



EMMANUEL CHURCH

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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The First Sunday in Advent



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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 1, 2024

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

PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling

Johann Sebastian Bach

transcribed by Ferruccio Busoni; Suzanna Laramee, *piano*

HYMN 53

Once he came in blessing

THE WORD OF GOD

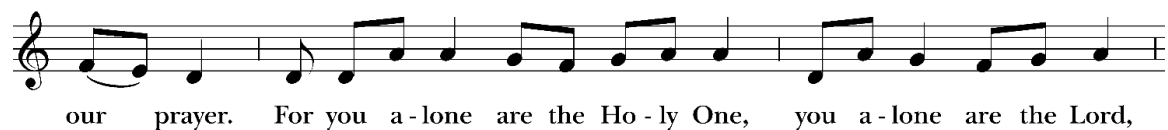
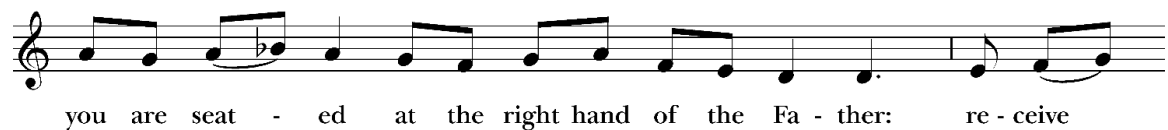
Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 S273, *Book of Common Prayer* page 356



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Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 25:1-9



- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in **you**; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph **over me**.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to **shame**; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their **schemes**.
- 3 Show me your ways, O **LORD**, *
and teach me your **paths**.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and **teach me**, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day **long**.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and **love**, *
for they are from **everlasting**.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my **transgressions**; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O **LORD**.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the **LORD**; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his **way**.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing **right** *
and teaches his way to the **lowly**.
- Ω** 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and **faithfulness** *
to those who keep his covenant and his **testimonies**.

THE SECOND READING

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:25-36

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 our mayor, our governor, our president and for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Grant to the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

Give courage, wisdom, and foresight to Senators and Representatives, and legislators in States, Cities, and Towns, to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. Give understanding and integrity to the Judges and officers of our Courts, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

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 our rector, our bishop, our presiding bishop, 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 is kept)

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 their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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AT THE OFFERTORY

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing

Johann Gottfried Walther

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 A*

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 every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Et etc. ... concluding* who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S115, *Book of Common Prayer page 362*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full
of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Priest Holy and gracious Father: ... whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Holy and gracious Father: *Et etc. ... concluding*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, *Et etc. 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM S160

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1984 Mason Martens.

COMMUNION HYMN 335

I am the bread of life

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 72

Hark! The glad sound! the Savior comes

POSTLUDE

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The Flowers on the High Altar are given in memory of James & Paula Otilige
by their daughters Debra Venancio and Sandy Chapman

Nick Brown, Debbie Venancio, *readers* Nancy Zitka, *intercessor* Ellen Vadney, *livestream*
Valerie Martin, Jon Juhase, *ushers* Carolyn Swiggart, Ellen Vadney, *counters*
Duffy, *Parish Intern*

The Musicians' Circle

Ali Hosford, *Artist in Residence*, Randy Elkins, *Director of Music & Organist*
Nellie Horvath, *Music Assistant*, Ethan Boucher & Tara Byrnes, *Choral Scholars*

Brooke Daigle, Nancy Zitka, Margaret Keiran, Debbie Venancio, Danielly Muchiutti,
Kathleen Tocke, Duffy, Suzanna Laramée, Della Wager Wells+, Jane Dyer, Susan Barnes+,
Paige Dinger, Barbara Chapman, Caleb Dinger, Duffy, Ellen Vadney, Kevin Venancio,
David Thalmann, David Frazier, Ryan Brown, Lyndsay Brown (sound), Jodie DeSalvo,
Elinora-Rosaria Deininger, Luke Bayne, Duffy, Marshall Saunders, Sylvia Strong, Tim Dolan

Bible Study follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Library.
Choir Practice follows the 8:00 a.m. service in the Church.
Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 a.m. service in the Library.

SAVE THE DATES

December 4 at 7:00 Emmanuel Church's Christmas Concert in the Church

WE ARE CHRISTMAS...a concert with a cause

Kick-off the season at Emmanuel with this FREE, kid-friendly concert of Christmas classics featuring our church's amazing musicians with special guest performers and the annual singing of the 12 Days of Christmas - Emmanuel style. It's admittedly early in Advent - but we have to get it in before the Salve Regina students leave for Winter Break!

What's *A Concert With a Cause*??? After the concert you will be able to sign up for the Angel Tree gift giving project to families in need, Hurricane Relief opportunities (donations and work projects in North Carolina), and purchase items (wreaths, poinsettias, etc) from the Maher Garden Center as we support our community partners.

December 5 & 6 at 7:30 Salve Regina University Chorus Holiday Concert Ochre Court

This one requires a ticket and they sell out fast! Musicians' Circle members Duffy, Ethan, El, Tara, Carmen, Della, Randy, Danielly, Tim, David T. and Ellen are performing on these concerts. Visit events.salve.edu for tickets.

December 7 at 3:00 Salve Regina University Bands Holiday Concert Casino Theater

Check out the tickets on the Salve event page and join the fun. Musicians' Circle members Tim, Duffy, El and Tara perform on this one. Visit events.salve.edu for tickets.

December 10 at 5:00 Taize prayer service at Salve Regina University Our Lady of Mercy Chapel

Advent themed prayer service that falls right at the beginning of exam week in the university. Mercy Chapel is a peaceful space where the congregation surrounds the altar. Led by Randy Elkins, adjunct professor in piano at Salve, with help from our Musicians' Circle volunteers who are students at Salve (Duffy and Ethan will cantor, others will sing and play instruments), and various other students and staff.

The service will include readings from Hildegard of Bingen, a setting of the *O Antiphons* (basis for the hymn *O come, O come Emmanuel*) and Taize chants of anticipation. The chapel address is 100 Ochre Point Ave, Newport, RI.

December 24 Christmas EVE Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music - at 4:00 p.m. Please join us for this most beautiful of services in the rare, exquisite beauty of our Church.

December 25 Christmas DAY Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music at 10:00 a.m. This year Emmanuel hosts the Christmas Day service bringing together congregants from Emmanuel, St. Johns and Trinity. We will be led by clergy from each congregation and by the Emmanuel Musicians' Circle. Wear those Ugly Sweaters!!

Newport Classical's Christmas Offerings

December 8 at the Rosecliff Mansion - two performances - visit newportclassical.org for tickets.

December 14 at Emmanuel Church - two performances - visit newportclassical.org for tickets.



*We Are
Christmas*

A Concert With a Cause!

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00pm

Free Admission!

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