those who dream.

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

Then they said among the nations,*
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us,*
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,*
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with **tears** *
will reap with songs of **joy**.
Ω Those who go out weeping, carrying the **seed**, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their **sheaves**.

THE SECOND READING

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord *People* **Thanks be to God** -1 *Thessalonians 5:16-24*

the people stand and sing

FOR THE SEQUENCE, Hymn 75 *There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

People **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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** -*John 1:6-8,19-28*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Della Wager Wells

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.
(*silence, then...*) **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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY

Adam Tice, Tony Alonso

*A weary couple lodged within a stable,
the only space where they could spend the night.*

*Were other travelers happy to be able
to keep her labor out of mind and sight?*

*But choirs of angels heard the mother's weeping,
and heaven rang with songs of peace on earth.
They went unheard by those in comfort sleeping,
for Jesus came among the outcasts at his birth.*

*An angel came to Joseph in his dreaming
and warned him so his family could flee.*

*As they escaped king Herod's evil scheming,
the son of God became a refugee.*

*How many children die without such warning?
How many mothers will not be consoled,
their voices choked with anger, tears, and mourning,
for songs unsung and stories never to be told?*

*But still the angels sing their hymn of "Glory"
beyond our fears that never seem to cease.
For Christ has come, and God's unfolding story
redeems the world to live in love, good will, and peace.*

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.

The Priest continues We give thanks to you, O God, ...
concluding 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 101

Away in a manger

Mack Wilberg

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 74

Blest be the King whose coming

POSTLUDE

O Come Emmanuel

Paul Fey

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Coffee Hour follows the service in the Library

Christmas flower donation forms are available in the narthex (lobby) and at the link in the eNewsletter.

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 7 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 2

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